

<b>Children's Trust Statutory Board</b> <b>Report to Statutory Board Meeting</b>	
<b>Section 1 – General</b>	
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<b>Title of Report /Agenda Item</b>	<b>Response to Devon Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report</b>
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<b>Section 2 – Report Detail</b>	
<b>Report is for:</b>	
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<b>Recommendations:</b>	
That the Board 1. accepts the report; 2. consider and agree the individual and collective priorities of partners; 3. plan potential actions and timescales required.	
<b>Summary:</b>	
The partnership needs to consider and agree its individual and joint priorities in response to the Devon Safeguarding Children's Board challenges	
<b>Report :</b>	

## **Response to Devon Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report**

Recommendations:

The Children's Trust Board:

1. accepts the report;
2. consider and agree the individual and collective priorities of partners;
3. plan potential actions and timescales required.

### **1 Background**

1.1 The Children's Trust Board received the Annual Report of the Devon Safeguarding Children's Board (DSCB) 21 July. The report provides ten challenges. Under existing statutory guidance it is the responsibility of the Children's Trust Board to respond to the annual report in its Children and Young Peoples Plan. Devon is currently planning a new Children and Young Peoples Plan (CYPP) for 2011 – 14.

### **2 Context in Devon**

2.1 Historically the Devon Safeguarding Children's Board has provided the lead for stay safe and safeguarding. It has been responsible for the development, implementation and monitoring of the delivery plan for the area and reported the Children's Trust through the Monitoring Analysis and Reporting Schedule. The statutory guidance which came into force April 2010 changed the emphasis of the Devon Safeguarding Children's Board to that of a scrutiny role.

2.2 Membership of the two bodies largely reflects the same partners and, on occasion, the same people. As the new Children and Young People's Plan is developed we need to streamline the process so that there is focus on key delivery objectives and clarify the accountabilities.

2.3 The Devon Safeguarding Children's Board and the Trust will be working with greater freedoms as it has been indicated that statutory duties will be lifted in respect to the prescribed relationship between the Children's Trust Board and the DSCB (anticipated in the Education & Children Bill).

2.4 A fundamental change made in the statutory guidance is that it is the individual partners are the ones who are responsible for the delivery of the agreed elements of any plan and not the Board. This is likely to be an element which will be retained by partners in Devon as an effective approach.

### **3 Process**

3.1 Members of the Board have been asked to prioritise the ten challenges in the DSCB Annual Report for their organisation. This will be collated and presented at the meeting 14 September. This feedback will form the basis for the safeguarding element for the CYPP.

3.2.1 For each area the partners will need to commit to the actions that they will take in response to the challenges and the appropriate timescales. This will be based on:

- Level of risk;
- What will make a real difference;
- What it is realistic to achieve.

As for all elements of the new CYPP it will be based on the commitments of the individual partners which will, as appropriate, include joint actions. These actions need to be explored 14 September with follow through 23 September as laid out in the accompanying paper on the development of the CYPP.

## **Elements of the Challenges**

These can be 'chunked' as follows:

- Activities
  - MASH
  - Co-location
  - Commissioning processes for family facing services
  - Response to Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
  - Permanent Establishment Sexual Abuse Referral Centre
  - Developing and implementing suicide prevention strategy
  - Specific work to improve processes for child protection and children in care
  - Implementing learning from serious case reviews and case file audits
  
- Workforce
  - Key staff roles, including those working with adults, identified and management information known on:
    - Capacity / vacancies
    - Training and development
    - Supervision
    - Working together to safeguard children and young people

And used to inform actions.

- Evidence and Measures
  - Section 11 Audits
  - Serious Case Reviews
  - Multi Agency Case File Audits
  - Inspections and Assessments
  - Compliments, Complaints and voice of children and young people
  - Staff specific (based on workforce above)

Work is hand to develop a 'balanced scorecard' for safeguarding. Each partner will need to define the measures and process by which it measures its contribution to safeguarding.

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