
Decision Maker: CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND FAMILIES PDS COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 22 November 2023

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: BROMLEY SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP
ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

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Chief Officer: Assistant Director of Children's Social Care

Ward: All Wards

1. Reason for decision/report and options

- 1.1 The annual report of the Bromley Safeguarding Children's Partnership (BSCP) covers the period from April 2022 to March 2023. It is a statutory requirement for safeguarding partnerships to publish this report (Working Together).

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 That the Children, Education and Families PDS Committee notes the content of this report and in particular the BSCP's focus on co-ordinating the safeguarding work of agencies and to ensuring that this work is effective.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: N/A
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Transformation Policy

1. Policy Status: Not Applicable
 2. Making Bromley Even Better Priority (*delete as appropriate*):
(1) For children and young people to grow up, thrive and have the best life chances in families who flourish and are happy to call Bromley home.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 3. Budget head/performance centre: N/A
 4. Total current budget for this head: N/A
 5. Source of funding: N/A
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (*current and additional*): N/A
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable: No Executive decision.
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: N/A
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Property

1. Summary of Property Implications: N/A
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Carbon Reduction and Social Value

1. Summary of Carbon Reduction/Sustainability Implications: N/A
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Impact on the Local Economy

1. Summary of Local Economy Implications: N/A
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Impact on Health and Wellbeing

1. Summary of Health and Wellbeing Implications: N/A
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users or customers (*current and projected*): N/A
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The annual report of the Bromley Safeguarding Children's Partnership (BSCP) covers the period from April 2022 to March 2023. This report is a transparent assessment of the effectiveness of safeguarding and the promotion of child welfare in Bromley.
- 3.2 The Bromley Safeguarding Children Partnership (BSCP) was put in place in response to the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and Working Together 2018 and replaced Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs). The partnership supports and enables local organisations and agencies to work together in a system where:
- Children are safeguarded, and their welfare promoted.
 - Partner organisations and agencies collaborate, share and co-own the vision for how to achieve improved outcomes for vulnerable children.
 - Organisations and agencies challenge appropriately and hold one another to account effectively.
 - There is early identification and analysis of new safeguarding issues and emerging threats.
 - Learning is promoted and embedded in a way that local services for children and families can become more reflective and implement changes to practice.
 - Information is shared effectively to facilitate accurate and timely decision making for children and families.
- 3.3 The Chair's Foreword highlights the achievements and challenges of the year. The detail of the report sets out:
- the governance and accountability arrangements for the BSCP. This provides information about the structures in place that support the BSCP to do its work effectively, as well as the roles of our partners, including Designated Professionals and lay members.
 - the context for safeguarding children and young people in Bromley. It highlights progress made by the partnership across a range of areas (e.g. Early Help, Private Fostering, child exploitation and the work of the Local Authority Designated Officer), as well as the challenges going forward.
 - the lessons that the BSCP has identified through its Learning & Improvement Framework, including Learning Reviews and multi-agency audits. This section also details the actions taken to improve child safeguarding and welfare as a result of this activity.
 - the range and impact of the multi-agency safeguarding training delivered by the BSCP
 - progress against the BSCP pledge four key areas: health and wellbeing of the workforce; understanding vulnerability; a focus on getting the basics right; continuous improvement.

Non-Applicable Headings:	Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children; Transformation and Policy/Financial/Personnel/Legal/Procurement/Property/Carbon Reduction and Social Value Implications; Impact on the Local Economy/Health and Wellbeing; Customer Impact and Ward Councillor Views
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	[List any documents used in preparation of this report - Title of document and date]