

Young People, Learning and Employment Policy and Scrutiny Committee

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Title:	Local Safeguarding Children Partnership Report 22/23
Report of:	Sarah Newman - Executive Director Bi Borough Children's Services
Cabinet Member Portfolio	Councillor Aicha Less - Cabinet Member for Communities, Children and Public Protection
Wards Involved:	All
Policy Context:	It is a statutory requirement for each Local Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP) to publish an annual report.
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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The LSCP Annual Report is a report of the work of the multi-agency Local Safeguarding Children Partnership across Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster. It gives an overview of the work of the Partnership during 2022-2023.

2. Relevant Background and Introduction

- 2.1 The Local Safeguarding Children Partnership is required to publish an annual report of its work. The LSCP covering Kensington and Chelsea, and Westminster has completed the annual report detailing the work against the key priorities:

- reducing the harm of domestic abuse and coercive control
- safer communities (including child exploitation and serious youth violence)
- recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic
- transitional safeguarding

2.2 The report gives an overview of the multi-agency safeguarding children training that we provide to the children's workforce across the partnership, as well as the local learning from multi-agency audits and local as well as national case reviews.

2.3 This is the second annual report of the new Local Safeguarding Children Partnership covering Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster, following the disaggregation from Hammersmith and Fulham.

3. Key Matters for the Committee's Consideration

3.1 Committee members are asked to review and note the content of the report about the work of the partnership in 22/23.

3.2 That the LSCP partners have taken action to reduce the harm of domestic abuse and coercive control. For example, Westminster Children's Services has rolled out training to frontline staff on the Safe & Together model to help upskill practitioners in holding perpetrators of domestic abuse to account and keep children safe and together with the non-abusing parent.

3.3 That the LSCP partners have taken action to develop safer communities, in tackling child exploitation. For example, partners have worked together on the Home Office pilot regarding the national referral mechanism (NRM). The devolved decision-making panel that has been established locally with consistent attendance from multi-agency colleagues has allowed for rich discussions about individual cases and valuable local knowledge to be shared. The effective business support provided by the local authority has ensured that the Panel's reports and minutes are shared accurately and in a timely manner.

3.4 That the LSCP has continued to offer a range of safeguarding children training to the multi-agency workforce across our footprint. There has been good engagement from partners in early years, education, health and the voluntary sector. The LSCP continues to monitor feedback from delegates in order to quality assure our workshops. A training needs analysis is planned to inform the training programme for April 2024 onwards.

3.5 The LSCP continues to reflect on learning from reviews, including those published by the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel, such as the Child Protection in England report (June 2022) and the Safeguarding Children with Disabilities and Complex Health Needs in Residential Settings Phase 1 report (October 2022).

3.4 The Committee should note that revised statutory guidance, Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023 was published on 15 December 2023. The

guidance states future LSCP annual reports will need to be published by the end of September each year.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications.

5. Legal and Governance Implications

5.1 There is no identified legal implication as a result of this review and assurance activity.

6. Carbon Impact

6.1. There is no identified carbon impact as a result of this review and assurance activity.

7. Equalities Impact

7.1. There is no identified equalities impact as a result of this review and assurance activity.

8. Consultation and Engagement

8.1 The LSCP annual report was produced in consultation with partner agencies.

If you have any queries about this Report or wish to inspect any of the Background Papers, please contact Report Author, emma.biskupski@rbkc.gov.uk