

SAFEGUARDING SUB-COMMITTEE – STAGE 2 ACTIVITIES

The following programme is set out for consideration by Sub-Committee members prior to the December 2010 meeting. If agreed this can then be formally adopted in December as the process for STAGE 2 and act as the way forward. This has been discussed with the Chairman of the Sub-Committee and differs from the draft circulated by e mail on 7 December.

DECEMBER 2010 – END OF STAGE 1

Meet Dave Hill to hear his vision for the Service, particularly on safeguarding but also putting that in the context of the Service as a whole.

Change terms of reference to add:-

(a) To follow through reviewing how agencies use the Common Assessment Framework (CAF)

(b) To check the effectiveness of the arrangements for using the CAF

To finalise Stage 1 Report (to go to Committee in January) and confirm that the focus of Stage 2 is on QUALITY related issues.

THROUGHOUT FIRST HALF OF 2011

Members take opportunities to attend as observers at officer meetings, either locally or at central meetings such as EARPS.

Receive input from Members who serve on CPP, Adoption Panels, etc. to feed in to the Sub-Committee's deliberations.

Consider the best method for how all Council Members can be made aware of / involved in, safeguarding issues.

Sharing of good practice between the Children's and Adult Safeguarding activities (Councillor Brown has some proposals on this).

JANUARY 2011 – PREPARING THE GROUND FOR STAGE 2

Interview with Essex Police (the one major statutory agency not yet met).

Consider arrangements for who to speak to in order to discuss quality issues.

Consider any 'protocol' required for speaking to individual service users.

FEBRUARY 2011 - QUALITY FOCUS

Interviews on quality related issues (possibly not involving whole Sub-Committee and carried out on a more informal basis than Stage 1 witness sessions).

MARCH 2011 – QUALITY FOCUS

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Has unannounced inspection taken place and is the report out yet, as outcomes and gradings given by CQC/Ofsted will influence the way forward taken by the Sub-Committee.

APRIL 2011 – MAJOR FORMAL SESSION

Consideration of points raised during the February and March sessions.

Review of how agencies are using the CAF system, with a particular emphasis on how it is being used by schools and GPs.

Review of success of the SWIPE system.

Review of the structural changes across all agencies (where Members have already expressed concerns about the complexity of the proposals).

Start formulating some ideas which might be included in final Stage 2 report.

MAY 2011 – MAJOR FEEDBACK SESSION

Consideration of Feedback on how ICT systems are working.

Discussion on Serious Case Review Executive Summaries and any comments that should be passed back to ECSB.

Review Health Service proposals for supporting Health Visitor/School Nurse posts.

Invite all witnesses in Stage 1 to submit any written updates.

JUNE 2011 – END OF STAGE 2

Monitoring of all Stage 1 recommendations.

Agreement of Stage 2 Report to go to Committee in July (so that this matter can be settled before the summer recess).

Look at arrangements for announced inspection, which is thought likely to happen in this month.

JULY 2011 – IF REQUIRED

Meeting to pick up on any issues raised by Committee and formally sign off Stage 2 report.

POST RECESS 2011 – STAGE 3

Final format and range of issues to be covered to be agreed nearer the time, but to include:

- General update on Joint Commissioning.
 - Review of how first year of Joint Commissioning Plan is progressing.
 - Progress on establishing GP consortia and impact that will have on safeguarding in the health sector.
 - Links with the voluntary/third sector.
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