

<b>Title</b>	Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2018 / 19
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<b>Report of:</b>	Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board
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### **Purpose of this report:**

This report is designed to update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the work of the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) between April 2018 and March 2019.

### **Summary of main issues:**

In June 2018, the revised Working Together to Safeguard Children was released. One of the most prominent changes was the replacement of Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) with Safeguarding Partners. The new guidance explicitly states that, Safeguarding Partners must consist of three agencies: local authorities, clinical commissioning groups, and chief officers of police. These Safeguarding Partners are responsible for working with relevant appropriate agencies within their locality to safeguard and protect children. All three Safeguarding Partners have equal responsibility for fulfilling the role. The guidance also states that there must be effective working links with other strategic arrangements “this will include other public boards including Health and Wellbeing Boards, Adult Safeguarding Boards, Channel Panels, Improvement Boards, Community Safety Partnerships and the Local Family Justice Board”. As a result of these changes, the Board has been preparing for this transition and some of the work of the sub groups has been focused on implementing the necessary changes.

Since the completion of the annual report, the partnership has now been established and a new Independent Chair who supports both the Safeguarding Children Partnership and Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board has been appointed.

For further information about the current structure please see-

<http://www.bucksscp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/About%20the%20BSCB/Paper-for-publication-Final-Buckinghamshire.pdf>

### **Recommendation for the Health and Wellbeing Board:**

1. For the board to note the progress of the BSCB in the last financial year.
2. For the board to be aware of the transition into the new arrangement.
3. For the board to be aware that it will be necessary to ensure that the current joint board protocol reflects changes, where appropriate.