



Bristol Clinical Commissioning Group

## Bristol Health & Wellbeing Board

### AGENDA ITEM 7

Safeguarding Children: Progress, challenges and opportunities	
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<b>Report for Information and Discussion</b>	

#### 1. Purpose of this Paper

To introduce the Bristol Safeguarding Child Board Annual Report 2013/14.

#### 2. Executive Summary

The Bristol Safeguarding Children (BSCB) Annual Report 2013/14 details the impact of the work undertaken in the year and comments on the effectiveness of the BSCB. The report can be accessed through the link below.

[http://www.bristol.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/children\\_and\\_young\\_people/child\\_health\\_and\\_welfare/child\\_welfare\\_and\\_protection/Annual%20Report%202013-2014%20DRAFT%20v0\\_04.pdf](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/children_and_young_people/child_health_and_welfare/child_welfare_and_protection/Annual%20Report%202013-2014%20DRAFT%20v0_04.pdf)

The 2014/15 Business Plan is attached as Appendix A. The 2014/15 Annual Report will be prepared at the end of the year.

A presentation will be made at the Health and Wellbeing Board. This will provide an up-date on delivery of the current year Business Plan and information about the Ofsted inspection in September/October 2014 on services for children in need of help and protection and also their

thematic inspection related to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).

### **3. Context**

The BSCB includes a broad range of partner agencies including health, police, probation, Bristol schools, CAFCASS, Fire and Rescue and third sector organisations. Bristol City Council is the lead agency.

### **4. Key risks and Opportunities**

These are contained within the body of the report (see link).

### **5. Implications (Financial and Legal if appropriate)**

None for the purposes of this report.

### **6. Recommendations**

That the Health and Wellbeing Board discusses the progress, opportunities and challenges contained within the BSCB Annual Report and the up-date provided through the presentation.

### **7. Appendices**

Appendix A: 2014/15 BSCB Business Plan

# Strategic Priorities 2013 - 2016 and Business Plan 2014-2015

## BSCB Vision

In Bristol safeguarding children effectively is everyone's business: Understanding the needs and views of children is at the centre of all we do. *In partnership with the BSCB Shadow Young People's Board.*



**Bristol Safeguarding  
Children Board**  
making safeguarding everybody's business

### Strategic Priority 1

Ensuring the "voice of the child" influences all that we do...

#### 1 - BSCB needs to effectively hear the voice of children across the city.

- Receive and respond to findings from surveys; schools; youth select committee – And demonstrate how we use it, as well as manage expectations. Require all partner agencies through their Board members to champion the 'Voice of the Child' within their agency and report to the Board challenges highlighted through doing so.

**Lead:** Exec. **Completion:** March 2015

#### 2 - Strengthen the voice of the BSCB Shadow Young Peoples Board

- To review and challenge the effectiveness of the Board in meeting its commitments outlined within the Strategic Priorities.

**Lead:** Shadow Board **Completion:** March 2015

#### 3 – Strengthen the Voice of young people

Involve Children & Young People in recruitment of staff who work with children and Young People

**Lead:** Exec **Completion:** March 2015

#### 4. Ensure all audit work includes the Voice of the child.

**Lead:** All partners **Completion:** March 2015

### Strategic Priority 2

Effective interagency partnerships in the context of organisational change and shrinking resources.

#### 1 - Clear thresholds – clear agreed thresholds understood by all services working with children and young people, including early help

Audit of partner agencies recognition and use of new Threshold Guidance to ensure it is embedded in practice

**Lead:** Safeguarding Business Unit

**Completion:** September 2014

#### 2 - Implement Communication Strategy to ensure clear, effective and plain communication of BSCB messages.

- Newsletter and website to
  - disseminate examples of good safeguarding practice
  - Publish simple 'you Said – We Did' messages

**Lead:** SBU **Completion:** September 2014

#### 3 - Disseminate learning from SCR's.

- BSCB Conference July 2014.
  - Regular area partnership network briefings to cover learning from Serious case reviews
- Lead:** SBU and Training Sub Group. **Completion:** March 2015.

#### 4 - Disseminate information regarding new policies and learning through workshops and roadshows.

**Lead:** Training sub group. **Completion:** March 2015.

### Strategic Priority 3

A clear focus on assuring ourselves of the effectiveness of and quality of our multi-agency work with children and young people.

#### 1 - Quality Assurance of effectiveness and impact of work with children and young people

- Ensure agencies have effective systems to measure the impact of multi-agency work with children and young people

**Lead:** Quality Sub Group **Completion:** March 2015

- Develop s.11 audit plan for next 3 years alongside neighbouring LSCB'S

**Lead:** SBU **Completion:** March 2015

- Embed locality multi-agency audit structure using Quality Sub Group audit model.

**Lead:** Quality Sub Group **Completion:** March 2015

#### 2 - Audit child protection practice across the whole children's workforce.

- Audit and quality assure reflective practice within supervision:
  - Audit current practice – agency action plans to be implemented, overseen and accountable to the BSCB.

- Audit child protection practice in relation to children who are sexually abused

**Lead:** Quality Sub Group **Completion:** March 2015

#### 3 - Audit implementation of thresholds across all agencies (See Strategic Priority 2:1)

- Application of thresholds to be audited by all agencies and by BSCB.

**Lead:** Quality Sub Group **Completion:** March 2015

#### 4 - Evaluate impact on practice from BSCB Training.

**Lead:** Training Sub Group **Completion:** March 2015

#### 5 - Audit effectiveness of work to support children and young people missing from home or care.

**Lead:** Missing from Home and care strategy group.

**Completion:** May 2014

#### 6 - Audit effectiveness of support to children at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation.

**Lead:** CSE Sub Group – report to Quality sub and Performance sub

**Completion:** May 2014

#### And working/task groups

- Children Missing from Home and Care
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Female Genital Mutilation\*

BSCB will ensure that the work of all partners and agencies within Bristol meets the needs of a diverse population. Sub groups will ensure that diversity needs including ethnicity are recognised and addressed in the work of each group.

### Strategic Priority 4

Influence resources: ensure scrutiny and effectiveness of early help.

**1 - Early Help** Implement scrutiny of early help provision and challenge areas where provision is not meeting expectations highlighting areas where practice is exceeding expectations (Yr 2)

**Lead:** Performance sub group **Completion:** March 2015

#### 2 – Domestic Violence and Children & Young People.

- Progress DV information sharing protocol

**Lead:** Education Sub-Group **Completion:** September 2014

Ensure the needs of specific groups and BSCB Shadow Young People's Board priorities are effectively addressed

#### 3 - Ensure arrangements are in place and monitored regarding Children Missing from Education.

**Lead:** Performance/Education Sub group

**Completion:** April 2015

#### 4 - Publish new guidance and briefing for agencies to ensure understanding of new statutory guidance and definition for children missing from home and care.

**Lead:** Missing from Home and care strategy group.

**Completion:** July 2014

#### 5 - Self harm. Ensure all agencies share their good practice and briefing of training /resources available.

**Lead:** SBU **Completion:** March 2015

#### 6 - Explore the adoption of the 'See me, hear me' framework to support children at risk of CSE.

**Lead:** CSE Sub group **Completion:** March 2015

#### 7 - Monitor incidents of self harm

**Lead:** Performance Sub Group **Completion:** April 2015

#### 8 - Consider and act on findings from E Safety Report.

**Lead:** E Safety Sub Group. **Completion:** October 2015

#### 9- Ensure FGM is addressed within schools.

**Lead:** Education Sub Group. **Completion:** April 2015.

#### 10. – Ensure bullying is being raised and addressed within schools.

**Lead:** Education Sub Group. **Completion:** March 2015.

**Annual reports:** BSCB receive Annual reports to ensure that specific areas of work across partner agencies are effectively meeting the needs of children and young people.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrangements for disabled children</li> <li>• Children remanded or sentenced in custody</li> <li>• LADO (Allegations) Annual Report</li> <li>• Private Fostering</li> <li>• CDOP:WofE</li> <li>• CSE Task Group</li> <li>• Substance Misuse Safeguarding Children Group</li> <li>• Emotional Abuse Forum</li> <li>• Violence against Women and Girls</li> <li>• Female Genital Mutilation* - Governance of FGM work is via Safer Bristol, safeguarding aspects report to BSCB</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bristol children placed out of authority</li> <li>• Children Missing from Home and Care</li> <li>• Children held in custody (S.136 MHA '83)</li> <li>• IRO Annual Report</li> <li>• SWGfL</li> <li>• Avonsafe</li> <li>• Childsafe</li> <li>• Be Safe</li> <li>• Children missing from education</li> </ul> |
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Statutory responsibilities of BSCB include:

- Serious Case Review;
- Child Death Review Process: WofE:CDOP;
- Performance Monitoring;
- Training;
- Quality Assurance
- Ensuring the effectiveness of Early Help

On-going activity of BSCB is undertaken by the following sub groups:

- Executive
- Serious Case Review
- Quality
- E-safety
- Performance
- Training and Development
- Education

### Strategic Priority 5

Review the Board structures, membership and support

- Review business support structure and budget

**Lead:** Exec/SBU **Completion:** March 2015

- Agree policies and procedures for annual review, to include involvement in re-tendering of SWCPP

**Lead:** Exec/SBU **Completion:** March 2015