

BRIEFING NOTE

TO: EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: 13 OCTOBER, 2015

RE: Walsall Safeguarding Children Board – Annual Report 2014/15

Purpose

To consider the report of the Walsall Safeguarding Children Board (attached).

Background

It is a requirement that the Independent Chair of the Walsall Safeguarding Children Board must publish an annual report on the effectiveness of child safeguarding and the promotion of the welfare of children in the local area and that the report should provide a rigorous and transparent assessment of the performance and effectiveness of local services. It should identify areas of weakness, the causes of those weaknesses and the action being taken to address them as well as other proposals for action. The report should include lessons from reviews undertaken within the reporting period.

The Education and Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee receive the Annual Report in order to challenge the Independent Chair on its content and seek assurance that work is being undertaken to effectively and proactively ensure that the children of Walsall are safe.

Recommendation

That Members consider the content of the 2014/15 Walsall Safeguarding Children Board and challenge the Independent Chair on any specific issues which may be of interest.

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