



STRATEGIC POLICING AND CRIME BOARD

5 November 2013

Safeguarding Summit

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To provide a summary of the Safeguarding Summit and the action plan developed as a result of the Summit.

BACKGROUND

2. The Summit took place on Friday 6 September at Lloyd House and was hosted by the Commissioner. Invitations were extended to the chairs of all safeguarding children and safeguarding adult boards, all local authority chief executives and a range of other partners with senior responsibility for safeguarding.
3. The Summit was an opportunity to discuss safeguarding partnerships for both adults and children. Adults who need safeguarding help are often elderly and frail, living on their own in the community, or without much family support in care homes. They are often people with physical or learning disabilities and people with mental health needs at risk of suffering harm both in institutions and in the community. These people, together with children, are some of the most vulnerable people in the West Midlands.
4. A number of topics were discussed including the proposals to transform the Public Protection Unit with a presentation on the proposals and discussion at this stage of the project; and the funding contributions to the work of the safeguarding boards.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The event was held at Lloyd House and all administrative costs were met from within the budget of the West Midlands Office for Policing and Crime.

RECOMMENDATIONS

6. The Board is asked to note the report of the Summit and consider the report and action plan.

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