

<b>CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST</b>			
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Report sponsor	Clive Webster Director of Children's Services		
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## 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 An independent review into Interagency Safeguarding Arrangements has identified a number of key areas that police, health, local authority and other services can work on together to ensure improved outcomes for children and young people.
- 1.2 The recommendations include re-engineering relationships to become truly child-focussed, the need to learn and develop together, improving sharing and use of information, quality assurance and governance

## 2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Children and Young People's Trust are asked to note the review and support the recommendation that an action plan is developed

## 3 DETAIL

- 3.1 The need for an independent review into 'Inter Agency Safeguarding Arrangements across the City of Southampton' was recommended by Clive Webster, Director of Children's Services. This was agreed by the Chief Executives of the Local Authority, NHS Southampton City, Southampton University Hospital Trust and Southampton's Police Chief Superintendent.

The aim of the review was to identify areas that required joint work to improve safeguarding within the city and ensure good outcomes for children and young people. The review followed seven lines of enquiry:

- 3.2
- Workforce Capacity
  - Workforce capability
  - Escalation processes and protocols
  - Information flow and data sharing
  - Use of data and information

- Quality and performance management
  - Governance structures
- 3.3 The review work was carried out between May and July 2009 and the final report received in October 2009. The Director of Children's Services has now recommended acceptance of the report by the four agencies.
- 3.4 The review identified many areas of positive developments and good practice within the City and between and within agencies. However a large number of recommendations for possible development or further review were also made
- 3.5 The Director of Children's services, Chief Executives and Police Chief Superintendent have requested that a detailed action plan is produced. This is to be overseen by a Project Board comprising senior representatives from partner agencies.

This plan will be considered by a number of different fora, including the Children and Young People's Trust Board, The Local Safeguarding Children's Board, the city's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and a range agency-specific Senior Management Groups.

Monitoring of the implementation of the plan will continue with the Chief Executives and Police Chief Superintendent

- 3.8 As considerable work is underway to continually improve the city's ability to safeguard children and young people some of the recommendations in the Inter-agency report have been completed or are in-train. Others will result in some new areas of activity and in certain instances it may be appropriate not to accept a given recommendation. In order to maximise the value of the report, every effort will be made to align with current activity linked to the city's Children and Young People's Plan, APA Action Plan, or where relevant, agency-specific plans.

#### 4 RESOURCES/JOINT COMMISSIONING IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 No specific resource requirements have been identified currently but may as further analysis is undertaken

#### 5. IMPACT ACROSS THE FIVE OUTCOMES OF EVERY CHILD MATTERS AND THE PRIORITIES IN THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2009

- 5.1 The recommendations in the review impact on all outcome areas