

Shadow Authority

Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Shadow Executive Committee

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Report Subject	Proposed new Pan Dorset Safeguarding Children Arrangements
Meeting date	12 th February 2019
Report Author	Dr Sue Ross – Director Adults and Children, Bournemouth Borough Council
Status	Public
Classification	For decision
Key Decision	Report to Executive Committee and Shadow Authority to seek agreement for the proposed Safeguarding Children arrangements.
Executive summary	Senior leaders from Poole and Bournemouth Borough Council have been meeting with Health and Police colleagues to determine the future arrangements for safeguarding in line with the requirements of “Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018”. These proposed arrangements are required in order to comply with the Department for Education’s changed guidance as outlined in Working Together. These, if agreed by all parties, are required, following independent scrutiny, to be finalised in May 2019 and sent for approval to the Secretary of State for Education no later than the 20 th June 2019 in order to confirm new arrangements by the 29 th September 2019. In order to comply with statutory guidance.

	<p>The proposed Safeguarding Children’s Partnership plan sets out the following key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The safeguarding children partnership will cover the geographical boundaries of the 2 new unitary councils and operate Pan Dorset. b. The lead agencies will be the 2 Councils, Health and the Police. c. The partnership will engage with other relevant partners on a regular basis to identify emerging safeguarding priorities and review the impact of safeguarding arrangements. d. The safeguarding partnership will operate a learning hub to bring together learning, audit outcomes based performance data and feedback from users. e. A new child death review partnership will cover Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole, Dorset and Somerset. f. There will be a number of task and finish groups to cover safeguarding matters which will co-ordinate with other strategic partnerships such as the Safeguarding Adults Boards, Community Safety Partnerships, Health and Wellbeing Boards etc.
<p>Recommendations</p>	<p>That the Shadow Authority/Executive Committee:-</p> <p>Discuss and agree the proposed new Pan Dorset Safeguarding Arrangements for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole. Are able to be submitted for approval to the Department for Education following independent scrutiny.</p>
<p>Reason for Recommendations</p>	<p>The proposals as outlined are required to be approved by the statutory partners – Councils, Dorset Clinical Commissioning Groups and Police to comply with the publication by the Department for</p>

	<p>Education in 2018 of the revised guidance for safeguarding arrangements “Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018” prior to publication before the 29th September 2019. This needs to 3 months prior to implementation to meet the timescales. The governing bodies of the other statutory partners in the proposed new arrangements are similarly being consulted with, at this time for their approval.</p>
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Background detail

1. As part of the Children’s and Social Care Work Act 2017, local safeguarding boards for children (LSCB) are being abolished and the new legislation requires statutory partners (local authorities, Clinical Commissioning Groups - CCG for Health and the Police) to come to agreements in each location to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in their area.

2. Over the past few months, senior leaders from Dorset CCG, the current 3 local authorities and Dorset Police have overseen and engaged in an option appraisal to consider potential models for future safeguarding children partnership arrangements to meet the new requirements. These are set out in the Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children Plan 2019 – see Appendix 1 and the recommendation from those option appraisals are proposed.

3. The preferred model from all agencies is for a Pan Dorset safeguarding children’s partnership led by the 4 statutory partners of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council, the Dorset Council, Dorset CCG and Dorset police. The partnership arrangements will cover 2 local authority areas.

Consultation

4. Chief Executive and Managing Director, Poole and Bournemouth Borough Councils

Chief Executive and Director of Children’s Services, Dorset County Council

Director People’s Theme, Poole Borough Council

Director Adults and Children, Bournemouth Borough Council

Senior Police officers
Chief officers, Dorset CCG
Cabinet Members for Dorset CC, Bournemouth and Poole
Appropriate children's staff in all 3 Councils and members of both
Children's Trust for Bournemouth and Poole

Summary of Finance and Resourcing Implications

5. The current LSCB arrangements in Bournemouth and Poole and Dorset LSCB have demonstrated that 98.3% of current funding for LSCB's has come from local authorities, the CCG and Police with a Pan Dorset baseline contribution from these agencies of £27,106. The partnership has agreed this sum and the current agency split of contributions should be maintained in 2019/20 to enable a smooth transition of responsibilities from the former 2 LSCB's and to ensure an appropriate extra structure to be established for the new safeguarding children partnership. This will require adjustment between agency contributions going forward when a new budget is set in 2020/21 when as fully statutory partners the 2 local authorities, CCG and Police will each contribute 25% of this funding.

Summary of Legal Implications

6. As set out in Working Together 2018.

Summary of Human Resources Implications

7. Business Support requirements from current LSCB's to be integrated into new arrangements.

Summary of Environmental Impact

8. None.

Summary of Equalities and Diversity Impact

9. None.

Summary of Risk Assessment

10. Proposals are on track to meet timescales required by Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018.

Background Papers

11. None.

Appendices

12. Appendix 1 - Pan Dorset Safeguarding Children Plan January 2019.

13. Appendix 2 – Comments received on proposed arrangements – Pages 17-23 of plan.