

**TO: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD  
4 JULY 2013**

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**SAFEGUARDING - SECTION 11 CHILDREN ACT 2004**

**1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This report provides the Health and Wellbeing Board with information on the requirements of Section 11 of the Children Act 2004, and notes actions taken by partner agencies to demonstrate compliance with the requirements to date.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:**

- 2.1 **Note the information in this report, and consider the way in which it will maintain oversight of the section 11 process in relation to the responsibilities of the Clinical Commissioning Group.**
- 2.2 **Note that the LSCB is the responsible Body for ensuring that there is compliance with Section 11 across partner agencies.**

**3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Section 14 of the Children Act 2004 sets out the objectives of the LSCB:
- (a) to coordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the Board for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in each area
  - (b) to ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for those purposes
- 3.2 Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 places duties on a range of organisations and individuals to ensure their functions and any services that they contract out to others are discharged having regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. These duties include NHS organisations including the NHS Commissioning Board, Clinical Commissioning Groups, NHS Trusts and NHS Foundation Trusts.
- 3.3 In order to fulfil its function and gather the relevant information the LSCB developed a Section 11 Self-Assessment process which asks partner agencies to complete a self-assessment against the standards set in Working Together 2013, (and previously in Working Together 2010). This exercise is undertaken on a three year cycle, and was last completed with statutory partners in 2012.
- 3.4 The LSCB established a Pan-Berkshire Section 11 Panel to receive and assess submissions from statutory partners working across the six authorities. This included Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust, Royal Berks and Heatherwood and Wexham Park Foundation Trust, South Central Ambulance Service, Strategic Health Authority and Berkshire NHS.
- 3.5 The Pan-Berkshire Panel sent responses to the submissions, which made comments, suggestions and recommendations on further development or improvement. It is anticipated that organisations will undertake a review of their

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actions in September 2013 to ensure any actions that were identified have been achieved.

- 3.6 The LSCB will monitor progress of these actions and will report back to the Health and Wellbeing Board through the Annual Report process, highlighting any key issues and making recommendations for the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider.

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