



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
5 SEPTEMBER 2016

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING
CHILDREN BOARD 2015/16

DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT

The Committee considered the Annual Report of the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Children Board for 2015/16. A copy of the report marked 'Agenda Item 12' is filed with these minutes.

The Independent Chair outlined the main areas of success of the Board over 2015/16, and those areas where further work was required as detailed within the report. It was noted that the Board was fully compliant with Working Together and had been successful in the past year in addressing attendance concerns over key partners. There did however remain a concern over attendance by the probation service and it was now known that their financial contribution was to be lessened in the New Year.

The Board had strong relationships with both Leicestershire County Council and Rutland County Council internal bodies and committees, and there was a good culture of challenge from their respective Health and Wellbeing Boards, Scrutiny bodies, and Cabinets.

A key focus for the Board in the New Year was ensuring that improvements be made around the number of repeat and subsequent child protection plans that children in Leicestershire were subject to. The County Council had a number of actions being progressed to secure improvements and the Board was confident that the issues were being addressed appropriately. A further area that the Board would need to give greater consideration to in this financial year was around safeguarding children with disabilities which had not featured within previous Business Plans.

Arising from discussion the following points were raised:

- i. The Committee was pleased to note the work completed around e-safety and in particular the Board's response to the prevalence of online Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). It was reported that building resilience in individuals remained a key focus for the Board contained within the business plan and strategy document as part of a proportionate approach to managing the risk of CSE. It was also emphasised as part of training with education staff. It was felt that this was not properly articulated within the annual report and it was suggested that the Chair endeavour to include information around the work of the Board and its impact in building resilience in individuals;

RESOLVED:

- a) That the Annual Report of the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Children Board 2015/16 be noted;
- b) That the comments made be submitted to the Safeguarding Children Board for consideration.