

Safeguarding Children Annual Report 15/16 and Current Issues

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Strengths

CSE Strategy and revised Guidance was launched.

Early Help have implemented a new 'Think Family' approach.

Disseminated learning from Child T SCR and published Brooke SCR.

Training provision continues to be strong.

Progress (1/2)

Recommendations from Ofsted inspection fully embedded within the business plan.

Voice of the Child continues to influence all that we do, it is a thread through the work of the board.

CSE Strategy and Action Plan developed and accords with Ofsted Thematic inspection findings (July 2015)

Progress (2/2)

Communication Plan includes improving our social media presence – website in development alongside BSAB.

Clear plan of audit activity implemented by (now merged)Quality & Performance sub group(s) (need to improve reporting of single agency audits)..

Improved data reporting – and we have now appointed data analyst to business unit

Challenges

3 SCRs have been commissioned during 2015-2016

Sub groups are tasked with demanding plans and need resource and resilience to ensure they are implemented

Children and Social Work Bill seeks to abolish requirement for LSCB.

Strategic Plan 2015/18

Better outcomes

"We will set expectations so that partners focus on delivering best outcomes for children"

Better ways of working

"We will deploy resources in an effective way, providing value for money"

Better public involvement

"We will do more to ensure that the views and experiences of children and the wider community inform and contribute to effective safeguarding."

Better quality assurance and adherence to regulatory framework

"We will continue to drive improvement in safeguarding practices for all children."

Strategic Themes

Actions to be taken forward by the board will align with these themes

Governance and communication

Continuous improvement

Missing Children

CSE

"Prevent"

Emotional health & wellbeing / Bullying and Self-harm

2016 -2017.

Responding to Children and Social Work Bill Joint business Unit strong basis for the work of the two boards.

Publish new website alongside BSAB

Build upon engagement with children and young people across the city

Provide leadership in responding to increasing pressures upon resources

Support the development of the MASH.