

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD



TO:	BwD Health & Wellbeing Board
FROM:	Nancy Palmer, Independent Chair, BwD Local Safeguarding Children Board
DATE:	8 th December, 2014

SUBJECT: LSCB Annual Report (2013-14) & Business Plan (2014-15)

1. PURPOSE

To provide the report to the Health & Wellbeing Board.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

To note the contents of the annual report and assist the LSCB in prioritising the actions in the 2014-15 Business Plan.

The report can be accessed by following the link below:

<http://www.lscb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Annual-Review-LSCB.pdf>

3. BACKGROUND

LSCBs were established in 2006 under the requirements set out in section 13 of the Children Act 2004. Blackburn with Darwen LSCB has published an Annual Report and Business Plan document in each year following the regulations coming into force. Previous documents can be accessed on the LSCB's website (www.lscb.org.uk).

From 2013, statutory guidance requires the LSCB to provide the Health & Wellbeing Board with the report so that priorities in improving the local safeguarding arrangements can also be prioritised in the local Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

4. RATIONALE

The Annual Report sets out (a) how the various statutory functions of the LSCB have been fulfilled in 2013-14; and (b) how local safeguarding arrangements will be improved and prioritised in 2013-14.

All priorities set out in the business plan aim to ensure that children and young people in the borough are 'safe from harm' and 'feel safe from harm'.

5. KEY ISSUES

The document will be a key evidence document in any Ofsted Inspection of Safeguarding and Child Protection. For individual partners, their commitment and involvement in meeting the

priorities set out in the business plan will be a key area of judgement in relation to their partnership work.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

One of the statutory objectives of the LSCB is to ensure the effectiveness of what all partners do to safeguard children and young people. All agencies of the LSCB and of the Health and Wellbeing Board will be required to have regard to the recommendations of the LSCB.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The LSCB is funded through contributions by partner agencies. The Annual Review sets out the LSCB's budget for 21014-15 and spending in 2013-14.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The LSCB fulfils the legal obligations as set out in the Children Act 2004 and other associated legislation.

9. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

No additional resource implications identified

10. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

The business plan has been Equality Impact Assessed. All groups of children and young people are affected by the priorities within the business plan with emphasis to meet the safeguarding needs of the most vulnerable children, including children from BME communities within the Borough.

11. CONSULTATIONS

All partners of the LSCB, including the voluntary sector, have been consulted throughout the process of producing the document.

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DATE:	12 th September, 2014
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BACKGROUND PAPER:	N/A
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