



Annual report 2014-15

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Performance and effectiveness of local arrangements

Services for safeguarding children and young people in Herefordshire have only recently improved since they were judged to be inadequate in the Ofsted inspection of child protection in 2012. No widespread or serious failures were identified by this inspection that currently left children being harmed or at risk of harm. However, progress to improve how children are safeguarded has been slow and many improvements are very recent. Too many of the areas for development from the inspection in 2012 continue to be areas that require improvement.

(Ofsted 2014)

Effectiveness of LSCB



The effectiveness of the LSCB requires improvement

(Ofsted 2014)

Conclusion



Are we doing the right things?

Are we making sufficient progress?

Are we managing risk safely and appropriately?

Is the LSCB making sufficient progress?

What impact is the Board having?

Challenges for 2015-16



Challenges to the Children and Young People's Partnership

Promoting early help for families, developing the "Think Family" approach and culture across the Partnership;

Improving the emotional and mental health and well-being of children, young people, and their parents and carers;

Meeting the needs of children and young people requiring safeguarding.

Challenges to the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Safeguarding Adults Board and the Community Safety Partnership

Promoting more integrated multi-agency working in responding to children and young people who live in the context of 'compromised parenting' (where there are adult issues of domestic violence, substance misuse, mental health problems and learning disability);
Supporting young people to make the transition to adulthood successfully.

Challenges for the LSCB itself



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Priorities 2015 onwards



Improve the recognition and response to child sexual exploitation (CSE) and missing children and young people.

Support increased resilience in individuals, families and communities.

Safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people who are abused and/or neglected.

HSCB is a truly effective agent for change that has a real impact for children and young people.

