

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
PEOPLE IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**1 MARCH 2017**

**Report of the Chair of People Improvement and Scrutiny Committee**

**SAFEGUARDING SUB GROUP: UPDATE ON PROGRESS**

**1. Purpose of the report**

To update the Committee on the progress of the safeguarding sub group's work.

**2. Information**

The People Improvement and Scrutiny Committee agreed to have a working group on safeguarding and for this to be a standing item. Following the conclusion of the Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Review in May 2016, which was undertaken by the safeguarding sub-group, it was agreed that it would revert to a monitoring role and undertake specific work when required.

In the last few months, the working group have undertaken some focused work on Elective Home Education (EHE). This followed on from the CSE Review, where concerns were raised over how the authority can best support young people and their families who are in EHE. The working group has met with officers from various departments in Children's Services to collect evidence on how the authority works with partners, such as schools, in the area of EHE.

It is anticipated that the working group will produce a summary of their findings, with appropriate recommendations and bring to the scrutiny committee in the spring/summer of 2017. Furthermore, the working group will produce a summary of the work it has completed over the last 4 years to ensure an effective handover for the scrutiny committee in the next municipal year.

### **3. Considerations (to be specified individually where appropriate)**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property, social value and transport considerations.

### **4. Recommendation**

That the Committee notes the work being carried out by the safeguarding sub-group.

**Councillor Diane Charles**

**Chair of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – People**