

**Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board****Purpose / Recommendation**

1. The Children's Trust is asked to note the key issues from the OSCB Independent Chair.

**Background**

2. At the recent meetings of the MASA<sup>1</sup> Executive Group, Board and Business Group of the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (OCSB) it was determined that a number of issues should be brought to the attention of the Children's Trust.

**Key Issues**

3. The OSCB Board met on 07 12 22 the OSCB Business Group met on 29 11 22 and the MASA Executive last met on 21 11 22.
4. The OSCB full board received a thematic child safeguarding practice review on child sexual abuse. This will be published in 2023 alongside another review, which was completed in 2022. Colleagues were advised of a series of specialised training on child sexual abuse which will run through to June 2023 as well as plans for a larger scale learning event later in the year. The full board also signed off the Constitution.
5. The OSCB partners have endorsed a programme of learning which will run from January 2023 for local practitioners alongside the scheduled safeguarding programme. It includes an event on violence against women and girls.
6. A number of safeguarding risks have been discussed at the Board and escalated to the Multi-agency Safeguarding Arrangement Executive Group. These include the response to housing issues raised by the recent coroner's report on the death of Awaab Ishak; the cost-of-living crisis; the unregistered arrangements for vulnerable children as well as other safeguarding issues which are being monitored by the board such as the use of Operation Encompass and access to the Camhs Eating Disorder service. The MASA Group were pleased to note the increase in resource that TVP is putting in to the MASH.

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<sup>1</sup> MASA is the Multi-Agency Safeguarding partnership Arrangements

7. The Full Board received quality assurance reports on residential provision and foster carer support; the Family Justice Board as well as work to reduce the risk of suicide and self-harm.

#### **Budgetary implications**

8. None for the purpose of this report. The partners have been advised that contributions to the board will remain unchanged in 2023/24.

#### **Equalities implications**

9. The OSCB considers the needs of the most vulnerable children in Oxfordshire.

#### **Communications**

10. The issues were raised at the most recent MASA Executive group, Board and Business Group.

#### **Key Dates**

11. The next OSCB Board meeting takes place on 22 03 23.

Report by Derek Benson, Independent Chair.

Report to be presented by Tan Lea, Strategic Partnerships Manager in the absence of the Chair.

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