

<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2024-25</b>
<b>For Consideration By</b>	Health and Wellbeing Board
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Wed 21 Jan, 3pm-5pm.
<b>Classification</b>	Public
<b>Ward(s) Affected</b>	All
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Is this report for:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Decision		

Why is the report being brought to the board? ***In three bullet points or less***

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider and note the activities of the CHSCP over 2024-25.</li> </ul>
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Provide a succinct summary of the issue here:

The CHSCP Annual Report 2024/25 details the key safeguarding activity, performance and operational environment for the City and Hackney Safeguarding Children Partnership (CHSCP).
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## 1. Key Achievements

- Strong Inspection Outcomes:** Both the City of London and Hackney Children & Families Service received positive ratings from Ofsted ("Outstanding" and "Good," respectively).

- **Police Improvements:** The Metropolitan Police and City of London Police demonstrated marked progress in handling child-related cases and adopting a "child first" approach.
- **Effective Governance:** Multi-agency arrangements and the commitment to independent scrutiny remained robust, providing the necessary "grit" for constructive professional challenge.
- **Commitment to Learning & Improvement:** The partnership published two Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (LCSPRs) and continued to implement practice improvements derived from audits and reviews.

## 2. Ongoing Challenges

- **Financial Pressures:** Major budget deficits, with large saving targets required for NHS ICB, the Met Police and Hackney Council.
- **Rising Complexity:** Agencies report a sustained increase in high-risk cases involving emotional distress, self-harm, and complex mental health issues among young people.
- **System Barriers:** Challenges persist regarding data accuracy and information-sharing agreements between agencies.

## 3. Future Priorities

Focus is maintained on the **health and stability of the safeguarding workforce**, proactively **tackling racism** through the Active Anti-Racist Charter, and maintaining an unwavering focus on the **lived experience of children**.

Would you like a more detailed breakdown of the specific progress made against any of the report's strategic priorities?

## 4. Recommendation(s)

- Members are asked to note the report.

## 5. Main Report:

- [Report here.](#)

Has the report been considered at any other committee meeting of the Council or other stakeholders?

To be noted at CYP Scrutiny Commission, Community Safety Partnership, and Safeguarding Adults Board.

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