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**Title:**

Brighton & Hove  
Safeguarding Children  
Partnership Annual Report  
2024-25

**Date of Meeting:**

16/12/2025

**Report of:** Chair of BHSCP

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Wards Affected: All

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**Executive Summary**

Health & Wellbeing Boards (HWB) are required to receive for information the annual reports of local children's and adult safeguarding partnerships. This report presents the annual update from the Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Children's Partnership (BHSCP).

## 1. Decisions, recommendations and any options

- 1.1 That the Board notes the information contained in this report and its appendix (BHSCP Annual Report 2024-25)

## 2. Relevant information

- 2.1 The Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Children Partnership (BHSCP) consists of three key agencies who collectively hold statutory responsibilities for keeping children and young people safe: the Local Authority (through Families, Children and Wellbeing), Health (through NHS Sussex ICB) and Sussex Police.
- 2.2 The BHSCP's objectives are to:
- Co-ordinate local work undertaken by all agencies and individuals to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people
  - Ensure the effectiveness of that work.
- 2.3 Deb Austin, Corporate Director of families, Children and Wellbeing, chairs the Partnership and as one of the Delegated Safeguarding Partners is responsible for considering how effectively the local safeguarding arrangements are working for children and families as well as for practitioners, and how well the safeguarding partners are providing strong leadership.
- 2.4 Health & Wellbeing Boards are required to receive for information and discuss annual reports/updates from the relevant local safeguarding children's partnership. The BHSCP Annual Report 2024-25 is included as **Appendix 1** to this report. The BHSCP Children & Young People's Annual Report 2024-25 is included as **Appendix 2** to this report. The BHSCP publish additional documents to support the Annual Reports available from the BHSCP website - [The BHSCP Business Plan & Annual Report - BHSCP](#)

## 3. Important considerations and implications

Legal:

- 3.1 The Brighton & Hove Safeguarding Children Partnership (BHSCP) is a statutory body. Under statutory guidance Working Together 2023 the three safeguarding partners (being the Council, Health and Sussex Police as defined under the Children Act 2004 as amended by the Children and Social Work Act, 2017) should agree on ways to co-ordinate their safeguarding services, act as a strategic leadership group in supporting and engaging others, and implement local and national learning, including from serious child safeguarding incidents. The three 'key safeguarding partners' collectively hold statutory responsibilities for safeguarding in the city.

- 3.2 As described in the body of this report Health & Wellbeing Boards (HWB) are required to receive for information the annual reports of local children's and adult safeguarding partnerships. The report is for noting only.

**Lawyer consulted: Sandra O'Brien**

**Date: TBC**

Finance:

- 3.3 There are no financial implications as a result of the recommendations of this report.

**Finance Officer consulted: David Ellis**

**Date: 5/11/25**

Equalities:

- 3.4 Information on how the BHSCP focuses on equalities issues are detailed in the BHSCP Annual Report (Appendix 1)

Sustainability:

- 3.5 None identified in this report to note.

Health, social care, children's services and public health:

- 3.6 The BHSCP membership includes representatives from social care, children's services and health. The BHSCP Annual Update (Appendix 1) includes more information on all of these areas

## Supporting documents and information

Appendix1: BHSCP Annual Report 2024-25

Appendix 2: BHSCP Children & Young People's Annual Report 2024-25



BHSCP Annual  
Report 2024-25 (1).pdf



BHSCP Children &  
Young's Annual Report

