

Report to:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Date:	12 November 2015
Executive Member / Reporting Officer:	Councillor Allison Gwynne, Executive Member (Children and Families) David Niven, Independent Chair, Tameside Safeguarding Children Board
Subject:	TAMESIDE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15
Report Summary:	The Tameside Safeguarding Children Board (TSCB) Annual Report provides an overview of the Board's safeguarding activity against its 2014/15 priorities. It identifies particular vulnerable groups and outlines any emerging themes. The report provides details of the strategic priorities for 2015/16.
Recommendations:	To identify shared agendas and priorities and ensure subsequent actions are joined up.
Links to Health and Wellbeing Strategy:	<p>The TSCB Strategic Priorities for 2015/16 are to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation, Domestic Abuse, Self-Harm, and Neglect and to improve the Early Help offer. Links between these issues and drug and alcohol abuse and mental health are well documented as are the links between domestic abuse and homelessness. There are also established links between child poverty and potential child maltreatment, particularly neglect and physical abuse.</p> <p>There is lots of scope for joint work between the TSCB and that of the Health and Well Being Board for example in relation to work on the Sexual Health Strategy, Mental Health Services provision and in relation to addressing child poverty. The full extent of those linkages should, in the first instance be mapped out to determine the best way of working together on them.</p>
Policy Implications:	To be determined subject to mapping exercise if agreed.
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the Section 151 Officer)	The current annual Council contribution to the TSCB is £0.129 million. This together with partner agency contributions, are provided in Appendix B of the report. The residual unspent balance at the end of each financial year is retained within the Council's accounts and carried forward to subsequent financial years to support the TSCB strategic priorities.
Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)	<p>Safeguarding Children requires strong leadership, shared intelligence and appropriate joint commissioning arrangements to be effective. Safeguarding means:</p> <p><i>"Protecting children from maltreatment, preventing impairment of children's health or development, ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care, and undertaking that role so as to enable those children to have optimum life chances and to enter adulthood successfully."</i> (Working Together to Safeguard Children, 2010)</p>

The 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' guidance from 2010 sets out how organisations and individuals should work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. The 2011 Munro review of child protection made 15 recommendations for reforming the child protection system, focusing on a system that values professional expertise, clarifying accountabilities and improving learning, sharing responsibility for the provision of early help, developing social work expertise, and supporting effective social work practice. The need for interagency cooperation to improve safeguarding arrangements, early intervention, and improved support is well documented. The ambition is for children in Tameside to be safer through protection from maltreatment, prevention of impairment to health and/or development, ensuring safe and effective care, and ensuring a safe environment.

Risk Management :

The Tameside Safeguarding Children's Board is required to produce an Annual Report and would be in breach of the legislative requirement if it failed to do so.

Access to Information :

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Stewart Tod, Business Manager by;



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