

ORIGINATOR: LCSB MANAGER

PAPER NO. AP16/45

**SUBMITTED TO: ACCOUNTABILITY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL
21 October 2016**

SUBJECT: SUFFOLK LOCAL SAFEGUARDING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

SUMMARY:

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015 requires the Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) to 'publish an annual report on the effectiveness of child safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the local area. The annual report should be published in relation to the preceding financial year and should fit with local agencies' planning, commissioning and budget cycles. The report should be submitted to the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, the local Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.'

The LSCB Annual Report 2015/16 provides a summary of safeguarding activity in Suffolk and sets out how the LSCB has met its statutory duties during the year. In December 2015 Ofsted undertook an inspection of children's services in Suffolk and of Suffolk LSCB; Ofsted judged both to be 'Good'. In its report, Ofsted found Suffolk LSCB to be 'comprehensively addressing its statutory duties and has evolved into a body that is rigorously holding agencies to account and strongly influencing improvements across the safeguarding system in Suffolk'.

Whilst the Ofsted judgement was a welcome endorsement of its work, the LSCB recognises that challenges remain and the findings of the Ofsted report have served to inform the LSCB priorities for the coming year which are also set out in the annual report

RECOMMENDATION:

The PCC is asked to note the progress made by the LSCB during 2015/16 and its priorities for 2016/17. The LSCB Chair's summary, priorities and Executive Summary are included on pages 3-6 of the report.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	N/A
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	N/A
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	N/A
Have human resource implications been considered?	N/A
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	N/A
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	N/A
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	N/A
Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission?	N/A

In relation to the above, please ensure that all relevant issues have been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission.