

**14 July 2015**

**ITEM: 8**

## **Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

### **Julia – SCR Action Plan Update**

**Wards and communities affected:**

All

**Key Decision:**

Non key

**Report of:** Andrew Carter, Head of CATO

**Accountable Head of Service:** Andrew Carter, Head of CATO

**Accountable Director:** Carmel Littleton, Director of Children's Services

**This report is Public**

#### **Executive Summary**

To provide an update on the Thurrock LSCB, multi-agency action plan in relation to the 'Julia' serious case review.

#### **1. Recommendation(s)**

**1.1 That the Overview & Scrutiny Committee continues to monitor progress against the multi-agency action plan with a particular focus on Children's Services**

#### **2. Introduction and Background**

2.1 A copy of the full 'Julia' Serious Case review report can be found on the Thurrock LSCB website and all members are encouraged to read the report in full: <http://www.thurrocklscb.org.uk/procedures/serious-case-and-managed-reviews/>

2.2 I refer members to appendix 2 – 10<sup>th</sup> March Children's Overview and Scrutiny Report: Multi-Agency Action Plan –Serious Case Review for the full background to this updating report.

2.3 The Multi-Agency Action plan presented in March 2015 was an extract of the full multi-agency action plan covering the areas in relation to Children's Services.

2.4 With the agreement of partner agencies, the current Multi-Agency Action plan is the full action plan across all agencies / partners.

2.5 A further update of actions against the full Multi-Agency Action plan is being undertaken by the LSCB but will not be completed by the submission date for this report.

### **3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options**

None

### **4. Reasons for Recommendation**

- 4.1 For the Children's Overview and Scrutiny committee to satisfy itself that the action plan is being effectively implemented and that actions are having an impact to improve outcomes for children within Children's Services and in partnership with the LSCB and key agencies.

### **5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)**

- 5.1 The LSCB Action Plan was circulated to all partners of the LSCB and LSCB sub-committees prior to ratification.

### **6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact**

- 6.1 The review calls upon the authority to review the findings against existing policies and procedures and consider making any changes reflected in the review.

### **7. Implications**

#### **7.1 Financial**

Implications verified by: **Kay Goodacre**  
**Finance Manager**

The delivery of LSCB business is undertaken within existing budgets. Those budgets are established through annual partnership funding and specific budgets allocated for training and serious case reviews.

#### **7.2 Legal**

Implications verified by: **Lindsey Marks**  
**Principal Solicitor Children's Safeguarding.**

This Serious Case Review fulfils the requirements of Regulation 5 of the Local Children's Safeguarding Board 2006.

### 7.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by: **Becky Price**

The LSCB Annual Report covers the safeguarding needs of all children in Thurrock. The plans and policies of its board and sub-committees reflect the diverse needs which are supported through implementing and developing equalities impact assessments.

### 7.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

- None.

### 8. Background papers used in preparing the report (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

Serious Case Review Report 'Julia'  
<http://www.thurrocklscb.org.uk/procedures/serious-case-and-managed-reviews/>

### 9. Appendices to the report

1. Thurrock LSCB, 'Julia' Serious Case Review Action Plan
2. 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015, Children's Overview & Scrutiny, Multi-Agency Action Plan – Serious Case Review

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