

Report for Health and Wellbeing Board

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Title: Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2019/20
Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Adult's Board Annual Report 2019/2020

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Recommendations:

- For the Board to note the progress made by the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership and the Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Adult's Board during the last year.

Executive Summary

- 1.1 2019-2020 saw the Safeguarding Children Board change into the Safeguarding Children Partnership halfway through the year. One of the leading strategic aims was to complete this transformation with a new executive body and a new overarching chair and management structure to support the business unit functions of both the Safeguarding Adults Board and Safeguarding Children Partnership. The transformation also included a revision of Partnership participation at the executive level.
- 1.2 In August 2019 the business functions of the Safeguarding Adults Board merged with the Safeguarding Children Partnership to form one business unit. The business unit now has one Safeguarding Partnership Manager to oversee the daily operation of the Safeguarding Children Partnership and one Joint Independent Chair. This has streamlined the business processes but not impacted on the valuable work the each board carries out to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and young people and Adults in Buckinghamshire. A review was undertaken with regards to the membership of both the Partnership and subgroups which led to a more focused membership, ensuring that work of the subgroups was sufficiently supported from our multi-agencies and third sector volunteer and charity sectors.
- 1.3 The joint protocol that exists between the Safeguarding Adults Board, Safeguarding Children Partnership, the Health and Wellbeing Board, and the Safer Stronger Bucks Board has been under review leading to a new but slimmed down joint protocol that will be published in 2020. This document will set out defined structures for joint working between these four groups, leading to more cohesive strategies to support our local communities.

- 1.4 The BSCP has worked over the last year with partners across the multi-agency arena to drive activity to ensure that it has met or worked towards the key priorities. As a result of the business functions of the Safeguarding Children Partnership and Safeguarding Adults Board becoming a single business unit, we will be seeking to undertake some joint strategic work over the next two years. The focus of this work will be to streamline and aligned the new three year business plans for both the Partnership and Board to demonstrate closer working together and a whole-family approach to our work. We are seeking to provide a joint learning and development plan to again provide closer training and learning opportunities across all our multi agencies, voluntary and charity sectors. Through the work in our subgroups we are seeking to produce quality assurance frameworks that will support the subgroup activities and challenge those working in the safeguarding arena to ensure that our policies and procedures are imbedded in the work we carry out and that we can demonstrate the impact of learning that has taken place.