

Report to: **East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board**

Date of meeting: **23 January 2017**

By: **Independent Chair, Safeguarding Adults Board**

Title: **Draft Partnership Protocol for partnerships involved in the safety and wellbeing of the community**

Purpose: **To present the draft partnership protocol that sets out the relationship and working arrangements between partnerships involved in the safety and wellbeing of the community**

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Board is recommended to:**

- 1) Provide comments on sections 4 and 7 of the protocol; and**
  - 2) Approve sections 4 and 7 of the protocol**
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### **1. Introduction**

1.1 The draft partnership protocol (Appendix 1) is a protocol between the East Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB), the East Sussex Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB), the East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board, the East Sussex Children and Young People's Trust, and the East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership.

1.2 The document has been signed off by the other respective Boards and Trusts.

### **2. Supporting information**

2.1 The main purpose of this protocol is to set out the expectations of the relationship and working arrangements between the listed partnerships, all of which are involved in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the community.

2.2 The protocol covers respective roles and functions, membership of the partnerships, arrangements for challenge and oversight scrutiny.

2.3 The protocol sets out a number of shared priorities where the named Boards will need to ensure that leadership and accountability for issues is clear and that information is effectively shared. These shared priorities include:

- Domestic violence and abuse
- Mental health/emotional wellbeing
- Child sexual exploitation, missing people, rape sexual violence and abuse, harmful practices (Female Genital Mutilation, Forced Marriage and 'so called' Honour Based Violence), human trafficking and modern slavery.
- Financial abuse/scams.

2.4 The protocol highlights that where a piece of work with cross-cutting themes is identified, the other Boards will be contacted to clarify the relevance of the theme for them, and the relevant Boards will then agree:

- Responsibility and accountability for the area of work
- Which Board will lead and how the other partnerships can feed into this

- Information sharing and reporting arrangements

2.5 To facilitate effective information sharing, the protocol outlines that the Chairs and Business managers will receive a copy of each other's agendas and minutes to note relevant recommendations and issues, and that the Chairs or Business managers will formally report their Annual reports to each Board.

### **3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

3.1 The protocol has been developed in partnership by representatives from the LSCB, SAB, Safer Communities Partnership, Children and Young People's Trust, and the East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board, in order to clarify roles, expectations and joint working arrangements.

3.2 It is proposed that once finalised and agreed, the document is formally reviewed in one year, to ensure priority areas remain relevant and to allow for further joint working opportunities to be identified and effectively progressed.

3.3 The Board is recommended to 1) Provide comments on sections 4 and 7 of the protocol; and 2) Approve sections 4 and 7 of the protocol.

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