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<b>Title of Paper:</b> Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children’s Board Annual Report
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<b>Paper is for:</b> (please delete tick as appropriate)	<b>Discussion</b> ✓	<b>Decision</b> ✓	<b>Information</b> ✓
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**Purpose and Executive Summary:**

The report provides a summary of the safeguarding activity in Oxfordshire and the activity of the OSCB’s work in 2016/17 to promote positive safeguarding outcomes for children and young people in Oxfordshire. Specifically it evaluates performance against the priorities that set out in the OSCB Business Plan for the year and against the statutory functions that the LSCB must undertake.

Safeguarding is everyone’s business. The achievements set out in this Annual Report have been achieved by staff working in the agencies that form the partnership. Further improvements are set out in the report that OSCB seek to achieve in 2017/18. These will require continued commitment from all to ensure that children and young people in Oxfordshire are safe.

**Consultation**

The government has opened its consultation into the changes and updates for safeguarding partnership arrangements that will take effect in 2019.

They are seeking views on:

- significant revisions to Working Together to Safeguard Children document, the statutory guidance on what’s expected of organisations to safeguard and promote the welfare of children
- 2 sets of statutory instruments (regulations) needed to support the new arrangements
- and new child death review guidance

In these changes the CCG will become an equal partner and joint accountable organisation with the police and local authority. The impact and governance issues are to be locally determined between the key bodies.

These revisions reflect the legislative changes introduced through the Children and Social Work Act 2017. Following this consultation, the government proposes to update and replace the current statutory guidance, Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015.

For further information the link to the consultation is:

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/child-protection-safeguarding-and-family-law/working-together-to-safeguard-children-revisions-t/>

**Financial Implications of Paper:**

OCCG contributes to the annual budget of the OSCB and supports the work undertaken by the board. The summary of finances is set out on page 19 of the report.

**Action Required:**

To receive and accept this report.

**OCCG Priorities Supported** (please delete tick as appropriate)

✓	Operational Delivery
✓	Transforming Health and Care
✓	Devolution and Integration
✓	Empowering Patients
✓	Engaging Communities
✓	System Leadership

**Equality Analysis Outcome:**

This report provides information about the safeguarding arrangements and activity for all children in Oxfordshire and includes information on vulnerable groups and the involvement of children in promoting their voice within services.

**Link to Risk:**

This report provides an annual summary of the statutory duty to safeguard children in line with *Working together to safeguard children 2015* and the *Children Act 2004*.

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