

Children's Trust Statutory Board

Report to Statutory Board Meeting

Section 1 – General

Date of CTSB Meeting	29 th July 2010
Title of Report /Agenda Item	Devon Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2009-10
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Section 2 – Report Detail

Report is for:

Info Decision: Endorsement Discussion

Recommendations:

- To accept the DSCB Annual Report 2009-10 as an honest assessment of local safeguarding arrangements in Devon
- To accept the challenges identified and consider them during preparation of the next CYPP
- To ease the preparation of the DSCB third Annual Report through supporting the creation of an evidence library of safeguarding performance data and management information systematically throughout the year.

Summary:

- The DSCB Annual Report 2009-10 is the second Annual Report though the first to scrutinise the extent to which children and young people are kept safe and their well being is promoted following DCSF guidance.
- This Annual Report describes the national and local safeguarding priority achievements and highlights challenges (with expected outcomes and progress measures) for the Devon Children's Trust to consider as part of the preparation of the next CYPP.

Report : Devon Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2009-10

The structure of this Annual Report follows the guidance provided by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), March 2010, '[Local Safeguarding Children Boards Practice Guidance](#)'

Section 1 provides the forward from the DSCB Independent Chair and comment from Councillors Davis and Hart, DCC Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Children's Services.

Section 2 summarises national developments related to safeguarding children.

Section 3 details the progress made within Devon during 2009-10.

Section 4 lists the challenges for Devon Children's Trust identified by the DSCB and threaded throughout the report, following its analysis of national, regional and local safeguarding information and performance. Appendix 2 provides further detail on the outcomes expected and measures of progress.

Section 5 outlines the current Governance and Accountability arrangements including the relationship between the DSCB and the DCT.

Section 6 provides a summary of some of the key safeguarding facts and figures.

Section 7 explains the budget position of the DSCB and makes an initial estimate of the total budgetary resources committed to safeguarding Devon's children.

Section 8 describes the DSCB Quality Assurance Framework and the improvements in outcomes for children that this has achieved.

Section 9 details lessons learnt and themes from previous Serious Case Reviews undertaken in Devon.

Section 10 summarises the emerging lessons from the recently established Child Death Overview Panel process which analyses all child deaths from whatever cause across the far South West Peninsula.

Sections 11 and 12 together provide summary detail of progress against national and local priorities.

In Section 13 the DSCB has used all relevant information to rate each DCT partner's safeguarding performance.

Links are made throughout the document to sources of information and these are listed in the Appendix 3. There is a glossary of abbreviations at Appendix 4. '

This report reflects the structures that were in place up to the end of March 2010. It is recognised that the new Coalition Government has made significant government department changes e.g. DCSF is now the Department for Education.