

CHILDREN'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Report subject	Pan Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2023/2024
Meeting date	16.09.2024
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	<p>Statutory guidance Working Together (2023) requires safeguarding partners to jointly report on partnership safeguarding activity they have undertaken in a 12-month period. The report should focus on multi-agency priorities, learning, impact, evidence and improvement and must be published by the end of September of each year.</p> <p>The Pan Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership (PDSCP) is responsible for delivering the Lead Safeguarding Partners¹ multi-agency safeguarding arrangements for children and young people. Lead Safeguarding Partners must ensure there are arrangements for effective independent scrutiny in place for their local area.</p> <p>PDSCP's² quality assurance and scrutiny framework include presentation of its annual report to the BCP/Dorset scrutiny committees and cabinets as part of its independent scrutiny arrangement.</p>
Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that:</p> <p>The BCP Cabinet scrutinise and comment on the report.</p>
Reason for recommendation	<p>The PDSCP Annual Report 2023/2024 has been approved by the PDSCP and three Delegated Safeguarding Partners on behalf of the three Lead Safeguarding Partners for:</p> <p>BCP Council Dorset Police Integrated Care Board (ICB), NHS Dorset</p>
Portfolio Holder(s):	Councillor Richard Burton
Corporate Director	Cathi Hadley, Children's Services

¹ Chief officers for local authority, police and integrated care board

² [Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership - Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership \(pdsdp.co.uk\)](https://pdsdp.co.uk)

Report Authors	PDSCP business unit in collaboration with delegated safeguarding officers, partnership executive members and partnership subgroup partners.
Wards	BCP Council
Classification	For scrutiny and comment.

1. Background

Statutory guidance Working Together 2023 requires safeguarding partners to jointly report on partnership safeguarding activity they have undertaken in a 12-month period. The report should focus on multi-agency priorities, learning, impact, evidence and improvement and must be published by the end of September of each year.

Until July 2024 the PDSCP was responsible for delivering the Lead Safeguarding Partners³ multi-agency safeguarding arrangements for children and young people, therefore the annual report reflects progress on the activity of the Pan Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership between April 2023 – March 2024.

In July 2024 it was agreed that the PDSCP would separate and create two new multi-agency safeguarding children partnerships one covering Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) and Dorset Council areas. This decision was ratified at the BCP Council, Cabinet meeting 17 July 2024.

Subsequent annual reports will reflect the activity and achievements for the BCP Safeguarding Children Partnership only.

2. Options Appraisal

None for consideration.

3. Summary of financial implications

Statutory guidance Working Together (2023) requires Lead Safeguarding Partners to agree the level of funding needed to deliver the multi-agency safeguarding arrangements.

The PDSCP (Delegated Safeguarding Partners) agree the annual contribution on behalf of the three LSPs.

Since the agreement to separate into two local safeguarding partnerships, going forward annual contributions will be agreed by the LSPs specifically for the BCP Safeguarding Children Partnership.

Summary of legal implications

None.

Summary of human resources implications

None.

³ Chief officers for local authority, police and integrated care board

Summary of sustainability impact

None.

Summary of public health implications

None.

Summary of equality implications

None.

Summary of risk assessment

None.

Background papers

Statutory guidance Working Together (2023) [Working together to safeguard children 2023: statutory guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/115276/Working_together_to_safeguard_children_2023_statutory_guidance.pdf) (p.40).

Appendices

Pan Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2023/2024.