



Annual Report 2015 – 2016

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LSCB objectives (Section 14, Children Act 2004)

(a) To coordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the Board for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area; and

(b) to ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for those purposes.



Context

- 66,400 children under 19
- 13% children in income deprived households
- 1848 referrals to children's social care (2626)
- 267 children subject of child protection plans (249)
- 283 looked after children (313)
- 700+ children in care placed in Shropshire from elsewhere (?)
- 1 serious case review
- Rising demands and reducing resources across system



Neglect

Why?

- Serious case review
- Over 5-% child protections plans due to neglect

What are we doing?

- Reviewing neglect strategy
- November conference

Role of HWBB: JSNA, childhood vulnerabilities, emotional and mental health



Domestic Abuse

Why?

- Significant cause of harm to children
- Increase in reported incidents locally

What are we doing?

- Refresh domestic abuse strategy
- March workshop
- Promote commissioning of services

Role of HWBB: JSNA, vulnerable people, emotional and mental health, commissioning



Missing children, CSE, trafficking

Why?

- National and local issue
- Particular vulnerabilities in Shropshire

What are we doing?

- Increasing capacity
- Promoting awareness

Role of HWBB: JSNA, vulnerable people, emotional & mental health, commissioning



Conclusion and looking forward

Agencies generally effective in keeping children safe

More children and families receiving help earlier

Good progress on priorities but still work to do



Priorities for 2016-17

Neglect

Domestic Abuse

Child Sexual Exploitation and Missing



For Shropshire people to be the
healthiest and most fulfilled in
England