

## Business Plan and Strategic Priorities 2017-18

### DSCB Vision

In Doncaster safeguarding children and young people effectively is everyone's business: Understanding the needs and views of children and young people is at the centre of all we do.



Statutory responsibilities of DSCB include:

- Serious Case Review
- Child Death Review Process (CDOP)
- Performance Monitoring
- Training
- Quality Assurance

The structure of the Board is:

- Board
- Business Coordination Group
- Performance Accountability Board

The on-going activity of DSCB is undertaken by the following sub groups:

- Case Review Group
- Quality and Performance Group
- Child Death Overview Panel
- Health
- Education
- Workforce Development
- Faith & Culture
- CSE and Missing Children

And working/task groups (time limited)

- Policies and procedures
- Protecting Vulnerable Young People's Panel
- CSE Industry Sector
- Child Sexual Abuse Task Group

DSCB will ensure that the work of all partners and agencies within Doncaster meets the needs of a diverse population. Sub groups will ensure that diversity needs including ethnicity are recognised and addressed in the work of each group.

#### Strategic Priority 1

**SP1 DSCB is assured that effective arrangements are in place for responding to key safeguarding risks and that there is consistently good practice across safeguarding services.**

- a) The early help strategy is effectively implemented and there is evidence of the impact this has had on outcomes for children, young people and their families
- b) DSCB thresholds are understood by practitioners and is embedded in practice
- c) Systems are in place to effectively meet the needs of victims of sexual exploitation, including an understanding of the scope of CSE in Doncaster and of offender management programmes
- d) Domestic abuse services are in place which reduce the risk of harm to families who have experienced domestic abuse and Doncaster communities better understand the harm caused by domestic abuse
- e) Practitioners understand and are able to respond to the early signs of neglect and this can be evidenced by a reduction in the number of families accessing social care services where neglect has been identified
- f) Services are in place to support young people's mental health and the impact of these services can be seen in a reduction of hospital admissions for self-harm and attempted suicide
- g) Signs of Safety model is rolled out across the partnership and the DSCB is provided with evidence to demonstrate the effectiveness of the approach in Doncaster

#### Strategic Priority 2

**SP2 DSCB has a clear understanding of the effectiveness of the safeguarding system in Doncaster and can evidence how this is used to influence the Boards priorities**

- a) DSCB data set provides the Board with appropriate information to enable it to identify the key safeguarding issues in Doncaster
- b) DSCB disseminates the lessons from case reviews, audits and complaints to practitioners and can evidence the impact this has had on practice
- c) DSCB members have an understanding of the issues affecting front-line practitioners and can evidence how this has influenced the development of services

#### Strategic Priority 3

**SP3 DSCB communicates effectively to ensure that the work of the Board is well publicised, that learning is disseminated and that the voice of children, young people, practitioners and the wider community(including minority groups and faith groups) are able to influence the Board's work.**

- a) Ensure the effective implementation of the communications strategy by the sub-groups clearly identifying what key messages will be shared with whom and that the impact is evaluated
- b) Ensure partners demonstrate how they are communicating with children and young people and how this influences service provision
- c) DSCB ensures community groups such as Faith and cultural groups and sports clubs understand safeguarding issues and can demonstrate that they have key safeguarding standards in place as identified by the DSCB
- d) DSCB partners demonstrate how they are ensuring that the children's workforce understands the importance of cultural competency in safeguarding children

#### Strategic Priority 4

**SP4 DSCB is aware of emerging issues which have implications across the partnership and works effectively to ensure appropriate action is taken**

- a) The Performance Accountability Board continues to ensure there is a coordinated approach to priority issues which have cross-cutting agendas, in particular Early help, Missing children and demand management at children's services front door.
- b) DSCB promotes opportunities for working across geographical areas where this would provide a more cost-effective response or improvement to current working arrangements
- c) DSCB promotes opportunities for working with other strategic partnerships where this would provide a more cost-effective response or improvement to current working arrangements
- d) DSCB establishes appropriate processes to ensure the implementation of the Wood Review

**Annual reports: DSCB receives Annual Reports to ensure that specific areas of work across partner agencies are effectively meeting the needs of children and young people. These reports include:**

- LADO (Allegations) Annual Reports
- CDOP
- Private Fostering
- Children Missing from Home and Care
- IRO/CPA Annual Report