



Presentation to Walsall Children's Scrutiny Panel

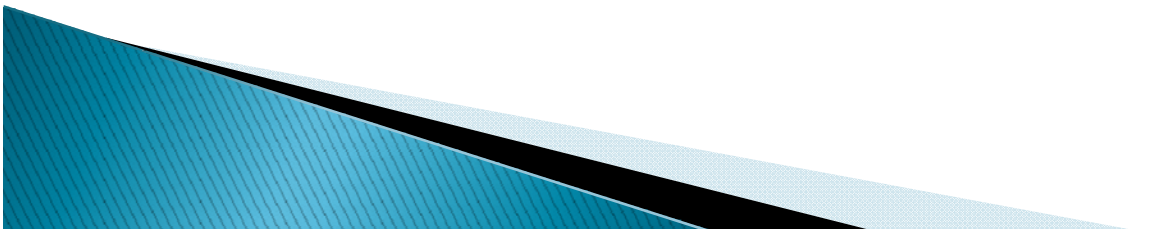
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The WSCB: June 2012 Ofsted Findings and
Actions Undertaken



“The WSCB has failed in a key aspect of its role which is to monitor the effectiveness of services to the most vulnerable children.”

Inspection of Safeguarding and Looked After Children Services – Walsall. CQC/OFSTED Report 31 July, 2012. Paragraph 68.



So what was, and continues to be, the Task?



- ▶ Ensuring leadership, scrutiny and challenge is exercised and impacts on the quality and effectiveness of safeguarding services in Walsall (as was detailed in the Improvement Notice).
- ▶ Ensuring that a culture of accountability is developed and maintained.
- ▶ Ensuring that the ambition for children and young people across Walsall is understood and supported by all relevant agencies.
- ▶ Establishing clear multi-agency thresholds for support/intervention.
- ▶ Implementing and maintaining a borough-wide multi-agency quality assurance and performance management/audit system .

The taskcontinued.



- ▶ Ensuring that recommendations from serious case reviews and complaints are actioned, thereby shaping and informing subsequent practice.
- ▶ Ensuring that prompt and effective information sharing procedures are in place.
- ▶ Working with the Improvement Board, the Clinical Commissioning Group and all relevant agencies , including children and young people themselves, to deliver a safe and effective safeguarding service for Walsall's children and young people.
- ▶ Responding to the challenges/new ways of working arising from the Munro Report, including SCIE's systems model for Serious Case Reviews (new guidance imminent).



Vision and Strategy

- ▶ Vision: For WSCB to be acknowledged as a high performing Safeguarding Children Board.
- ▶ Mission: On a multi-agency basis, to deliver a safe and effective safeguarding service for all Walsall's children and young people.
- ▶ Values: Established through consultation then shared and practised by all member agencies.
- ▶ Strategy: Having agreed our Vision, Mission and Values, mapping out the steps to be taken, together, to drive and support sustainable improvements in multi-agency safeguarding of Walsall's children and young people. (An early priority for action.)