

Overview & Scrutiny

Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission

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Introduction

The CHSCB annual report 2018-19 sets out:

- The governance and accountability arrangements for the CHSCB. This section provides information about the structures in place that supported the CHSCB undertake its statutory objectives.
- The new safeguarding arrangements in the City of London and Hackney, implemented in September 2019
- The context for safeguarding children and young people in the City of London, highlighting the progress made by the City partnership.
- The context for safeguarding children and young people in the London Borough of Hackney, highlighting the progress made by the Hackney partnership.
- The lessons that the CHSCB has identified through its Learning & Improvement Framework and the actions taken to improve child safeguarding and welfare as a result of this activity.
- The range and impact of the multi-agency safeguarding training delivered by the CHSCB and a brief account of the single agency training delivered by partners.
- The priorities going forward and the key messages from the Independent Chair of the CHSCB to key people involved in the safeguarding of children and young people.

Content has been shaped by preparations for change, and the need to carry out statutory functions whilst new arrangements are put in place. The report itself focuses on the work undertaken up to April 2019.

Alongside key facts and figures and a summary of the independent chair's position on unregistered settings, the annual report covers specific progress in respect of Early Help, Safeguarding Adolescents, Violence against Women and Girls, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and Safer Workforce.

Given this is the last report of the former CHSCB, a summary of all reviews undertaken since 2014-15 has been included. This sets out the key areas of practice improvement identified over this period.