

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

Report to: Children & Education Policy and Accountability Committee

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Subject: H&F Local Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP) Annual Report

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SUMMARY

The 2024–2025 LSCP Annual Report outlines a year of strong safeguarding performance in Hammersmith & Fulham. Key developments include the appointment of a new Independent Scrutineer, the inclusion of Education as a fourth safeguarding partner, and a renewed focus on the voice of the child and anti-racist practice. The report highlights progress in areas such as domestic abuse, adolescent safeguarding, and mental health, alongside innovative youth-led initiatives and strengthened multi-agency collaboration.

Key issue for consideration: The LSCP has set three strategic priorities for 2025–2028—Staying Safe, Early Identification & Prevention, and Think Family—which require continued leadership support, resource alignment, and multi-agency commitment. The report reflects a Partnership that is ambitious, inclusive, and committed to ensuring every child in Hammersmith & Fulham grows up safe, supported, and able to thrive.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. For the Committee to note and comment on the report.

Wards Affected: None

Our Values	Summary of how this report aligns to the H&F Values
Building shared prosperity	The LSCP's work supports shared prosperity by investing in early intervention, education, and inclusive safeguarding. The Education & Attendance Strategy promotes access to high-quality education for all children, recognising school attendance as a protective factor and a pathway to better life outcomes. The Partnership also supports initiatives for care-experienced young people and NEET youth

	through mentoring, outreach, and employment-focused programmes.
Creating a compassionate council	Compassion is embedded throughout the LSCP's approach—from trauma-informed practice and co-production with young people, to survivor-led Family Group Conferencing and inclusive mental health support. The report highlights how professionals are trained to respond empathetically to domestic abuse, child sexual abuse, and emotional distress, ensuring children and families feel heard, supported, and safe.
Doing things with local residents, not to them	The LSCP prioritises co-production and youth voice. Young people helped shape safeguarding priorities, created podcasts and PSHE content, and are co-designing the “Staying Safe” webpage. The Lifelong Links initiative is entirely young person-led, and the People's Family Panel will support those who fall below statutory thresholds, ensuring services are shaped with residents.
Being ruthlessly financially efficient	The LSCP demonstrates financial efficiency by embedding quality assurance mechanisms like Practice Week, using shared training resources across boroughs, and leveraging multi-agency collaboration to reduce duplication. The report also outlines data-driven planning and performance frameworks that ensure resources are targeted where they have the greatest impact.
Taking pride in H&F	The report reflects a borough-wide commitment to excellence, with Ofsted rating Children's Services <i>Outstanding</i> . It showcases innovative practice, strong leadership, and a culture of continuous improvement. The LSCP celebrates the diversity and strengths of its community, and partners take pride in safeguarding children and young people across H&F.
Rising to the challenge of the climate and ecological emergency	While the report does not explicitly address environmental sustainability, the LSCP's emphasis on community resilience, youth engagement, and inclusive education lays the groundwork for future alignment with ecological priorities. Producing the LSCP Annual Report digitally rather than in print contributes to reducing the Partnership's environmental impact by minimising paper use, which helps conserve trees and reduces waste and avoiding emissions associated with printing, packaging, and physical distribution.

Background Papers Used in Preparing This Report.

Data used in the report is sourced from:

Callum Birks

CHS BI Analyst (Social Care)

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DETAILED ANALYSIS

The Annual Report for 2024 – 2025 showcases the extensive work that has been undertaken across the Hammersmith & Fulham Safeguarding Children Partnership between April 2024 and March 2025.

This includes:

- Key safeguarding performance statistics held by Children and Young People's Service
- Progress of the LSCP Priorities
- Key activities and outcomes from the LSCP Subgroups
- Highlights and impact of safeguarding activities by partner agencies
- Looking ahead: Setting the new LSCP Priorities

LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – H&F Local Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report (April 2024 – March 2025)