

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD



Report subject	BCP Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2024/2025
Meeting date	6 October 2025
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	This report for the period April 2024-March 2025 sets out that since the dissolution of the 'Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership', the new BCP Safeguarding Children Partnership has focussed on implementing new arrangements to fulfil the statutory responsibilities of the three statutory safeguarding partners who have joint responsibility and accountability for the multi-agency safeguarding arrangements in the BCP geographical area. The three statutory safeguarding partners are BCP Council, NHS Dorset ICB and Dorset Police. Within this period of significant change, partners have maintained a focus on safeguarding children and through the new arrangements have gained insights on the effectiveness of how well partners work together to safeguard local children and young people, and areas to be developed. Full details of the multi-agency safeguarding arrangements can be seen here. The report provides an account of: • What we have done as part of our local arrangements, including any child safeguarding practice review • Impact of learning from local and national reviews • How we have applied independent scrutiny to review and challenge our safeguarding practice • How education partners are engaged with • Future improvements that can be made as to the effectiveness of local safeguarding arrangements. This report will be submitted to the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel by 30 September 2025 and will be published on the BCP Safeguarding Children Partnership website.
Recommendations	It is RECOMMENDED that: The establishment of the new BCP Safeguarding Children Partnership, the multi-agency safeguarding arrangements in place, identification of its effectiveness to date and areas to be developed

	are to be noted by the Board
Reason for recommendations	The BCP Safeguarding Children Partnership is required to report on its progress and future improvements.
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Wards	Council-wide
Classification	For information

Background

1. Following the dissolution of the Pan Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership in July 2024, BCP Safeguarding Children Partnership was set up in accordance with Working Together (2023) statutory guidance to fulfil the statutory responsibilities of the three statutory safeguarding partners who have joint responsibility and accountability for implementing multi-agency safeguarding arrangements in the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole geographical area.
2. [Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023](#), sets out that each Local Safeguarding Children Partnership is required to report on the activity undertaken in a 12month period and make the report publicly available.

Options Appraisal

3. None

Summary of financial implications

4. None

Summary of legal implications

5. None

Summary of human resources implications

6. None

Summary of sustainability impact

7. None

Summary of public health implications

8. None

Summary of equality implications

9. None

Summary of risk assessment

10. None

Background papers

None

Appendices

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