

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

**9 September 2015**

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

**INTERIM SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORT ON SAFEGUARDING: UPDATE  
ON PROGRESS**

**1. Purpose of the report**

To update the Committee on the progress made by the safeguarding working group's interim scrutiny review report.

**2. Information**

A review into the authority's work on safeguarding was agreed by the People Improvement and Scrutiny Committee at its 25 September 2013 meeting. A small working group from the Committee was subsequently formed consisting of Councillors Charles, Frudd, Birkin and Walton. This has subsequently been revised with Councillor Lauro replacing Councillor Charles.

The People Improvement and Scrutiny Committee agreed to have a working group on safeguarding and for this to be a standing item. This would include regular updates on the performance of the authority's safeguarding services.

In September 2014, the interim review report on safeguarding was approved by the Committee. In summary the interim review found good working practices with regard to safeguarding. This was highlighted by Ofsted's inspection and the overall rating of 'Good'. There is a good provision of training, and visits to front line services show that there are many dedicated and hardworking members of staff. The review also found areas of potential development.

The appendix provides an update to how the recommendations of the interim review have progressed. Over the past 12 months, the working group has developed knowledge of safeguarding issues and working practises. This has included receiving briefings from senior officers and visiting frontline services. Such briefings culminated in the working groups report on Starting Point, which was approved by the Committee and subsequently Cabinet in July 2015.

The working group have also ensured all Members have had the opportunity to develop awareness and skills of safeguarding through the Member Development Programme. One of the areas the working group has focused on is Child Sexual Exploitation, which has culminated in a scrutiny review currently being progressed.

### **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 and transport considerations.

### **4. Recommendation**

That the Committee notes the progress made by the safeguarding working group.

**Councillor John Frudd**

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

## Recommendations Action Plan

Rec. No.	Recommendation	Action Required / Completed
1	The Member Development Programme includes a briefing/training programme on safeguarding issues, both for vulnerable children and adults which all Members receive.	Safeguarding awareness session delivered in Member Development Programme on 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2015
2	The Member Development Programme includes a briefing/training specifically for Members on child sexual exploitation, which all Members receive.	CSE awareness session delivered in Member Development Programme 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2015
3	When working group Members visit frontline services, they set up regular contact and re-visit within 6 months and reassess after this.	Working Group visited MAT in Ripley and the Central Referral Unit at Police HQ.  Follow up work now being actioned with the Police regarding the CSE review.
4	The working group brings forward any relevant updates to the areas of Step Up, Step Down, Step Up Fostering and Front Door policies to the People Improvement and Scrutiny Committee at an appropriate date.	Briefings were presented at the working group meeting in February 2015.  The information from this briefing was used in the Starting Point Scrutiny Report which was approved by the Committee and Cabinet.
5	The working group's programme of frontline visits is extended to other providers of support, for example the Community and Voluntary Sector and observing partnership meetings such as case reviews and Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences.	The Working Group is following up an offer of visiting MARAC's and Case Reviews after the front line visit to the MAT in Ripley.

6	The working group provides an update to the People Improvement and Scrutiny Committee when appropriate on the issues and work being done to ensure male domestic violence is being recorded, understood and action is being taken by the Authority and partners.	Briefing presented at the working group meeting in September 2014 with subsequent oral update to the People Committee.
7	The working group provides an update to the People Improvement and Scrutiny Committee in on the production of 'Chelsea's Choice' with a view to inviting all Members to watch the production at an appropriate venue and time.	All Councillors invited to productions as part of CSE awareness session in Member Development Programme for 17 <sup>th</sup> November.  Follow up work on the impact of Chelsea's Choice is part of the current CSE review.
8	The working group provides an update to the People Improvement and Scrutiny Committee as and when appropriate on the work being done around the Mental Capacity Act, Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards and any potential impacts of the ruling to redefine deprivation of liberties.	Briefing presented at the working group meeting in November 2014 with subsequent oral update to the People Committee.
9	The working group receives updates every six months on the progress of the Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Board and Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board and its business plans and this be reported to the People Improvement and Scrutiny Committee as and when appropriate, with recommendations if necessary.	The independent chairs presented the work of their Boards to the People Committee in May 2015 and will present their respective annual reports in November 2015.
10	The working group receives an update on the Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy once formally adopted and to report to the People Improvement and Scrutiny Committee as and when appropriate, with	Briefing presented at the working group meeting in September 2014 from CAYA and the Just Whistle Organisation (Derby Safe and Sound).

	recommendations if necessary.	Follow up work on how the CSE strategy and action plan is being delivered is currently being actioned via the CSE review.
11	The working group receives an update on the E-Safety Strategy once formally adopted and to report to the People Improvement and Scrutiny Committee as and when appropriate, with recommendations if necessary.	<p>Briefing presented at the working group meeting in July 2014 from Youth Offending.</p> <p>Follow up work on how the E-safety strategy and action plan is being delivered is currently being actioned via the CSE review.</p>