

Report to:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Date:	10 November 2016
Executive Member / Reporting Officer:	Councillor Peter Robinson, Executive Member (Children and Families) David Niven, Chair, Tameside Safeguarding Children Board
Subject:	TAMESIDE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2015/6
Report Summary:	The Tameside Safeguarding Children Board (TSCB) Annual Report provides an overview of the Board's safeguarding activity against its 2015/6 priorities. It identifies particular vulnerable groups and outlines any emerging themes. The report provides details of the strategic priorities and actions for 2016/17.
Recommendations:	To ensure the priorities and agendas of the Tameside Safeguarding Children Board, Health and Wellbeing Board and Adult Safeguarding Partnership Board are joined up via a shared safeguarding strategy.
Links to Health and Wellbeing Strategy:	The Tameside Safeguarding Children Board Strategic Priorities for 2015-18 are Domestic Abuse, Child Sexual Exploitation, Early Help, Neglect and Self-Harm. There is lots of scope for joint work between the Tameside Safeguarding Children Board 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. It has been agreed at the Joint Board Development Session in April that an overarching safeguarding strategy should be developed.
Policy Implications:	In line with Council policy.
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the Section 151 Officer)	The current annual Council contribution to the TSCB is £0.124 million. In addition partner agencies also provide financial contributions, the details of which are provided in Annex B of the report. It should be noted that any residual unspent balance at the end of each financial year is retained within the Council's accounts and carried forward to subsequent financial years via a reserve. Any expenditure in excess of budget at the end of the financial year is financed from the reserve balance.
Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)	Safeguarding Children requires strong leadership, shared intelligence and appropriate joint commissioning arrangements to be effective. Safeguarding means: "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.” (Working Together to Safeguard Children, 2010).

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.

The Tameside Safeguarding Children’s Board needs to demonstrate that it is holding the whole system to account to deliver collectively.

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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