

DUDLEY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Agenda Item no. 8(b)

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| DATE | 14 th December 2023 |
| TITLE OF REPORT | Dudley Children’s Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report for 2022-23 |
| Organisation and Author | Dudley Safeguarding People Partnership |
| Purpose | To present the DSCPG Annual Report to Health and Wellbeing Board |
| Background | The Social Work Act (2017), and subsequent revision of the Statutory guidance Working Together (2018) places the responsibility of ensuring effective coordination between agencies to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in their area under the leadership of three key safeguarding partners, that being the Local Authority, Police and Health (Integrated Care Board) with support from wider partners. |
| Key Points | <p>This report reflects work carried out by the multi-agency safeguarding arrangement between April 2022 and March 2023.</p> <p>The DSPP is the overarching strategic group which oversees the work of the Childrens Safeguarding Partnership Group and the Safeguarding Adults Board, enabling a life course safeguarding approach across the Partnership. Since our last report, we have maintained a life course approach but still recognise that some sub groups should remain focussed on the work of children.</p> <p>The DSPP have has embedded the role of Independent Scrutineer to support us in our safeguarding work across the Partnership. This has provided us with robust challenge as well as advice and guidance to help ensure our Partnership safeguarding arrangements are effective. Our Scrutineer chairs the DSCPG and has been a critical friend, providing independent oversight of our multi agency work.</p> <p>This report mentions work that is being done on our family Safeguarding model. The DSPP fully supports this model of practice, and we will be able to update more in our next report.</p> <p>We continue to conduct our multi agency case file audits, which we have renamed Multi Agency Assurance of Practice (MAAP) to better reflect the purpose of this exercise. We have used this</p> |

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| | process to gauge our preparedness for any JTAI (Joint Targeted Are Inspection) which will involve the Local Authority, Police and Health colleagues. |
| Emerging issues for discussion | None |
| Key asks of the Board/wider system | None |
| Contribution to H&WBB key goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving school readiness • Reducing circulatory disease deaths • More women screened for breast cancer | <p>The DSPP neglect priority focuses on improving the lives of children by trying to reduce the instances of neglect via Graded Care Profile2 – in doing so children have a happy, stable loving home in preparation for school and throughout education</p> <p>Our think family priority ensures a holistic view of the family is considered, supporting children through their education.</p> |
| Contribution to Dudley Vision 2030 | <p>The work of the DSPP supports the Borough Vision 2030: ensuring Dudley is a place of healthy, resilient, safe communities with high aspirations and the ability to shape their own future</p> <p>Our strategic plan and priorities support the One Council ethos in relation to supporting stronger and safer communities. We continue to build strong relationships with statutory and voluntary sector partners to ensure safe and high-quality care for children.</p> <p>We regularly seek assurance, ensuring Children's Social Care delivers high quality; value for money services; growing resilient families and communities, ensuring less children are in care.</p> <p>The priorities of the Partnership also support Growing Resilient Communities: empowering people to be self-reliant, independent, and well-co-ordinated to grow strong, connected, and resilient communities.</p> |

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