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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee</b> <b>18 September 2018</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Croydon Safeguarding Children Board</b> <b>Draft Annual Report 2017/18</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICER:</b>	<b>Jo Negrini</b> <b>Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service</b>
<b>CABINET MEMBER:</b>	<b>Councillor Alisa Flemming</b> <b>Cabinet Member for Children Young People and Learning</b>
<b>PERSON LEADING AT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING:</b>	<b>Di Smith, Interim Independent Chair</b> <b>CSCB</b>

<b>ORIGIN OF ITEM:</b>	<b>This item is contained in the Sub-Committee's agreed work programme.</b>
<b>BRIEF FOR THE COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>To review the Annual Report of the Croydon Safeguarding Children Board 2017-2018</b>

## **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In accordance with Working Together 2015 all Local Safeguarding Children Boards are required to produce an Annual Report. This is the Annual Report of the Croydon Safeguarding Children Board for the period April 2017 to March 2018. The report remains in draft until agreed by the CSCB Board meeting of 25 September 2018.

## **2. Croydon Safeguarding Children Board 2017/18**

2.1 Foreword from the Independent Chair. In 2017 the CSCB was subject to review by Ofsted when Croydon's Children's services were inspected and both were found to be 'Inadequate'. The Chair was appointed post-Ofsted and reports on the progress of the CSCB Improvement Plan. The report is structured as follows:-

2.2 Progress on Plans, this relates to both the CSCB Improvement Plan (which was set as part of the Children's Social Care Improvement Plan); and the CSCB Business Plans 2017/ 2018.

The Business Plans centre around five aspects:

- Strengthening the Partnership
- Neglect
- Early Help
- Vulnerable Adolescents
- Children with Disabilities

These priorities are continued for 2018/19.

2.3 About Croydon, gives broad information about the borough with particular attention on matters relating to children. This includes population, ethnicity, poverty, health, and education. More specific data is provided on particular groups of children, such as Children with Special Educational Needs and Disability, Mental Health, Safeguarding Children and Looked After Children. Health Visiting checks are noted as this is a key Early Help area.

2.4 About the Board, notes how the Board is structured to meet and discharge the statutory requirements, including membership and attendance. The CSCB Budget is made up from contributions from partners and is detailed, along with accounts of how the Board has sought and used the Voice of the Child and the wider Communication Strategy.

2.5 Formal reporting on the work of the CSCB sub-groups and the statutory requirements are noted in Section 5. This includes Serious Case Reviews and the Child Death Overview Panel.

2.6 The last section provides a myriad of reports from services and arrangements which promote children's welfare, for example services for missing children, to gangs and serious youth violence

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**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:** None

**APPENDICES:** Appendix 1 Croydon Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2017-18