

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **JOINT LIFELONG LEARNING AND SOCIAL & HEALTH CARE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

DATE: **FRIDAY, 2 MAY 2014**

REPORT BY: **DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

SUBJECT: **SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION REPORT**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 To provide Members with statistical information in relation to Child Protection and Safeguarding.

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 In line with the County Council's strategy for developing a systematic Performance Management Framework, Children's Social Services routinely collate safeguarding activity for Children in Need and those children whose names are included on Flintshire's Child Protection Register.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

3.01 This report informs Members of key statistical and performance related information about children for whom the Authority has significant safeguarding responsibilities.

3.02 This report covers the period from 1 October 2012 to 31 December 2013.

3.03 Management and performance data and commentary about safeguarding are presented as Appendix 1.0.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 That Members accept this report as information in relation to Child Protection and Safeguarding for the period 1 October 2012 to 31 December 2013.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 Increased numbers of child protection referrals and registrations have required us to appoint additional staff and strengthen our services to keep pace with demand.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 Services to children in need are effectively managed to ensure that the needs of vulnerable the children are appropriately met.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 No direct impact.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 The provision of targeted services for children in need and their families contributes to the safeguarding and welfare of vulnerable children.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 None

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 None

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 Statistical and performance related information about children for whom the Authority has significant safeguarding responsibilities.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Social Services for Children Quarterly Performance Reports.

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