

Report Title: Sefton Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2023 - 2024

Date of meeting:	28 th January 2025		
Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Children’s Services and Safeguarding		
Report of:	Cllr Diane Roscoe		
Portfolio:	Children, Schools and Families		
Wards affected:	All Wards		
Is this a key decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt/confidential report:	No		

Summary:

To provide Members with an overview around the priorities in the strategic plan and are being progressed. The strategic meeting for period 2023 -2024 was chaired by Kerrie France (Associate Director of Quality and Safety Improvement- NHS Cheshire & Merseyside). The three priorities set out in the strategic plan which we are working hard to meet are leadership and culture, core safeguarding and harm outside the home. We are pleased to present the 2023-2024 Annual Report on behalf of all the agencies represented on the Safeguarding Children Partnership. The report covers the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

This report sets out our collective achievements

Recommendation(s):

(1) To note the contents of this report

1. The Rationale and Evidence for the Recommendations

To ensure members are updated with an overview of the activities with Sefton Safeguarding Children Partnership – Annual Report 2023 - 2024

2. Financial Implications

None

3. Legal Implications

None

4. Corporate Risk Implications

None

5 Staffing HR Implications

None

6 Conclusion

The Committee is receiving this report for information only.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

N/A

Equality Implications:

This report sets out our collective achievements and areas for development against a backdrop of unprecedented challenges for children and families, communities and the safeguarding services working to support and protect them. The lasting effects of the pandemic on mental health; the cost-of-living crisis and impact of poverty, and challenges of staff recruitment and retention at a time when demand is increasing have combined to make this a particularly difficult period. However, our partners and dedicated frontline staff have shown remarkable resilience in rising to these challenges and for that we are very grateful.

Throughout this report, you will see evidence of the collaborative efforts of the partnership which have enabled us to progress our priorities and create a safer environment, both within homes and communities, for our children and young people and we remain steadfastly committed to continuing that work.

Impact on Children and Young People:

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Climate Emergency Implications:

Neutral impact.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

N/A

(A) Internal Consultations

The Sefton Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2023/2024 agreed by the partnership.

The Executive Director of Corporate Services and Commercial (FD.7919/25) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD.6019/25) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

N/A

Implementation Date for the Decision :

N/A

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Appendices:

None

Background Papers:

Sefton Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2023/2024