

Safeguarding Pressures – Association of Directors of Children's Services (Phase 5)

SUMMARY

- 1.1 In December 2016, the Association of Directors for Children's Services Ltd. (ADCS) published a report on Phase 5 of their research into local authority safeguarding pressures.
- 1.2 The research completed by ADCS spans from 2007/08 to 2015/16; tracking trends in relation to safeguarding activity, alongside the provision of services for children and young people and their families / carers. Participation in the research is voluntary and 132 authorities participated in the latest phase (87% of all authorities).
- 1.3 It was noted in the most recent publication (Phase 5) that... *'Through each phase significant increases in safeguarding activity have been reported together with the range of contributing factors'* (ADCS Safeguarding Pressures Phase 5 – Executive Summary, December 2016).
- 1.4 Andy Smith –Strategic Director for People Services and Sarah Walker – Policy and Improvement Manager will attend the meeting to give members a presentation on the outcomes of the latest research, alongside specific information relating to Derby City's position relative to the national findings.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To receive the presentation at the meeting on the findings from the latest research project by ADCS into safeguarding pressures.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Understanding the changing demand and demographics / profile of demand is essential to making sure that the right decisions are being made for the needs of the city. Assessing the national context against the local make sure that we fully understand what is happening locally and can respond appropriately.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 Details of all publications from ADCS on safeguarding pressures are available on their website - <http://adcs.org.uk/safeguarding/article/safeguarding-pressure>

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 The possible financial implications of the safeguarding pressures are contained within the presentation.

Legal

- 2.1 All local authorities have a duty under the Children Act 1989 to safeguard and protect children who are suffering or may be suffering from abuse. Further to this, Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 places duties on a range of organisations and individuals to ensure their functions, and any services that they contract out to others, are discharged having regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children (Working Together, 2015).

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising from this report.

IT

- 4.1 None arising from this report.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 None arising from this report.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None arising from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None arising from this report.

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 None arising from this report.

Risk Management and Safeguarding

- 9.1 The presentation will set out issues relating to safeguarding pressures.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 The content of the presentation, to be delivered at the meeting, supports the Corporate priority of 'safe'.

