

ESCB annual summary 2017 -18 - At a glance

What did we do?	What did it tell us?	Next Steps
<p>Considered what the future local multi-agency safeguarding arrangements could be following the legislative changes introduced through the Children and Social Work Act 2017</p>	<p>There will be statutory changes with the abolishing of LSCBs and the introduction of new safeguarding arrangements, changes to the Serious Case Reviews and the introduction of Safeguarding Practice Reviews and the role of the National Safeguarding Practice Review Panel.</p> <p>There will also be changes around the Child Death reviews. There is an expectation that child deaths need to be reviewed over a population size that gives a sufficient number of deaths to be analysed for patterns, themes and trends of death.</p> <p>The changes offer flexibility and provide opportunities to streamline strategic boards & reduce duplication.</p>	<p>Embed statutory changes outlined in Working Together 2018</p> <p>Over the next 12 months will see the partnership agreeing and publishing new local arrangements.</p> <p>To have a sufficient number of deaths to analyse consideration will need to be given to having cross borough Child Death Overview Panels.</p>
<p>No new Serious Case Reviews were commissioned</p> <p>Published one Serious Case Review which started in the previous year</p> <p>Commissioned one local learning case review, the learning from this review will be disseminated across the partnership and included in next year's report</p>	<p>The SCR was completed in a timely manner. Learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practitioner involvement could be better in the review process • We should build on understanding the vulnerabilities of young asylum seekers • The importance of information sharing out of hours • Domestic abuse and disguised compliance 	<p>The group will focus on developing further models to disseminate and embed lessons learned.</p> <p>Monitor action plans –with the view of providing an analysis of the impact of the learning on multi-agency practice</p>
<p>The Quality Assurance Sub Committee continued to lead on and scrutinise the ESCB learning and improvement framework</p> <p>A range of multi and single agency audits were conducted over the year. Including a strategy meetings audit which identified the non-attendance of some partners to meetings. Partners were written to by the Independent Chair with a reminder of their statutory role.</p>	<p>Continuous reporting of safeguarding performance data has provided reassurance that practice standards are being met. There is recognition more data is needed from some partners to enable a fuller understanding on how the partnership are safeguarding.</p> <p>There has been a significant improvement in partner contributions to strategy meetings since communication from the Independent Chair.</p> <p>Of the audits completed they provided an understanding of strengths and areas for improvement.</p>	<p>Update the dataset to capture multiagency intelligence</p> <p>Review multi-agency early help and early intervention arrangements.</p> <p>Renew focus on increasing the number of multi-agency case audits.</p>
<p>The ESCB expanded its CSE group and established a new Vulnerable Young People Group, chaired by the Head of Community Safety</p> <p>Partners focused on understanding the issues that pose a risk to young people and how they impact on their lives - in a local context</p> <p>The group has looked at a range of issues from Radiclisation to County Lines and continued a specific focus on CSE.</p>	<p>It was identified that the complex vulnerabilities of young people frequently intersect and overlap.</p> <p>It was agreed that approaching these as separate needs is less effective than considering the complexity of a young person's needs.</p>	<p>To support the partnership in understanding how these issues intersect and how we should locally respond, there will be a focus on developing an overarching Vulnerable Young Peoples Strategy: "Protecting Young People from Exploitation and Abuse".</p>
<p>The ESCB and the ESAB progressed the merger of their respective Learning and Development subcommittees.</p> <p>Delivered a targeted multi -agency training safeguarding programme appropriate to the needs of staff across all agencies and sectors; enabling them to effectively promote the safeguarding of children.</p>	<p>There have been some challenges in the engagement of adults safeguarding, which has improved now the group is chaired by the adults safeguarding board manager.</p> <p>The financial resourcing and delivery of training are different and this year, there has been a recognition that there are many areas of opportunity to join up learning and embed a strengths-based Think Family approach.</p> <p>The agency percentage breakdown attending training has remained consistent, with participants from Education, Children Social Care, health and VCS as the highest attendees.</p>	<p>The partners will strengthen the joint multi-agency learning and development offer and ensure despite who commissions training it will be available to all areas regardless if their primary focus is children or adults.</p> <p>Recognising the different learning models there will be a focus on embedding more online and bite size learning opportunities.</p> <p>Next year there will be a focus on increasing the attendance of partners whose attendance was lower than expected.</p>
<p>2017/18 has been a busy year for the Safeguarding Board, despite changes and challenges that have at times impacted on the Board's ability to progress work, agencies across the partnership have continued to demonstrate strong commitment to the Board and its activities. The Board remains committed to a programme of scrutiny, monitoring and, quality assuring the quality of safeguarding activity across Enfield. This programme of robust analysis and challenge will continue to ensure that children and young people who are at risk of exploitation or abuse are identified and responded to speedily and effectively, as we move forward and embrace the opportunities the new statutory guidance offers.</p>		

