

Report of the Assistant Director for Children's Specialist Services

City of York Safeguarding Children Board – Bi-annual Update Cover Report

Summary

1. This cover report presents the latest bi-annual update from the Chair of City of York Safeguarding Children Board. Members are asked to note and comment on the information provided.

Introduction

2. At a meeting of this Committee in June 2012 Members agreed to receive a six monthly update on key children's safeguarding issues. Since that time this Committee has received regular updates on key local and national safeguarding developments from CYC officers and bi-annual updates from the Chair of York's Safeguarding Children Board.
3. Previous City of York Safeguarding Children Board (CYSCB) updates have been provided in person by the Chair of the Board. At the same time, the Chair has also been providing bi-annual updates to the Health & Wellbeing Board (H&WBB) and YorOK. However a decision has recently been taken that the Chair will now only provide updates in person at the H&WBB, reflecting it's position as a statutory board with oversight of the whole health and social care system.
4. This Committee will continue to receive written bi-annual updates from the Safeguarding Board, and in the future these will be presented at the same time as the bi-annual safeguarding update provided by CYC officers. Scrutiny members will also receive the CYSCB newsletter to keep them informed.
5. The latest CYSCB bi-annual update is provided at Appendix A.

Recommendations

6. Having considered the information within this cover report and Appendix A, Members are recommended to:
 - i. Note the update report of the Independent Chair of the CYSCB
 - ii. Provide their views on the continuation of priorities for the CYSCB

Reason: To allow Members to be fully informed on key childrens safeguarding issues in York and to support Member challenge in this area.

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Wards Affected:

All



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Appendix A – City of York Safeguarding Children Board Bi-annual Update
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Abbreviations

CYSCB City of York Safeguarding Children Board
H&WBB Health & Wellbeing Board