



**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG
PEOPLE'S SERVICE**

**LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND LOCAL SAFEGUARDING
CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2012-13**

Purpose of report

1. To present to members of the Committee the Annual Report of the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) 2012 - 13 (attached as Appendix A).

Policy Framework and Previous Decision(s)

2. The LSCB is required to produce an annual report as part of the Working Together Legislation 2010. It was formally signed off for wider publication by the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) on 11 October 2013.
3. The LSCB has a range of roles and statutory functions including developing local safeguarding policy and procedures and scrutinising local arrangements.
4. The Annual Report will be considered by the Leicestershire Children and Young People's Commissioning Board on 10 December 2013 and the Health and Wellbeing Board on 5 December 2013.

Background

5. The LSCB provides strategic direction, scrutiny and challenge to performance across the relevant local agencies in Leicestershire and Rutland. It has set out the following priorities in its Business Plan for 2012 - 2015:

- a. To improve the effectiveness of the Local Safeguarding Children Board;
- b. Ensure the operational effectiveness of local Safeguarding Children partner agencies;
- c. Quality Assurance and Performance;
- d. Communication and Engagement - Develop a Communication and Engagement Strategy;
- e. Family and Community – Strengthen Multi Agency Working to prevent harm and abuse (a joint priority with the Safeguarding Adults Board).

Resource Implications

6. The LSCB budget is made up of contributions from partner agencies including Leicestershire County Council. The LSCB Business Office is hosted by Leicestershire County Council in the Children and Young People's Service.

Timetable for decisions

7. The Annual Report will be used by the Board at its development session in January 2014 when it will consider the 2014-17 Business Plan.

Conclusions

8. This Annual Report presents a considerable range of successes and achievements by the LSCB, but it also indicates the need for further improvement. These will be addressed in the new three year Business Plan 2014 -17.

Equal Opportunities Implications

9. The LSCB's main duty is to ensure the effective coordination of safeguarding of children and young people and as such particularly monitors the impact of service delivery on particular groups.

Background Papers

None.

Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure

None.

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Appendices

Appendix A - Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2012–13.

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