**Business Plan and**

**Strategic Priorities**

**2018-19**

**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.**

The structure of the Board is:

* Performance Accountability Board
* Board
* Business Coordination Group

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

* Case Review Group
* Workforce Development
* Quality and Performance Group
* Child Death Overview Panel
* CCE and Missing Children

The key functions of the DSCB include:

* Assess the effectiveness of the help offered to children and families, including early help
* Assess whether partners are fulfilling their statutory obligations
* Quality assure practice, including through case file audits, involving practitioners and identifying lessons to be learned
* Monitor the effectiveness of training to safeguard and promote the welfare of children

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 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.**

1. Partners demonstrate how they are communicating with children and young people and how this influences service provision
2. 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
3. DSCB partners demonstrate how they are ensuring that the children’s workforce is appropriately trained

**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.**

1. 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
2. DSCB thresholds are understood by practitioners and is embedded in practice
3. Systems are in place to effectively meet the needs of victims of child exploitation, including an understanding of the scope of criminal exploitation and online abuse
4. The DSCB is assured of the effectiveness of plans to tackle Domestic abuse.
5. Practitioners are able to respond appropriately to the early signs of neglect and evidenced through multi-agency audits
6. 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
7. The DSCB is assured that services provided to support children with special educational needs and disabilities are effectively safeguarding the children they support
8. There is a plan in place to address the issues raised as a result of children being placed in Doncaster by external Local Authorities

**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**

1. DSCB data set provides the Board with appropriate information to enable it to identify the key safeguarding issues in Doncaster
2. DSCB disseminates the lessons from case reviews, audits and complaints to practitioners and can evidence the impact this has had on practice
3. 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 4**

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

1. The DSCB has in place arrangements to safeguard children in line with the requirements of the Children and Social Work Act 2017.
2. DSCB promotes opportunities for working across geographical areas where this would provide a more cost-effective response or improvement to current working arrangements
3. DSCB promotes opportunities for working with other strategic partnerships where this would provide a more cost-effective response or improvement to current working arrangements

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

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| * S11 assurance from partners
* LADO (Allegations) Annual Reports CDOP Annual Report
* Private Fostering
* Early Help Services
* Protecting Vulnerable Young People Assurance Report
 | * MASH assurance report
* MAPPA Annual Report
* NPS/CRC Annual report
* Safeguarding in Sports Assurance report
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* Mental health and Wellbeing Plan - IRO/CPA Annual Report