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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>Children and Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee 3 November 2020</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Croydon Safeguarding Children Partnership Draft Annual Report 2019/20</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICER:</b>	<b>Katherine Kerswell Interim Chief Executive</b>
<b>CABINET MEMBER:</b>	<b>Councillor Alisa Flemming Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning</b>
<b>PERSON LEADING AT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING:</b>	<b>Di Smith, Independent Chair/Scrutineer, Croydon Safeguarding Children Partnership</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 Partnership 2019- 20</b>

## **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In accordance with Working Together 2018 all Local Safeguarding Children Partnerships are required to produce an Annual Report. This is the first Annual Report of the Croydon Safeguarding Children Partnership as the legislation came into effect from September 2019.

This report covers the period from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020. The report also includes, wherever relevant, work undertaken in respect of Covid 19 and Black Lives Matter up until August 2020. The Report was agreed by the Executive of the Croydon Safeguarding Children Partnership on 15 October 2010.

## **2. Croydon Safeguarding Children Partnership 2019/20**

2.1 Comments from the Independent Chair/Scrutineer. The Chair reports on the 'Good' Ofsted inspection in February 2020 as a result of the determined hard work of staff and leaders with the single focus of improving outcomes for children. Of note for the CSCP was the positive feedback from Ofsted of the effectiveness of the CSCP Executive. This has been particularly exemplified during the Covid 19 pandemic, with the CSCP Executive meeting weekly from

March to July to ensure a collective awareness of the impact, actions taken and to determine an effective partnership response.

The Chair notes the progress of the CSCP in the new structure with identified priority groups and the success of the Partnership meetings. Of specific note the July 2020 meeting which addressed Covid and Black Lives Matter. The report is set out as follows:-

- 2.2 Part One notes how the Partnership is structured to meet and discharge the statutory requirements. Summaries of the work of the three priority groups, on Neglect, Safeguarding Children with Disabilities and Vulnerable Adolescents.
- 2.3 The formal scrutiny of the work of the CSCP is organised into six safeguarding standards:-
  1. Strategic planning and implementation
  2. Wider safeguarding partners are actively involved
  3. Children, young people and families are aware and involved
  4. Appropriate quality assurance procedures are in place
  5. Process for identifying and investigating learning from reviews
  6. Active program of multi-agency safeguarding children training
- 2.4 The reporting of the statutory requirements linked to the CSCP include the South West London Child Death Overview Panel, the Local Authority Designated Officer and Private Fostering. The final element of Part One is an overview of the budget and expenditure of the contributions from the various CSCP Partners.
- 2.5 Part Two provides a range of relevant service reports of their core safeguarding business. These include
  - Croydon Health Service
  - Child & Adolescent Mental Health
  - Complex Adolescent Panel
  - Missing Children
  - Children at risk & impact of crime
  - Youth Offending Service
  - Early Help
  - Children's Social Care
  - Education

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**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:** None

**APPENDICES:** Appendix 1 – Croydon Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2019 - 20