

Warwickshire Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board

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Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report

Recommendation

The Shadow Health and Well-Being Board is requested to note the Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2012-2013.

- 1 This report introduces the WSCB Annual Report for 2012-2013. The Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with Chapter 3 of *Working Together to Safeguard Children* (HM Government 2010), which sets out detailed requirements for the content of such reports. It also points to the expanded remit of LSCBs recommended by the Munro Review of Child Protection by beginning to include details of “Early Help” provision as well as assessments of local safeguarding children services. The former is a new requirement set out in draft revised child protection guidance published in the summer, including a new version of “Working Together”.
- 2 In accordance with the requirements of this statutory guidance, this report comes before the Warwickshire Shadow Health and Well-Being Board for the first time for its contents to be noted. This will now be a regular feature. The report is also to be presented to the Warwickshire Children’s Trust Executive Board, the Chief Executive of Warwickshire County Council, the Leader of the Council, and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire once elected. The importance of this document in assisting strategic planning for safeguarding children services in the County is therefore underlined.
- 3 Accordingly, its content reflects a heavy emphasis on the WSCB Strategic Priorities for 2012-2015 as well as detailing the extensive work of the Board during the last year and its other plans for the year ahead. It also emphasises the trend of year on year increases in child protection activity in Warwickshire, and by implication the heavy demands placed on professionals working to protect children from harm in the County.

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