

CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 7
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**CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22**

RECOMMENDATIONS	
From: Nicola Curley: Chair of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Safeguarding Children Partnership Board	Deadline date: N/a For information only
<p>It is recommended that the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee members are asked to note the contents of the annual report. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 The Children and Social Work Act 2017 places a responsibility on the three safeguarding partners in each local authority area, these being the local authority, the local Integrated Care System and the chief officer of police, to make arrangements to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in their area.

Within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough the three safeguarding partners are supported in fulfilling this responsibility through the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Safeguarding Children Partnership Board. The three safeguarding partners are also required by statute (Children and Social Work Act 2017, S18) to publish an annual report detailing their progress.

This report is submitted to the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee for information purposes.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee members with a summary of both the work of the Safeguarding Children Partnership Board and the work of the sub committees and highlight the significant events from April 2021- March 2022

2.2 This report is for the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference Part 3, Section 4 - Overview and Scrutiny Functions, paragraph No. 2.1 Functions determined by Council:

1. Children’s Services including
 - a) Social Care of Children;
 - b) Safeguarding;
 - c) Children’s Health.

3. **TIMESCALES**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. **BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

- 4.1 The annual report summarises both the work of the Safeguarding Children Partnership Board and the work of the sub committees and highlights the significant events from April 2021- March 2022. It recognises areas of good practice and presents statistical information about partnership safeguarding performance.

Safeguarding is about people, their safety, wishes, aspirations and needs. The partnership has been active in identifying and learning lessons through the Children’s Safeguarding Practice Review subgroup. We have published two case reviews within the time period covered by this review. The learning from these reviews has been identified and disseminated through various activities including briefings, workshops and learning lessons training. The dissemination of the learning is explored in greater detail within the report.

During October 2021 the partnership board launched the local sexual behaviours tool to support professionals with the identification of normal child and adolescent development and sexual behaviours which are of concern. By the end of March 2022, the virtual training and tool has been accessed 797 times.

In the time period covered by this annual report we worked with several groups of young people across the County in relation to unconscious bias to produce a SWAY to up skill our workforce and challenge their biases. To try and improve partnership practice around unconscious bias, we have spoken to children and young people from across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough about their experiences of unconscious bias, how it makes them feel and what can be done to address it. The children and young people who we spoke to were both primary and secondary aged children from a range of ethnic and demographic backgrounds. Whilst they were a diverse group of children and young people, they had all experienced unconscious bias and they all agreed that it needed to be addressed.

They kindly gave us their permission to use their experiences and quotes within the SWAY with the express hope that it would start a conversation and help people to think about their unconscious biases. Within the first week of the unconscious bias SWAY being launched it was viewed over 300 times. The SWAY has been shared on both a local, regional and national level.

Our multi-agency safeguarding training programme has continued to be well attended. Just under 1,000 people accessed training and the virtual briefings had been viewed a total 26,134 times. This is almost two and a half times the number of views on the previous year.

The virtual training continues to be greatly received with 98% of professionals reporting that they felt that the safeguarding virtual training content met their training needs and 97% of professionals stating that the delivery of the training was right for them.

The report has been brought to the Children and Education Scrutiny Committee for information purposes

5. **CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

- 5.1 The report, in its entirety, links to the Prevention, Independence & Resilience (Children’s) priority.

6. **CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 No consultation was required as part of this work

7. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

7.1 To provide members with an enhanced understanding of the work of the Safeguarding Children Partnership Board in 2021-22.

8. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

8.1 There is a statutory requirement for the annual report to be produced.

9. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 As detailed above there is a statutory requirement for the annual report to be produced.

10. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

10.1 *There are no financial implications arising from the report*

Legal Implications

10.2 *There are no legal implications arising from the report*

Equalities Implications

10.3 *There are no equalities implications arising from the report*

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

11.1 None Applicable

12. APPENDICES

12.1 Appendix A - The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Children Partnership Board Annual Report 2021-22

