

Cabinet

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PDSCP Annual Report 2021-22

For Decision

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Brief Summary:

The pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children's Partnership (PDSCP) is the statutory body which oversees multi-agency safeguarding services which covers the local Dorset and BCP council areas. This report contains the annual report of the PDSCP setting out...

This Report updates Cabinet on the Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership (PDSCP) Annual Report 2021-22.

Recommendation:

That the Cabinet note the overall report, suggesting any further changes.

Reason for Recommendation:

The production of an annual report is a statutory responsibility and therefore the endorsement of the four statutory partners (Dorset Council, BCP Council, NHS Dorset, Dorset Police) of the safeguarding partnership is required

1. Report

1.1 The Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership (PDSCP) is the statutory body which oversees multi-agency child safeguarding services which cover the Dorset Council and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council (BCP) footprints.

1.2 These arrangements are working well in Dorset already and this is changing the Pan-Dorset partnership's role and work to be more of a strategic oversight of child safeguarding in Dorset as a whole.

2. Financial Implications

Safeguarding partners are required to provide equitable and proportionate funding to cover all elements of their multi-agency child safeguarding arrangements ([Working Together 2018](#)).

SAFEGUARDING PARTNER	CONTRIBUTION	%
BCP COUNCIL	£79,605	29%
DORSET COUNCIL	£72,359	26%
DORSET POLICE	£48,846	18%
DORSET CCG	£75,393	27%
TOTAL	276,203	

3. Climate Implications

None arising, as child safeguarding work has to be carried out face to face with children, young people and their families and there is little scope to carry this out through remote platforms or telephone consultation. Where it is appropriate to do so this is implemented.

4. **Well-being and Health Implications**

The Partnership's work is designed to impact positively on the well-being and health of Dorset's children and young people, by keeping them safe, by reducing the risk of harm and through raising awareness of child safeguarding issues so that all those who support children and young people are aware of their rights

5. **Other Implications**

None

6. **Risk Assessment**

6.1 The level of risk has been identified as:

Current Risk: Low

Residual Risk: Low

7. **Equalities Impact Assessment**

The Partnership's core business is to reduce the impact of inequalities, both on individual children and young people and on groups, cohorts of children and young people.

8. **Appendices**

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9. **Background Papers**

Cabinet Paper September 2021:

<https://modern.gov.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/documents/g5133/Public%20reports%20pack%2007th-Sep-2021%2010.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=10>

Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership Website:

[Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership - Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership \(pdscp.co.uk\)](https://www.pdscp.co.uk/)

Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Reports (Historic):

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