



Coventry Safeguarding Children Board

Annual Report 2009 -2010

Business Plan 2010 - 2011

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Summary of CSCB key achievements 2009 -2010

The CSCB commissioned 1 **Serious Case Review** of a child in September 2009, this was concluded in September 2010, the delay in completion was due to the complexities in the medical information related to this child's death and how wide ranging this SCR became cutting across three other Local Authority areas. This has been a very resource intensive SCR for the Board to collate numerous reports and bring together this information for submission to Ofsted.

Interagency training programme remains one of the most extensive, highly effective and economical programmes regionally and aims to equip Coventry children's workforce with the skills and knowledge required to carry out their safeguarding / child protection role to the best of their ability.

The programme meets Working Together guidance and incorporates learning from local and national reviews, audits, changes to legislation including findings from SCR's, the training programme is continuously reviewed and courses updated accordingly.

The Subcommittee has worked extremely hard to develop our pool of trainers and we currently have a highly skilled group of 45 trainers from 16 of our agencies from statutory, voluntary and commissioned services.

It is because of this hardwork and commitment from the Interagency Training Officer and the CSCB partners that we **won the West Midlands regional award for its focus on workforce training and development.**

Interagency procedures for safeguarding children are continually being updated; updates this year include

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- Safeguarding Children and Young People affected by Adults viewing Child Sexual Abuse Images on the Internet.

The procedures group have decided to take a new approach to updating and writing new procedures, by bringing together front line practitioners from a range of agencies who have direct experience of using the procedures to feed into the process to ensure procedures are appropriately focused for frontline use, are succinct and have the most useful information to enable practitioners to understand what is required of them and the action they need to take. We have begun trialling this process with the forced marriage procedure

We have also begun to look at the layout of all our procedures and are looking to have a consist layout for all procedures to assist professionals to be able to efficiently find the relevant piece of information within a procedure.

The Safeguarding Children Board began work on having an independent and easier to access **website** in early 2010 and it was officially launched in May 2010. This new website now has

- Specific sections for parents and carers and children and young people
- The layout is simpler and there is much easier access to the interagency child protection procedures and training programme

- You are able to request to be alerted to website updates,
- Accessibility features such as the ability to increase text size and switching to a high resolution view.

Feedback about this new website has been very positive and we are looking into having a password protected facility on the website for all Board and subgroups members to access documents for meetings and any other important information. To visit this new website go to the following web address www.coventrylscb.org.uk.

Development of **thresholds** guidance for the involvement of children's social care and multi disciplinary teams and practice standards have been articulated and agreed with wider partner agencies.

There continues to be a strong focus on the development and embedding of the **Common Assessment Framework** within the range of services across the city. Operational services have been strengthened to include four CAF leads in the Referral and Assessment service and the Children's Disability Service

Work has taken place on embedding Safeguarding standards within commissioning arrangements across the local authority as well as the PCT.

The CSCB have a vital interest in the performance of our child protection processes and safeguarding functions across the city, as such the CSCB has reviewed and received reports on progress of the following:-

1. Workforce / workload pressures across Police, Health economy and Social Care
2. Children safeguarded through multiagency public protection panels
3. Missing Children from home and care
4. Bullying
5. Private Fostering Arrangements
6. Multi agency and single agency safeguarding audits
7. Child Protection trends and activity

The **CSCB Conference** was held a little later than usual this year in June 2010, the theme was 'Effective Supervision in Child Protection'. Having a focus on frontline staff receiving appropriate support and supervision was one of the CSCB's key priorities for this year. We were fortunate to have some very knowledgeable experts speaking on this such as Eileen Munro and Jane Wonnacott. Over 80 professionals across a range of Coventry agencies attended. It also attracted professionals from other LSCB's. Following this conference the Procedures Subcommittee will be working on developing common core standards for supervision to support all agencies working with complex safeguarding and child protection cases in 2010/11. We have also included 'Effective Supervision' into our training programme to ensure managers receive the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively support practitioners to secure positive outcomes for children.

We are very proud of the work put into the domestic violence joint screening team and were delighted to receive regional recognition for the quality of the work undertaken. The team work secured a **regional award under the category of "Focus on strong partnership"** - for strong partnership and innovative practice to improve safeguarding solutions for children involved in Domestic Abuse".

We have had interest in this work from agencies across Britain, including a visit from Social Care in Northern Ireland to observe and learn from the screening team to implement a similar process in Northern Ireland.

The joint screening team for domestic violence incidents, across police and social care now involves the named nurse for domestic violence and this has been a welcome addition.

The joint team have however had significant challenges in coping with the increase in domestic abuse notifications as well as the increase in child abuse referrals and the resourcing of the service will need to be reviewed in the light of the increase demands.

The current data when compared with figures against this time last year indicate similar trends and suggest that this will be another challenging and busy year for all.

In April 2009 the **CSCB had a development day** to take stock of progress made and identify a clear direction of travel for the coming year. The Board was fortunate to have Tony Morrison facilitate the day. A skilled and well known expert in the field of safeguarding children boards. The Board was deeply saddened to learn of Tony passing away in early 2010.

Public awareness has been targeted through the year covering the following aspects:

Child Safety Week June 2009 - for the second year running Board partners came together to promote accident prevention with the general public, including the potential consequences of leaving children home alone, keeping harmful substances out of reach from children, having a free home safety check etc. By taking a fire engine to areas more prone to childhood accidents, we were able to attract attention while giving vital information to parents, grandparents and wider family networks to keep children safe from accidents. This was a very successful week with over 800 visits to the stands across the city.

Safety Internet Day Feb 2010 – The CSCB were able to engage over 20 primary and secondary schools to take part in promoting safer use of the internet, by delivering assemblies and lessons to students on this issue. The CSCB in conjunction with the Local Authority also launched a presentation package schools could use with parents to raise their awareness of how they can support their children to use the internet safely.

Are you worried about a child postcards and posters – these have been distributed throughout the city to organisations including faith and community organisations to ensure the public are aware of who to contact if there are concerned and to promote the view that it is everybody's responsibility. The poster has been translated into the 11 most commonly spoken languages in Coventry.

Private fostering week Jan 2010 – The CSCB produced and distributed information cards for professionals to raise the profile of private fostering in the city and to give information about what this is and how to spot signs of this taking place.

Achievements by Subcommittees

Quality Assurance Subcommittee

Chair DCI Martin Lawrence, Public Protection Unit, West Midlands Police

As reported in the last annual report no longer having an audit officer who's time was split between interagency auditing and auditing for children's social care continues to have an effect on the number of audits this subcommittee can carry out each year.

An audit into Initial Child Protection Conferences to ensure Child Protection Thresholds are appropriately and consistently applied was undertaken, lead by the Designated Nurse for Children Protection, PCT.

A review was undertaken in relation to a previous audit that focused on children subject to a child protection plan for 2 years or more, to check the systems put into place following this previous audit was working effectively.

The fieldwork part of an audit examining Child in Needs plans at the point where a child protection conference deems a child protection plan is no longer necessary to monitor effectiveness and process outcome has been carried out. The report on this audit is due to be written.

A Joint audit was undertaken looking at information sharing between the core agencies – Police, Health and Social Care, this was an in depth look into case recording and whether the information was consistent and accurate across all agencies. The findings were positive, on the whole communication was well documented and discussions detailed. Key learning from was identified and it was agreed this audit will be repeated in 12 months with involvement of other agencies.

Work has also begun on undertaking a bite size audit focusing on Core Groups to establish if there is effective multiagency working through the core group. A draft audit tool has been produced and this audit should be completed by October 2010.

The audit into the views of children and young people involved in the Child Protection process was concluded in 2009. This was undertaken with a small sample group of 10 young people, the findings showed that generally young people felt safer as a result of the intervention from agencies; however the many elements of the child protection process and meeting involved can be quite confusing for young people.

Work has commenced on updating the section 11 audit tool for CSCB member agencies with a view to this being disseminated to agencies in July 2010. The Safeguarding Children Board and Safeguarding Adults Board have decided to undertake this audit together as an opportunity to align processes and to have a greater understanding of agencies engagement in both areas.

A number of CSCB members attended an event looking at 'Outcome based accountability' hosted by IDeA to consider how to improved safeguarding outcomes for children and choosing the right indicators to monitor.

Serious Case Review Subcommittee Chair Mark Dalton, NSPCC

The Subcommittee consider 6 cases this year, 2 became multi-agency reviews which should be concluded in autumn 2010.

The serious case review subcommittee are currently involved in one serious case review which is drawing to a close. This has been large piece of work that has included a large number of agencies many of which are based in other Local Authority areas.

2 further serious offences cases were considered by the Subcommittee and 1 sudden unexplained death in infancy. It was agreed that a Serious Case Review was not necessary in these cases.

Good progress against the action plan of a previous SCR has been made with 98% completed. Recommendations from Serious Case Reviews form the basis of action plans, which are regularly monitored to ensure that the recommendations are addressed.

7 workshops have been held to disseminate findings of local and national serious case reviews with an emphasis on working with families where non compliance is a prevalent feature and effective support and supervision for frontline staff. These workshops were attended by a number of different agencies in Coventry with total of 150 professionals across Coventry attending.

Serious Case Review findings and actions have been reported on 2 occasions to Scrutiny Board 2.

Members of the SCR subcommittee attended two day training provided by Government Office West Midlands covering the role of the Independent Overview Author and Chair of the SCR.

Training Strategy Subcommittee Interim Chair Jane Hill, Named Nurse, Child Protection, Coventry Community Health Service

Between April 2009 and March 2010, 2067 people have attended an interagency course or event; this includes Common Assessment Framework and Hidden Sentence training. This is an increase of 350 from last year. Those attending came from a wide range of services with a wide range of experience and responsibility.

The Introduction to Safeguarding Children training continues to be in high demand with 20 courses delivered between April 2009 and March 2010, these included courses held on weekends and evenings to allow access for as many people as possible to attend. This course is supported by a large pool of trainers from a wide range of agencies.

Other courses are also supported by over 30 trainers from the following agencies:

Social Care
Health

Education
Police
NSPCC
Adult Mental Health
Minority Group Support Service
Independent Reviewing Officers
COMPASS
Child Protection Health Panel
Connexions

Several courses have been reviewed over this period to check content and include local and national updates.

These include the Level 1 and 2 training, along with Motivational Interviewing Skills for working with resistant families. This was to ensure the training includes the application of skills into practice.

A course on Attachment in Abuse and Neglect is currently being developed with support from Coventry Community Health Services, Social Care and Education Psychology.

Further courses are planned including the Local Authority Designated Officer role and the Child Death Rapid Response Process.

The Safeguarding Children Board has hosted two conferences during this period: Engaging Fathers in Children's Services – this was well attended and involved local and national speakers, including David Bartlett from the Fatherhood Institute. Effective Supervision in Child Protection – this was also well attended by professionals from a wide range of agencies. Speakers included Eileen Munro and Jane Wonnacott.

Other areas that the Interagency Training Officer has influenced or delivered safeguarding children training over the year include:

- Presentation to student nurses and to governors at a college for disabled students around the role of the Safeguarding Children Board.
- Presentation at a health professional's event on the Government's response to Lord Laming.
- Female Genital Mutilation awareness raising session for health staff at the Refugee Centre.
- Awareness raising session for Coventry Ethnic Minority Action Partnership.
- Awareness raising sessions for a senior and prep private school.
- Housing staff have been trained and supported to deliver safeguarding children training to frontline housing staff.
- Awareness raising session during Foleshill Sure Start training day, participants included members of the local community.
- Supporting the City Council with the development of the Domestic Violence Toolkit training for Social Workers.

Procedures Subcommittee

Chair Celia East, Review and Quality Assurance Manager, Safeguarding Children Service

The Safeguarding Children Board continues to delivery training on safer recruitment including information on vetting and barring to school head teachers and governors. We have held 5 training events throughout the year.

Work is currently underway to adapt this training for delivery to the Voluntary Sector, this will consist of half day sessions throughout the year, due to commence in the autumn of 2010.

Updates to the Inter-agency procedures for safeguarding children are continually being updated; updates this year include

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Work continues on the Missing Children procedure this has been a lengthy process and should be finalised in autumn 2010.

The Female Genital Mutilation procedure was reviewed this year in line with update nationally, however we found this procedure remains up to date and gives the relevant information needed.

The group has commissioned a short life work group to look at producing guidance for practitioners in dealing with cases of neglect. This is a big piece of work which will continue into 2010. This will be produced with close linkage to the Interagency neglect training course currently being developed.

Child Protection Health Panel

Chairs

Ann Burley, Designated Nurse Child Protection NHS Coventry/

Dr Ann Callaghan, Designated Doctor Child Protection NHS Coventry

- All NHS Trusts have a Named Doctor and Nurse Child Protection in place.
- Named Nurses have worked together to ensure CAF and 'ShareCare embedded into Trusts services
- Named Professionals ensure communication between internal safeguarding committees, health panel and CSCB subcommittees.
- Health Trusts developed policies in relation to domestic violence and abuse and appropriate responses including MARAC processes
- Health systems in place for Rapid response to Sudden Unexpected Child deaths West Midlands SUDI protocol.
- Health organisations continue to participate in the Child Death Review Panel.
- Invitations to GP's for notification of child protection conferences have been updated providing more guidance on responsibilities/requirements
- All Trusts have ongoing Child Protection audit programmes in place.
- Themed Safeguarding Children Reviews of all Trusts have been undertaken

- A health economy wide response provided to Dept. of Health Safeguarding children training 'stocktake'
- Actions from SCR recommendations have been implemented.
- Health Economy training strategy based on 'Working Together' and Intercollegiate agreed.
- Level 3 training took place at UHCW organised and facilitated by the Named *Doctor*
- *Work is ongoing in developing the Child Sexual Abuse service including competency based training for doctors.*

Safeguarding in Education Subcommittee **Chair Martin Bonathan Strategic Leader for Inclusion, SEN & Participation, Services for Schools**

Training has been one of the main areas of activity for the Safeguarding Children in Education Subcommittee. Training has been delivered to schools and services during the Spring and Summer term particularly focused on the importance of safeguarding children and Ofsted requirements. The training provided schools with policies and supporting paperwork as well as training packages to be used within school to train teaching and non teaching staff. A range of LA policies and exemplar policies, health and safety policies were available during the training and subsequently on the Learning Gateway. In total 148 staff were trained over the 3 sessions which were largely didactic in approach. In addition to information being made available on the Learning Gateway participants received a CD containing the course content. The aim of the courses was to make sure the schools safeguarding arrangements were compliant in respect of safeguarding and Ofsted requirements.

Following a review of a cross section of safeguarding policies submitted by schools and considered by the Subcommittee, a model child protection policy was produced to act as a guide for schools and was placed on the Learning Gateway.

The Subcommittee received a number of briefings concerning internet safety. All secondary schools and 54 primary schools have had computer monitoring software installed. An evaluation process took place to monitor the overall impact of the monitoring software. The subcommittee has discussed the issues that arise with pupil and staff usage of blogging sites such as facebook and twitter.

A range of issues were considered by the Group following presentations on:

- Team Teach, the use of positive handling strategies as a last resource
- Licensing and Safeguarding Children
- Private Fostering Arrangements,
- Domestic Violence and Abuse
- Teacher Witness Statements

The sub committee made decisions concerning wider dissemination and for example Private Fostering was an agenda for Primary, Secondary and Special schools. A discussion on Licensing was followed by a further agenda item at a subsequent meeting to consider recent cases.

Martin Bonathan, Chair of Safeguarding in Education Group, announced his retirement at the meeting held on 22.06.10.

Promoting the Well-Being of Children and Young People Report Chair Andy Walmsley, Assistant Director Strategic Services

CAF continues to develop integrated working and to influence practice in relation to safeguarding children and young people. The CAF team continue to progress the development of CAF across the city. There is evidence of increased usage and information sharing across agencies and services.

Data

- The number of CAFs completed up to 31st August 2010 is **1888**.
- The number of CAFs completed between April 2009 and March 2010 is **566**. This is an increase of **119 (27%)** on the previous year (April 2008 – March 2009).
- Our target for March 2010 – April 2011 is **1000** new assessments.

Training and Awareness Raising

- Training sessions continue to be well attended, **1898** have been trained up to 31st August 2010 (see graph).
- Awareness raising and refresher sessions have been delivered to numerous services and agencies citywide.

National eCAF

- Work is progressing with the introduction of National eCAF. The NeCAF Management team and CAF Coordinators will undertake training at the end of September.
- Preparation is underway to train existing users and in accrediting agencies and services.

Local Authority Research Consortium (LARC)

- Coventry has been part of Local Authority Research Consortium (LARC) research around the use of CAF and improving outcomes [LARC 2]. The final report and research findings were published and serve as evidence of CAF impact.
- LARC 3 is now underway and has a focus on CAF and cost effectiveness. The final report is being written with an analysis of the four case studies. These have been costed in relation to all CAF work undertaken and a 'what if' scenario. The Coventry research clearly demonstrates the cost effectiveness of CAF.

Interface with Social Care / Children's Disability Team

- **Referral and Assessment Service:** The four CAF Leads in RAS are working effectively to re-direct referrals that would be best managed in the CAF arena. 240 Contacts into RAS are recorded at present on the CAF database and comprehensive data is being collated. The CAF Coordinators and CAF Leads continue to progress 'step-downs' to MDTs.
- **Children's Disability Team:** There has been considerable development with CAF work since the CAF Lead appointment in the Children's Disability Team. A number of additional CAFs have been undertaken.

Work with Health

- The Healthy Child panel have reported to the Commissioning Board and more direction will be given to a range of Health Workers, Nurses and Health Practitioners in relation to using CAF.

- The managers of the Respect Yourself Programme, Hospital Education and UHCW are continuing to progress work, ensuring all teenage parents are offered CAF. All Community Midwives in Coventry will be trained by March 2011 and will be using CAF.
- The Family Nurse Partnership will also be using CAF for this identified group.

Overcoming Barriers to Learning School Pilot work

- A pilot project is underway with a focus on improving multi-agency working including the use of the Common Assessment Framework.
- The three pilot schools, Lyng Hall, Foxford and Cardinal Wiseman have reported positively on the work of the pilot:
- A number of issues were identified in the pilot meeting and actions taken to progress change and improve multi-agency working. Further school/agency meetings have been scheduled.
- Findings and recommendations will be made to the Secondary Headteacher's at a Conference in October.
- A further piece of work will involve tracking students in identifying and addressing Barriers to Learning across Primary and Secondary school age using CAF levels of need.

Early Years

- The CAF team continue to support in Children's Centres.
- Agreed procedures to progress CAF usage in Children's Centres were agreed with Team Managers in Early Years. The Leadership team will be reviewing implementation.
- Support in developing CAF work in the PVI settings is ongoing and training is being offered.
- There has been an increase in the number of 2yr funded children receiving CAF.
- It is anticipated that there will be a considerable increase in CAF numbers in Early Years over the coming months.

Henley College / City College

Meetings are being held to promote Safeguarding and support CAF development in these colleges and refresher training has been delivered to staff at Henley College.

Audit and Evaluation work

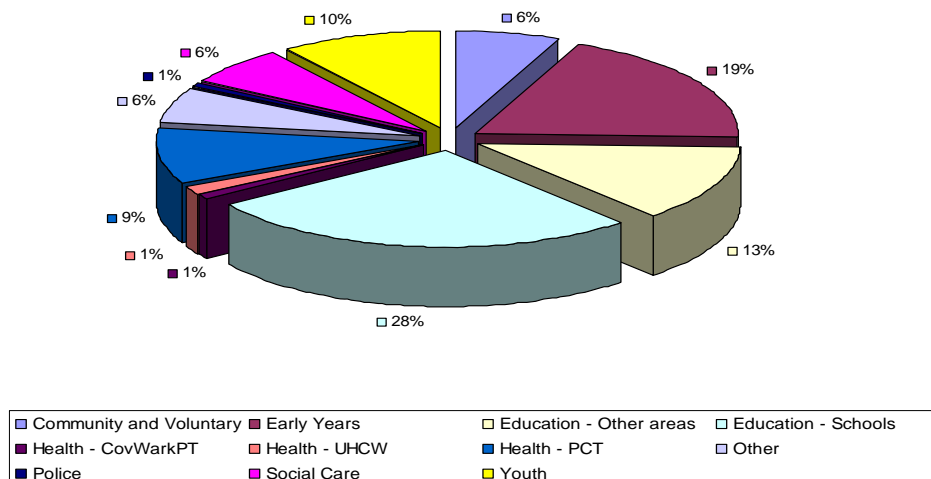
- Numerous assessments and plans have been reviewed through the CAF audit process undertaken by the CAF team. Outcome measures are also reviewed and follow up undertaken across agencies and services. This has resulted in more productive work both with quantity and quality. We are planning to roll-out this audit tool across agencies and services.
- Feedback from users is obtained through questionnaires and closure feedback forms. This has highlighted the impact of CAF upon families and shows how the development of personal skills can bring change.

Performance data for CAF

Category	Apr05 - Aug10	Description
Community and Voluntary	119	Children's Society, NSPCC, One Body One Life, Terrence Higgins Trust, Valley House, VIBES, Zone Supported Housing, Coventry Sporting Futures, CRASAC, Barnardos, YMCA, John White Community Centre, Coventry Crossroads, Health Development Services, Panahghar, Cyrenians, Homestart, Minority Group Support Services
Early Years	365	Children's Centres, Early Years and Childcare Service, Pre-Schools, Private Nurseries, Sure Start, Childminders, Before and After school clubs
Education - Other areas	244	BEST/MDT, CAFES, Education and Learning Services, LBSS, MAST, MGSS, Pre-School Education Service, Positive Parenting Programme, Area SENCOs, Brandon Marsh Nature Centre, Children's Fund, Educational Psychology, Young Carers
Education - Schools	518	Primary, Secondary, Special and Extended Learning Centres
Health - CovWarkPT	15	Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust
Health - UHCW	26	University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire
Health - PCT	179	Primary Care Trust / Coventry Community Health Services
Other	109	1st Choice Training, Arthur Rank Training, Black Boys Can, CLYP, CAFCASS, Care to Learn, CDVAP, Citizen's Advice Bureau, City Skills, COMPASS, Coventry Carers Centre, Coventry Haven, NDC, Coventry Refugee Centre, Culture and Leisure, Entrust, FRIENDS Programme, Legal Services, MAPS, NACRO, NCH, Neighbourhood Management, Positive Futures, Progressive Educational Tools, SHADOW, Shaftesbury Aftercare Project, ShareCare, Coventry Foyer, Three A's Pertemps, Voluntary, Private and Independent, Warwick University, Warwickshire County Council, West Midlands Fire Service, Whitefriars Housing, WMCESTC
Police	11	West Midlands Police, Probation Service
Social Care	121	Referral and Assessment Service, LACES, Children's Disability Team, Safeguarding Children Board, Employee Development Unit
Youth	191	Youth Services, Connexions, Coventry Youth Offending Service

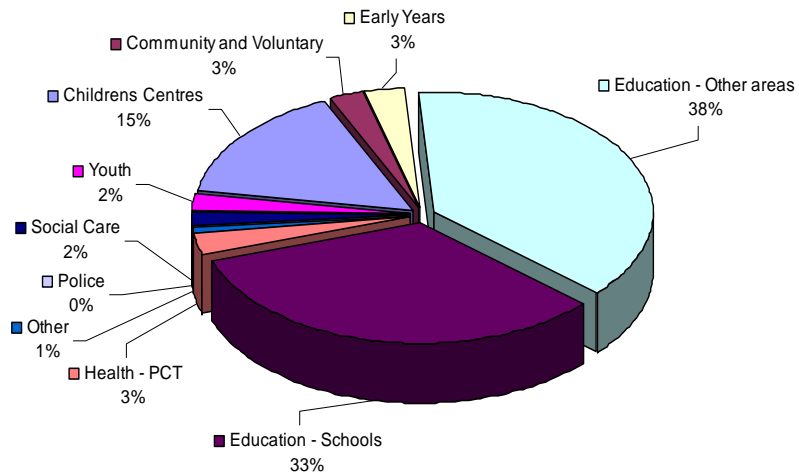
TOTAL 1898

**CAF Trained Assessors by Agency
April 2005 - August 2010**



Percentage of CAFs by Agency

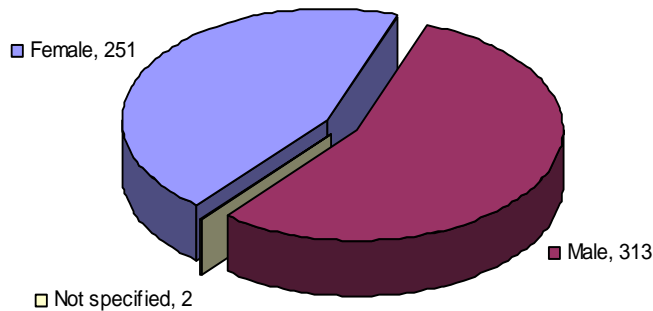
April 2009 - March 2010



<u>Category</u>	<u>Numbers</u>
Children's Centres	87
Community and Voluntary	14
Early Years	16
Education - Other areas	207
Education - Schools	198
Health - PCT	15
Other	5
Police	0
Social Care	11
Youth	13

CAFs By Gender

April 2009 - March 2010



Gender	Percentage (%)
Male	55.3
Female	44.3
Not specified	0.4

Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP)
Chair John Forde Public Health NHS Coventry

The local Child Death Overview Panel is now well embedded and reviewed its progress at an away day in March 2010. The Child Death arrangements remain sub-regional in partnership with Warwickshire and Solihull. Two Strategic sub-regional child death overview panels met in 2009 -2010.

Coventry Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) conducts in depth reviews of all deaths irrespective of circumstances. The panel meets every two months and reviews a maximum of 4 cases per meeting. An additional panel is convened between January and March to address any backlog of cases.

In addition, University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire at Walsgrave, holds a monthly Perinatal and Neonatal Mortality Review (PNMR) meeting to review neonatal deaths. The CDOP Manager attends this meeting and the majority of neonatal deaths are reviewed at this panel.

During 2009 -2010, 36 notifications were received and 31 deaths were reviewed. (I would leave it at this as some were reviewed at CDOP and some at PNMR)

Serious case reviews and the overwhelming emerging themes from the CDOP relate to sudden unexpected deaths in infants and a task group across Coventry and Warwickshire has focused on a local public awareness campaign aimed at reducing sudden unexpected deaths in infants. The campaign was launched in January 2010 in Coventry and Warwickshire. An evaluation in Coventry has taken place highlighting some positive results.

A separate annual report has been completed for the child death review process which outlines further detail on the activity of Coventry CDOP and outcomes.

Licensing and Safeguarding Children

- The Safeguarding Children Licensing Officer continues to receive all applications for licences which are responded to within the 28 day legal timeframe, ensuring that each applicant has given due consideration to the licensing objective of Protecting Children from Harm.
- Between April 2009 and March 2010 the Officer has responded to:
 - 75 new premises licence applications
 - 49 variations to existing licences
 - 8 reviews for existing premises licences (i.e. failed test purchases)
- The Officer has continued to visit licensed premises across the city to offer guidance and direction to assist Licensees on how they can better protect children from harm.
- Multi Agency visits with West Midlands Police, Trading Standards and the local Licensing Authority have been carried out where premises Licensees have not upheld the conditions attached to their premises licences. Follow up work is then done with each premises to offer support to Management and their staff.
- The good practice checklist to help implement simple but effective procedures on premises has been updated to reflect changes in legislation and recommendations from the local authority.

Next steps:

- To work together with other agencies such as the local Licensing Authority to produce and deliver training to the licence trade, giving advice and guidance for best practice in ways which will benefit the community of Coventry.
- To help Licence Holders develop and maintain risk assessments for their premises ensuring any risk identified is managed and dealt with in the appropriate way.

CSCB Budget and Contributions (2009 – 2010)

Agency	Amount	Amount	Percentage of Budget
<i>Children's Service</i>	<i>£102, 534</i>		-
<i>Schools</i>	<i>£11,038</i>		-
<i>Early Years</i>	<i>£3230</i>		-
Total Local Authority Contribution		£116,802	62.3%
Coventry Primary Care Trust		£44,906	23.9%
Police		£15,000	8%
Probation		£3000	1.6%
CAFCASS		£559	0.3%
Connexions		£1152	0.6%
Youth Offending Service		£1077	0.6%
Training Income 2008/09		£3299	1.8%
One off sum community safety partnership – Internet safety Day		£1725	0.9%
Total Budget		£187,520	100%

CSCB Expenditure 2009 - 2010

Costs	Amount £
Salaries	£113, 149
Travel Expenses	£2611
Support Costs – Accommodation/Insurance IT Equipment/ Phone	£5287
Training running costs:	
Equipment Hire	£127
Consultancy	£16,365
Room hire	£8495
Catering	£7385
Photocopying	£3626
CSCB Away day	£1505
Annual Conference	£4369
Serious Case Review chair, author and admin support costs	£9408
SCIE Review author costs	£1950
Hospitality	£2160
Professional/ Public awareness raising and publications	£10,853
Training Programme	£3802
Stationary	£866
Total Expenditure	£191,958
Budget	£187,520
Overspend	£4438
Child Death Reviews Sub regional arrangements Local Authority contribution	£36,757

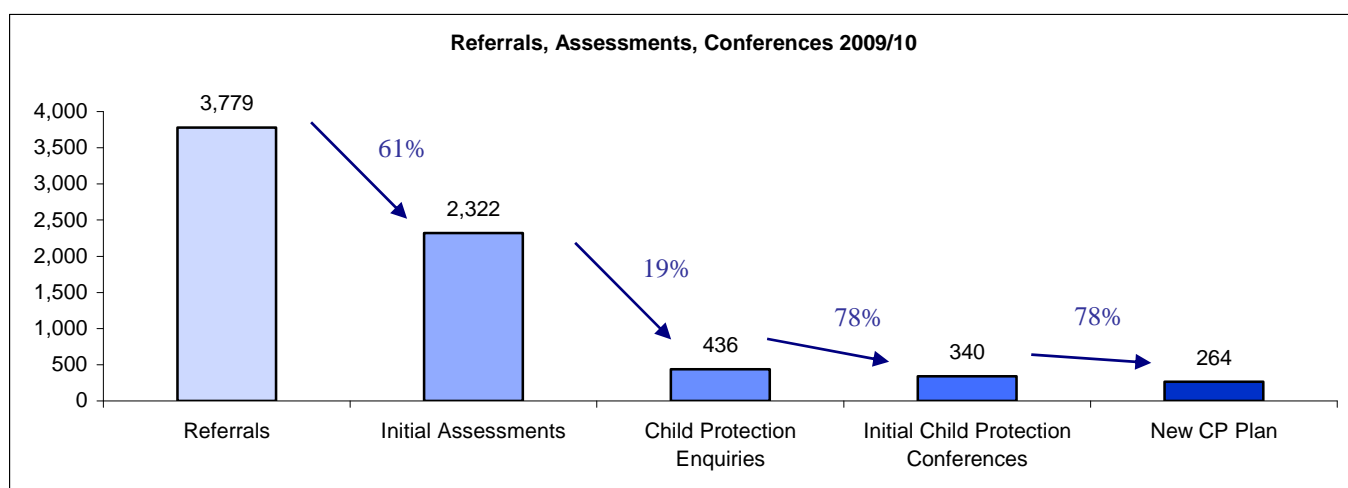
Child Protection Performance

2009-2010

Introduction

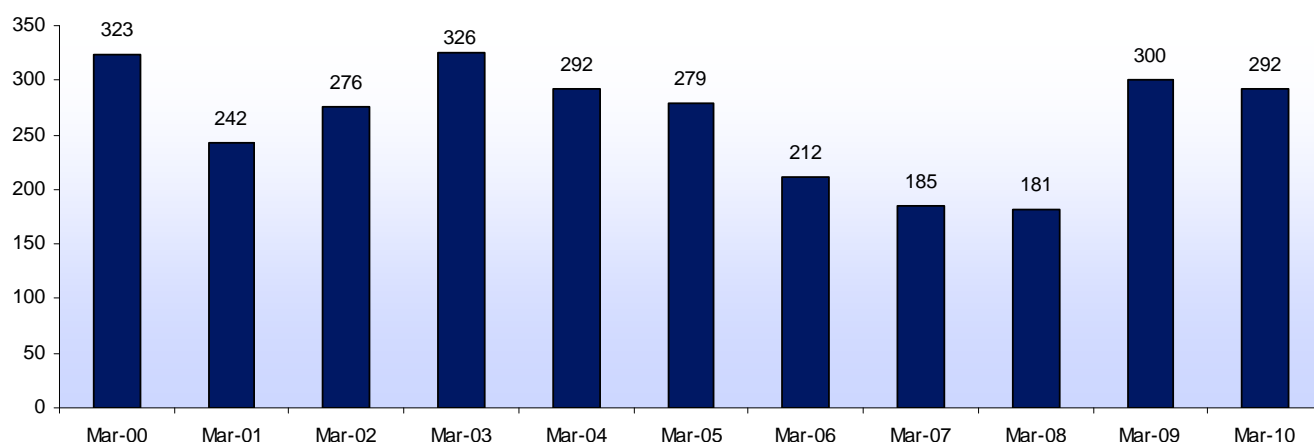
- The following report shows child protection information for the 2009/10 reporting year.
- Information from previous reporting years is included in this report for comparison.
- Each reporting year runs from 1st April until 31st March.
- Any national data quoted is from the DfES report "Referrals, Assessments, and Children and Young People who are the Subject of a Child Protection Plan or are on Child Protection Registers, England - Year Ending 31 March 2009".

Social care activity from referral to child protection plan



- In the 2009/10 reporting year, there were 3,779 referrals to Coventry's social care teams.
- 2,322 referrals (61%) proceeded to the initial assessment stage.
- 436 initial assessments (19%) led to the commencement of Section 47 child protection enquiries.
- 340 child protection enquiries (78%) resulted in a child protection conference.
- 264 initial child protection conferences (78%) led to new child protection plans (formerly known as registrations).

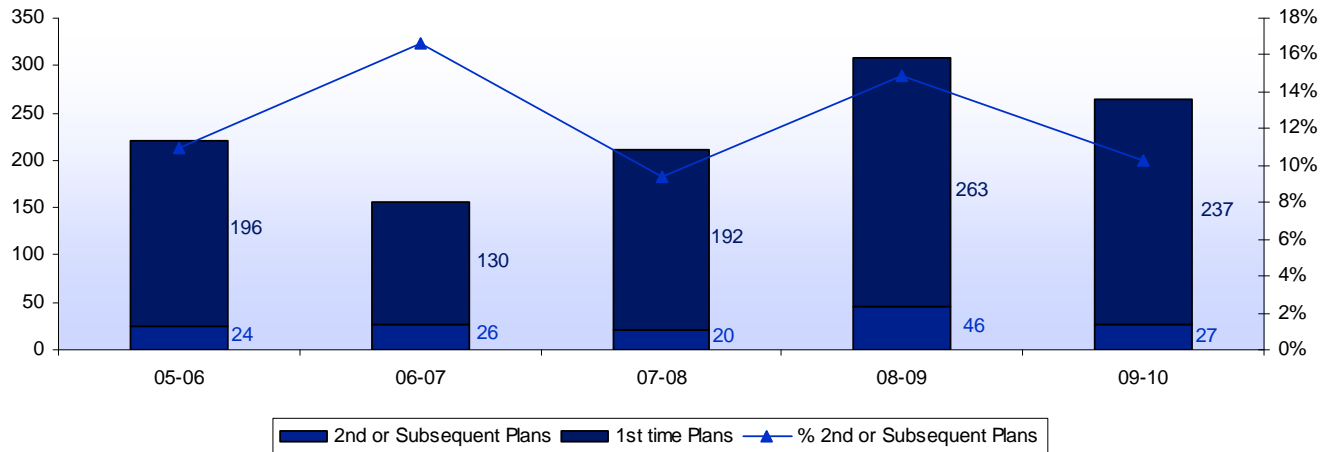
Children with a current child protection plan



- The number of children with child protection plans decreased significantly between March 2003 and March 2008.
- During 2008/09 there was a large (66%) increase in the number of children with child protection plans. There was a small decrease during 2009/10 but numbers are still higher than most previous years data.
- At the end of March 2010, Coventry had 292 children with a child protection plan, a decrease of 8 from the previous year end.
- There were 43 children with a plan per 10,000 of the population at the end of March 2010. This is higher than the statistical neighbour and all-England averages (32.7 and 31.0 respectively, as at 31/03/2009).

New Child Protection Plans: Second or Subsequent Plans (Formerly Re-Registrations)

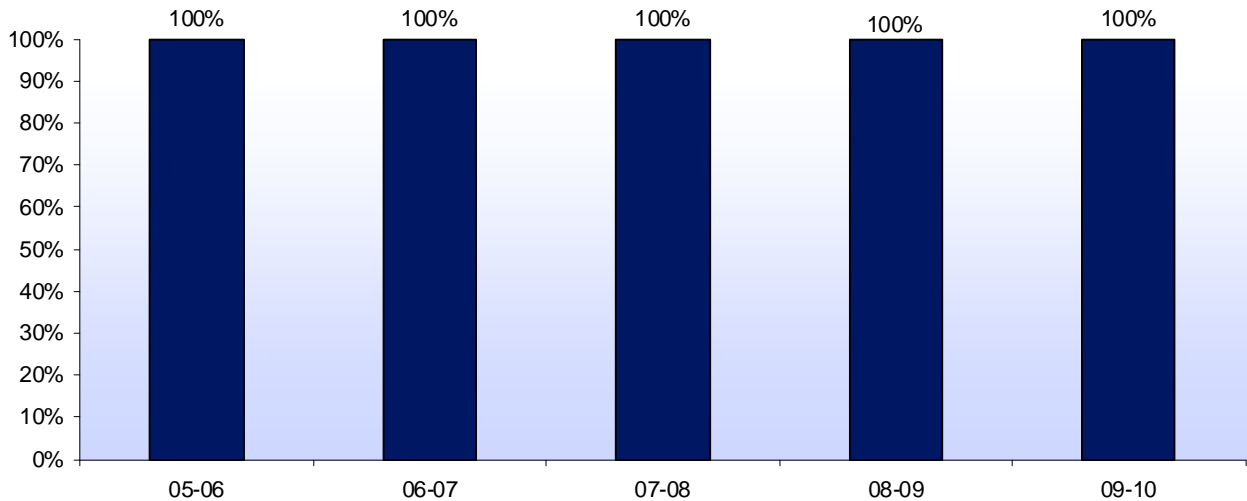
PAF INDICATOR A3: Percentage of children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time.



- Children with a child protection plan should expect to see lasting improvements in their safety and wellbeing before their plan is ended. Ideally this leads to a child never needing another plan, unless there are drastic changes in a child's circumstances.
- A low percentage of children needing a second plan is therefore desirable, ideally between 10% and 15%.
- The percentage of children with a second plan decreased significantly between March 2003 and March 2006 but has been increasing again reaching 10.2% in March 2010.
- 10.2% is officially rated as "Very Good" performance.
- The national rate was 13.5% in 2008/09.

Child Protection Conferences – Reviews held on time

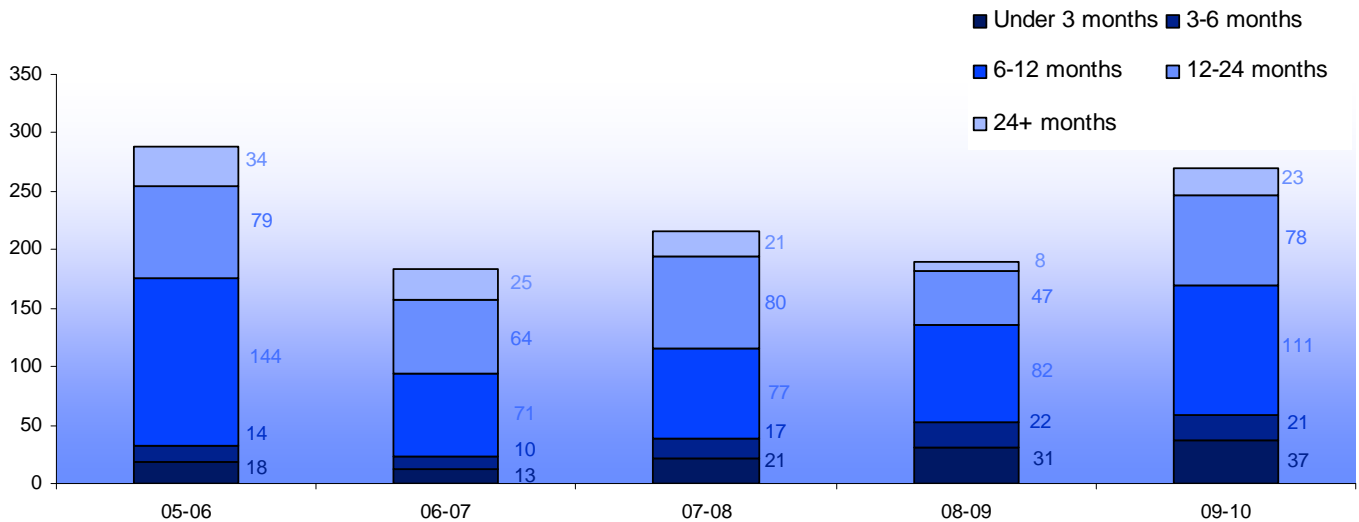
NATIONAL INDICATOR 67: The percentage of child protection cases which should have been reviewed during the year that were reviewed



- NI 67 looks at the percentage of child protection reviews which were held within statutory timescales. These timescales state that every child must have a review:
 - Within 3 months of the commencement of a new plan.
 - At six-monthly intervals thereafter.
- At the end of March 2010, all children who had been the subject of a child protection plan for three months or more had their reviews on time during the year, giving a PAF C20 figure of 100%.

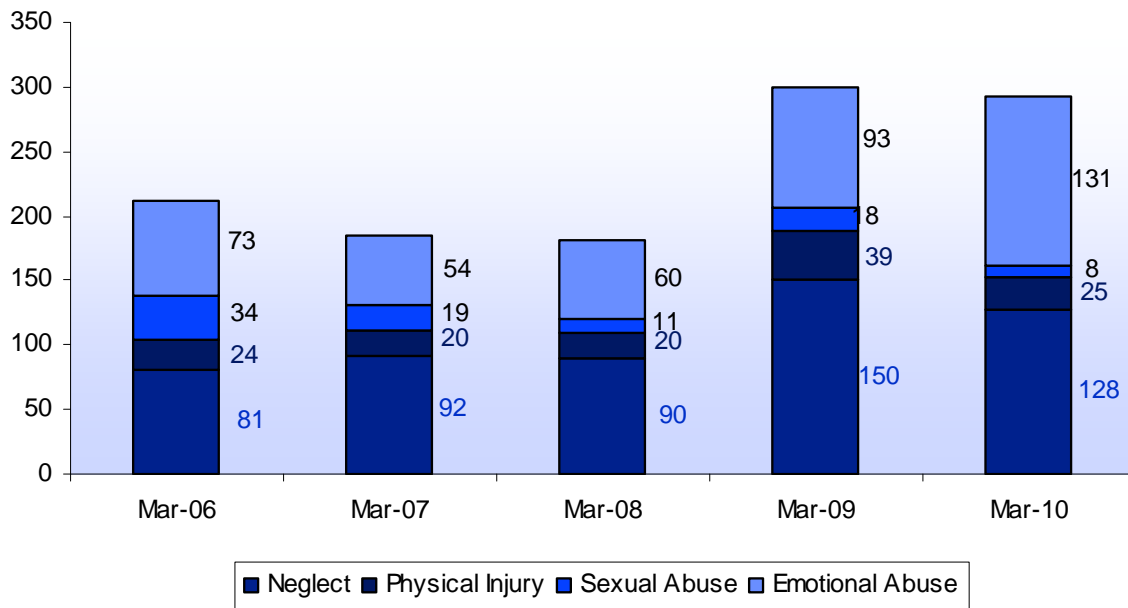
Ended Child Protection Plans – Plan Duration

NATIONAL INDICATOR 64: The percentage of discontinued plans which had been in place for 2 years or more.



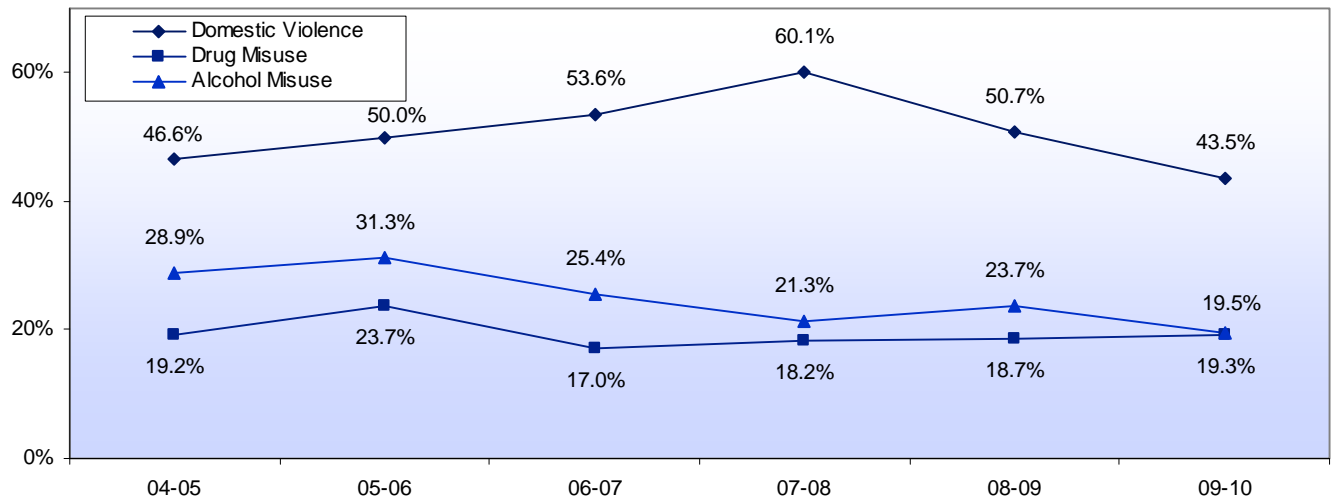
- A Child Protection Plan should ensure that children receive the services necessary to bring about any required changes in the family situation. This should lead to the plan being discontinued within two years.
- 23 Child Protection Plans were discontinued after more than 2 years in 2009/10, compared with 8 in the previous year.
- This gave an NI 64 figure of 8.5%, which is classed by the DfES as "Good".
- Nationally, 6% of plans were discontinued after more than 2 years.
- 78.5% of all Child Protection Plans were discontinued after more than 6 months, compared to 72% in 2008/09.
- Nationally 31% of child protection plans are discontinued within 6 months. In Coventry this figure is 21.5%.

Children with a child protection plan – Category of Abuse



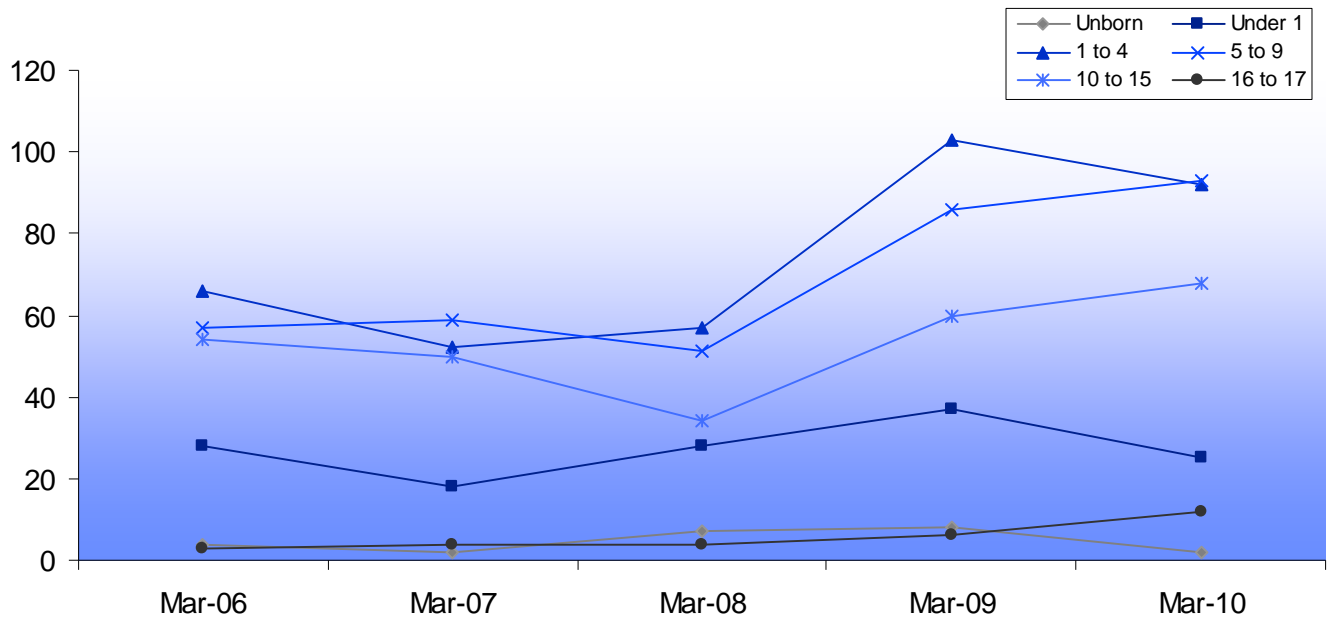
- The number of children with a child protection plan under the category of Emotional Abuse has increased by 40% from 93 children in March 2009 to 131 children in March 2010.
- 45% of all the children with a plan at the end of March 2010 came under the category of emotional abuse, compared to 31% in 2008/09.
- There was a decrease in the number of children with a child protection plan under the category of Sexual Abuse from 18 children in March 2009 to 8 children in March 2010.
- There was a decrease in the number of children with a child protection plan under the category of Neglect from 150 children (50%) in March 2009 to 128 children (44%) in March 2010.
- Neglect was the most frequent category of abuse nationally, accounting for 46% of all children with a child protection plan as at 31/03/2009.

Child Protection Conferences – Issues at Conference



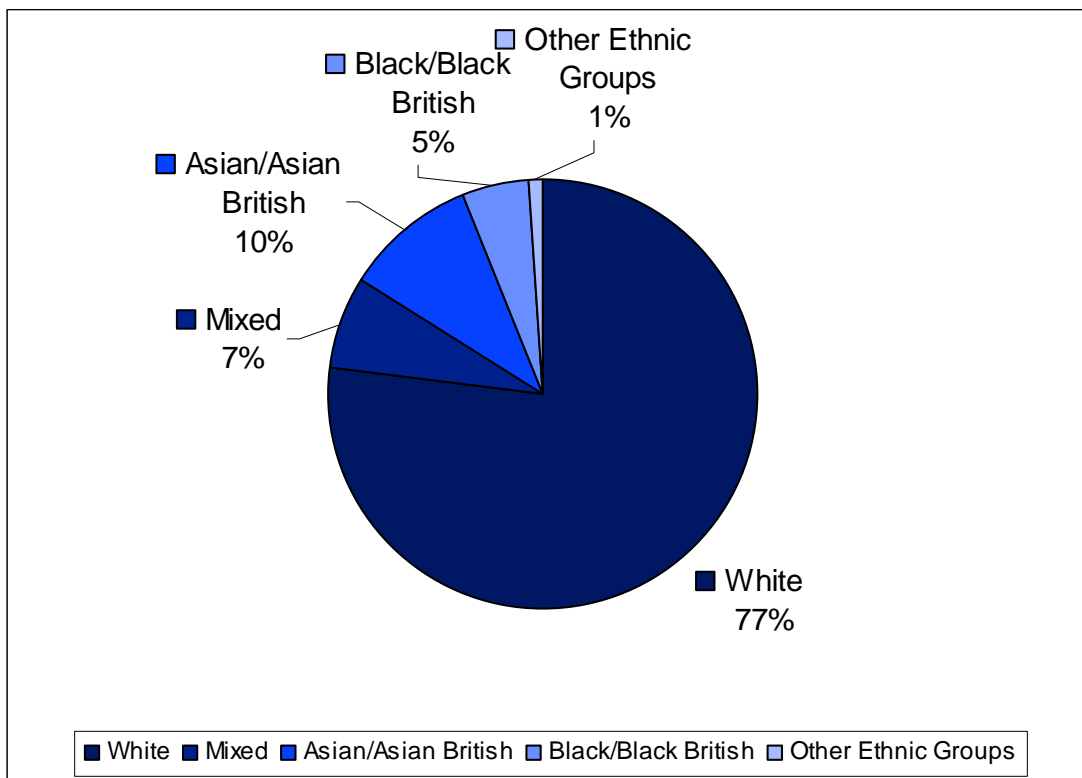
- The three key issues of domestic violence, alcohol misuse and drug misuse have been monitored at Child Protection Conferences since April 1999.
- 58.2% of conferences in 2009/10 identified at least one key issue as a factor at the conference, compared to 61.4% in 2008/09.
- The percentage of conferences where domestic violence was a factor has decreased significantly. 43.5% of child protection conferences in 2009/10 identified domestic violence as a key issue, compared to 50.7% in 2008/09.
- The percentage of conferences where alcohol misuse was a factor has decreased to 19.5%, compared to 23.7% in 2008/09.
- The percentage of conferences where drug misuse was a factor has increased to 19.3%, from 18.7% in 2008/09.

Children with a child protection plan - Age Profile



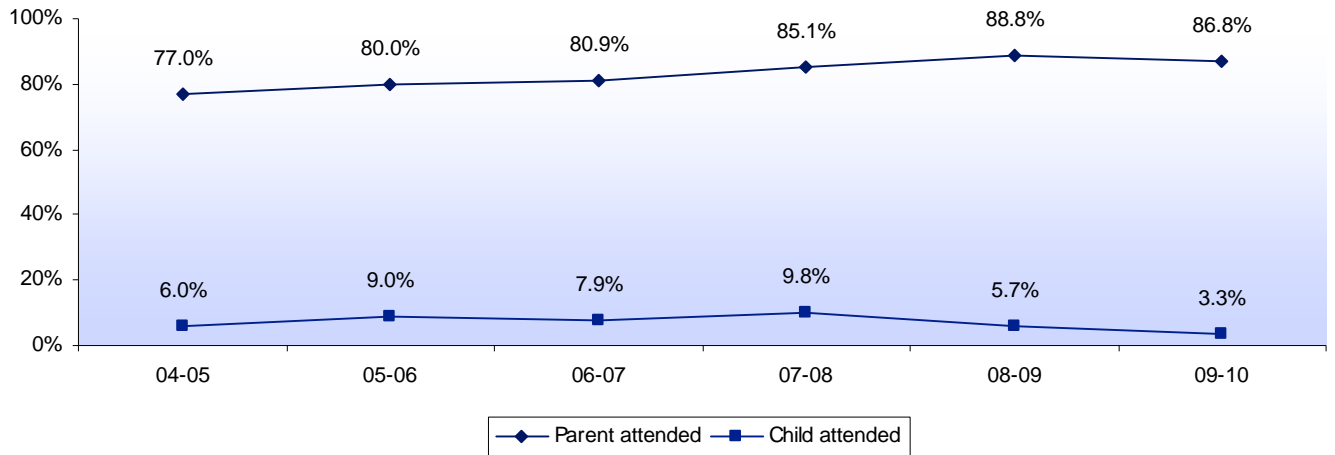
- The highest percentages of children with a plan at the end of March 2010 were from the 1 – 4 (32%) and the 5 – 9 (32%) age groups.
- The number of children aged 1 – 4 has decreased by almost 11% during 2009/10 (from 103 children in 2009 to 92 in 2010).
- The percentage of children aged 10 to 15 (23%) is in line with the All-England average (23%).

Children with a child protection plan – Ethnic Origin



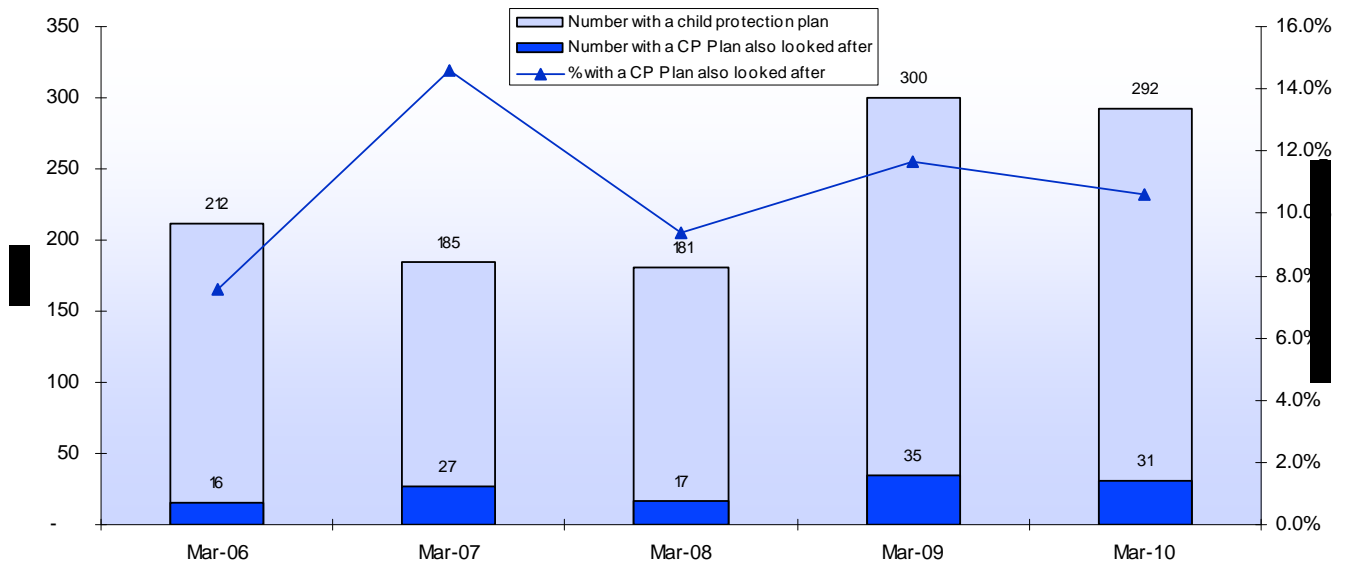
- The percentage of children with child protection plans from Black or Minority Ethnic Groups was 23% at the end of March 2010. This was in line with the percentage of the 0-17 population of Coventry from BME groups (22.7%).
- This suggests that children from minority ethnic communities were being appropriately identified and provided with services in a comparable manner to white children.

Child Protection Conferences – Participation



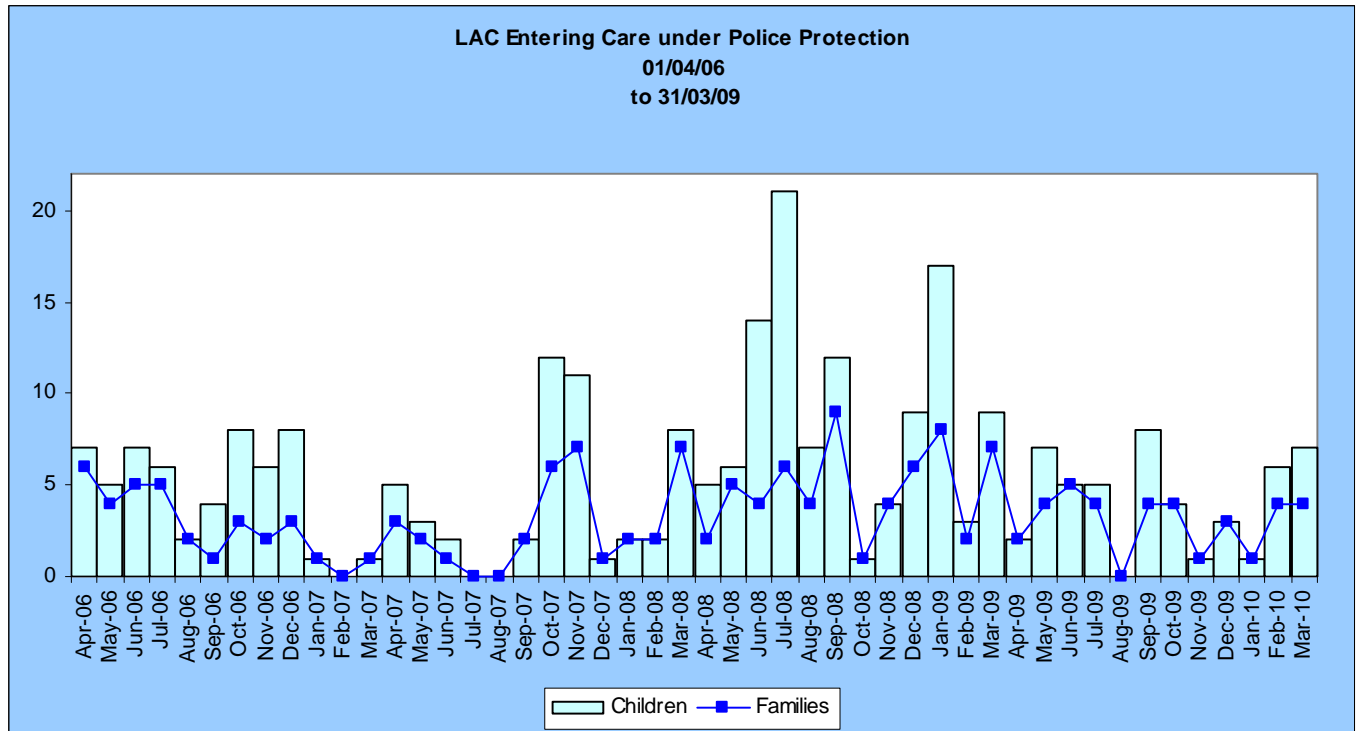
- Parental attendance at conferences decreased in 2009/10, from 88.8% to 86.8%.
- The percentage of children attending conferences decreased from 5.7% in 2008/09 to 3.3% in 2009/10.
- Fewer children attended conferences compared to previous years, however this percentage has consistently remained at under 10%.
- Although only a small number of children attended their reviews, a larger number may have communicated their views through advocates or other mediums.
- 72.6% of children with a CP Plan are aged under 10, which will have an impact on the numbers attending conference.

Children with a CP plan who are also looked after



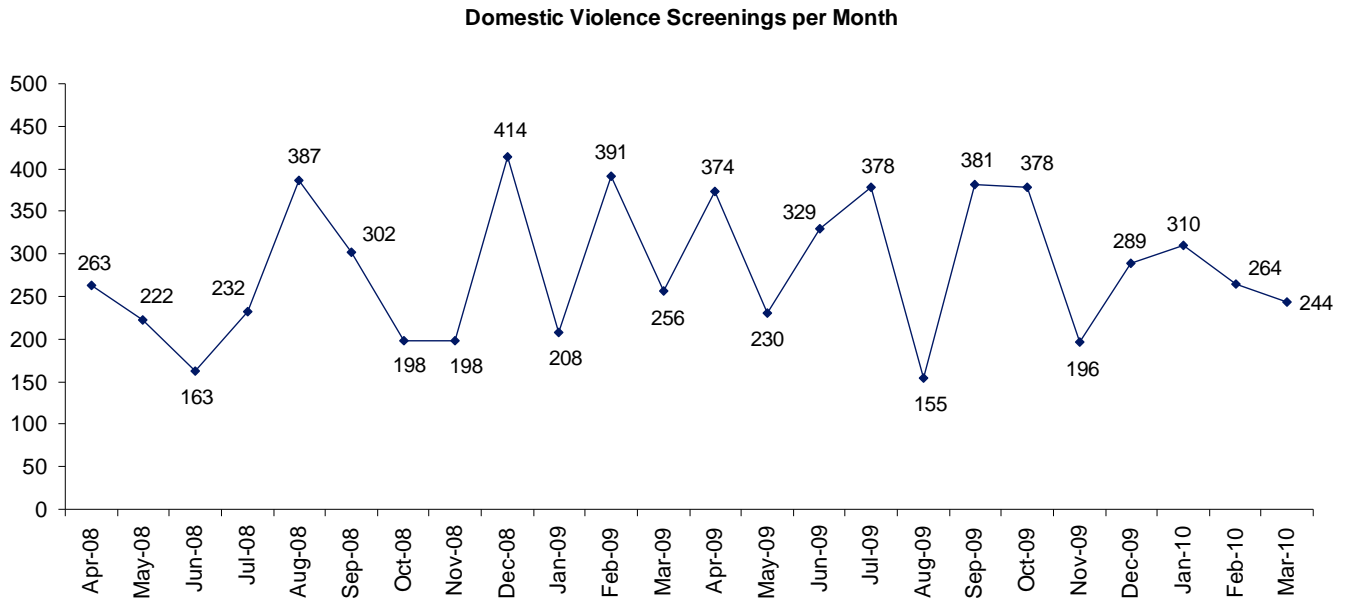
- The percentage of children with a Child Protection Plan who were also looked after decreased from 11.7% at the end of March 2009 to 10.6% in March 2010. The national average at 31st March 2009 was 8%.
- 31 children had a Child Protection Plan and were looked after at the end of March 2010, compared with 35 at the end of March 2009. This number had been falling steadily between March 2000 and March 2008.

Police Protection Powers



- Each year there has been an increasing number of children and families entering care via police protection.
- The latest trend shows about 3 families per month entering care via Police Protection.
- Between April 2005 and March 2006, 24 families became looked after under Police Protection (38 children).
- Between April 2006 and March 2007, 33 families became looked after under Police Protection (55 children).
- Between April 2007 and March 2008, 33 families became looked after under Police Protection (48 children).
- Between April 2008 and March 2009, 58 families became looked after under Police Protection (108 children).
- Between April 2009 and March 2010, 36 families became looked after under Police Protection (49 children).

Domestic Violence Screenings



- The number of Domestic Violence Screenings each month has generally increased over time.
- Between April 2008 and March 2009, there were 3234 Domestic Violence Screenings.
 - 24.5% of screenings in 2008/09 required further investigation by Social Care
- Between April 2009 and March 2010, there were 3528 Domestic Violence Screenings.
 - 22.6% of screenings in 2009/10 required further investigation by Social Care

Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) data April 2009 – March 2010

- Total MAPPA level 2 and level 3 cases where risk to children was identified over the year is 14.
- In the previous years there were 30 cases.
- Overall, our trend is in keeping with the national trend, which is a reduction in the number of cases requiring MAPPA input.

Although some of the offenders managed under MAPPA do reoffend, there have been no cases in Coventry who have committed a Serious Further Offence (eg, murder, manslaughter, rape, sexual offences against a child, robbery with a firearm, kidnapping, etc) whilst subject to MAPPA management.

Coventry Safeguarding Children Board –Business Plan 2010-11

Objective	Key Tasks	Responsibility	Completion	Progress
Review LSCB governance arrangements	Review membership and representation at the Board and subcommittee level	All Strategic safeguarding leads and Chairs of Subcommittees	July 2010	Membership list circulated to safeguarding leads in July 2010
	Clarify and agree governance, relationship and lines of accountability between the CSCB and Children's Trust Board	Chair of LSCB and CYPSP and Head of Safeguarding	Dec 2010	Report to CYPSP in July 2010 Working group established and will meet in the Autumn
	Appointment of 2 Lay members	LSCB Business Manager / Working group	Oct 2010	Paper to LSCB in July 2010 Advert in Oct 2010
	Review and agree arrangements of Independent Chair of CSCB	LSCB Board	Sept 2010	Paper to LSCB in Sept 2010
	Meet the requirements of statutory Annual Report function including specific topics for inclusion and deadline for first submission of 01.04.2011 (p94, 3.34-3.39)	Business Management Group	March 2011	
Agree a clear budget plan for the LSCB.	Calculate the costs of implementing the LSCB business plan for 2011-12	Business Management Group	Sept 2010	
	Specify from where the required resources will be obtained and identify any shortfalls.	Business Management Group	Sept 2010	
Cooperate with other LSCBs	Identify opportunities for partnership with other LSCBs so that benefits from the economies of scale resulting from shared activity with	Chair of the CSCB via Regional networks		

	other LSCBs			
Procedures Subcommittee				
To review the CSCB Interagency Procedures to ensure these reflect current legislative / WT2010 guidance	Scope existing CSCB policies with TRIX	Chair of Procedures / CSCB Business Manager / TRIX	July 2010	
	Develop guidance on handling cases of neglect	Small working group	Dec 2010	
	Update procedures to ensure compliance with WT Chapter 5, 6 and 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missing Children • Forced Marriage • Safeguarding children with disability • Sexual exploitation • Safeguarding Children from abroad • Managing Critical Incidents • Physical intervention and restraint 	Chair of Procedures / CSCB Business Manager in conjunction with Procedures Subcommittee and TRIX	Oct 2010	
	Review West Midlands Joint Protocol for Child Protection Enquiries and Related Criminal Investigations	WM Strategic Joint Working Body	2010-11	
Establish multi agency focus groups to support frontline practice	Develop guidance, and schedule case or practice specific focus groups using local experience and expertise in these areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Neglect ▪ Forced marriages /HBV 	Procedures Subcommittee	July 2010 Jan 2011 May 2010	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children with Disabilities 		March 11	
Supervision in Child Protection / Safeguarding	develop common core standards for supervision to support agencies working with complex safeguarding and child protection cases	Procedures group	Jan 2011	
Training Subcommittee				
Review training needs and identify appropriate training activities	Clarify the responsibilities for training delivery between the Children's Trust and the LSCB (p116, 4.17 – 4.18)	Chair of Training and Business Management group	Sept 2010	
Employers comply with the requirements outlined in Chapter 4	a responsibility on employers (not individual agencies) to ensure their staff are competent and confident in carrying out their safeguarding responsibilities in accordance with WT (p113, 4.7)	Strategic Safeguarding leads of the Board		
	The content of all training programmes are to be reviewed and updated in the light of changing policy; legislation; research; SCR's Child Deaths and daily life experience	Training Subcommittee Interagency Trainer		
	Disseminate findings of SCRs	SCR Subcommittee and Interagency Trainer		
Organise an annual conference on safeguarding	Safeguarding activity is given a high profile and agencies are kept up-to-date with national developments on safeguarding.	March 2011		
SCR Subcommittee				
Ensure compliance with new guidance in Chapter 8	Review and update guidance		Jan 2011	
Pilot the implementation SCIE model for undertaking case reviews	Participate in regional pilot	SCR subcommittee / IMR authors	2010/11	
	Select case for Pilot		Sept 2010	

	Release review team for training		Oct 2010	
	Undertake Case Review		2010 /11	
Effective management of serious case reviews is robust, fully understood and compliant with Working Together 2010 and Ofsted evaluation standards	<p>Ensure that SCR panel chairs and overview authors are independent of the LSCB.</p> <p>Arrangements for the SCR offer sufficient scrutiny and challenge</p>		2010 /11	
Review cases of special interest	<p>There is a process in place for ensuring that cases of special interest are examined on a regular basis throughout the year</p> <p>Draft and submit reports for the CSCB on cases of special interest.</p> <p>Convene a task-and-finish group to consider cases of special interest identified by members of partner Agencies.</p>			
Monitor the implementation of recommendations of reviews or serious case reviews	<p>Ensure that is a clear action plan in place following every review or serious case review.</p> <p>Monitor the implementation of recommendations to include all recommendations, together with the response required, the responsibility for each action, and the timescale within which action is required</p> <p>Monitor the action plan created following each review or serious case review,</p>	SCR Subcommittee	As and when required following an SCR	

Child Deaths Overview Panel				
All child deaths are monitored, trends are identified and prevention planning is enhanced to prevent untimely deaths	Child Death Overview Panel Reports to CSCB on an annual basis, with a 6 monthly update.	CDOP Chair and Panel Manager	2010/2011	
Quality Assurance Subcommittee				
Monitoring effectiveness of implementation of joint working protocols	Audit Process developed to identify strengths and challenges regarding implementation of joint working protocols	Quality Assurance Subcommittee	April 2011	
Review and agree a quality assurance framework which enables the LSCB to monitor the effectiveness of current services	Develop quality assurance framework for the LSCB.	To be agreed at the CSCB meeting in Nov 2010		
Review and update Performance dataset which defines the quantitative and qualitative data that reflects local and national priorities.	Review and update CSCB performance dataset and evidence based reporting and scrutinising mechanisms. Agree and embed relevant national Safeguarding Performance Indicators in CSCB dataset when published. Ensure reporting of dataset, populated by relevant agencies, to CSCB	To be agreed at the CSCB meeting in Nov 2010		

Develop and implement a programme of continuous sampling and qualitative audits of case files across agencies focusing on the effectiveness of multi-agency child protection practice	Outline programme of case file audits on a multi agency basis.	Chair of QA	July 2010	
	Undertake at least 3 bite size audits monitoring the effectiveness of interagency engagement and involvement in child protection meetings to ensure children are safeguarded		2010 /11	
	Audit 1 - Core groups in Aug /Sept 2010		Report to CSCB Nov 2010	
	Audit 2 - Multi agency joint working safeguarding audit		Report to CSCB Jan 2011	
	Audit 3 – to be agreed			
	Agree the audit process for vetting practice and sampling of compliance with checks with Criminal Records Bureau, once it is introduced, Independent Safeguarding Authority registration	To be agreed	Jan 2011	
Complete a Section 11 Audit	Update Section 11 audit tool	All agencies to complete by 17 th Sept 2010	July 2010	
	The Section 11 audit seeks information on each agency's arrangements for the support and supervision of staff working with children and families – Quality Assurance Subcommittee			
	Audit to be undertaken by all statutory partners of the Board		Sept 2010	
	Audit analysis and report to Board		Nov 2010	

Promoting the well being of children and young people steering group				
Implement National e-caf	New guidance and procedures will be produced in line with this and taken to Procedures Group	Strategic lead for CAF	Sept 2010	
	Pilot of e-caf form by Heney College	Strategic lead for CAF		
Maintain interface with social care	Currently collating data on referrals into RAS and CDT that are redirected to CAF.	Strategic lead for CAF	Sept 2010	
Overcoming barriers to learning	This will involve looking at barriers to learning using CAF levels of need	Overcoming Barriers to Learning School Strategic group	March 2011	
LARC3	Project to consider CAF cost effectiveness research project			
CAF usage in early years setting	Procedures for CAF usage in children centres being produced and implemented		Sept 2010	
NEETS	All NEETs of 3 months or more will be offered a CAF			
Evaluation of CAF	Ongoing measuring outcomes of undertaking CAFs. Feedback from service users. Cases used for evaluation.	Strategic lead for CAF		
Safeguarding in Education				
Embedding safer recruitment practise across schools	Ensure all head teachers and chairs of governors undergo safer recruitment training	Chair of group	Termly until July 2011	
Ensure training is adequate and includes all necessary	Training is reviewed and up dated accordingly.	Chair of group	Ongoing	

staff	Link teacher training is up to date and in compliance with agreed training requirements			
Awareness and notifications of Private Fostering Arrangements	Audit of admissions in 2 schools within the city	Chair of group	Sept 2010	
Strengthen Local Authority Designate Officer arrangements with Schools	Appoint LADO Review management of allegations procedures for schools	LADO on appointment	Sept 2010	
Health Panel (Child Protection)				
Review/Update Health Economy training strategy	Following publication of Health Intercollegiate 'Safeguarding Children and Young People: Roles and Competencies for Health Care staff' guidance.	Designated professionals	March 2011	Updated Health Economy training strategy ratified by; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > CSCB Health Panel, > Provider Trusts Operational Safeguarding Committees. > CSCB Training committee.
Health Economy SCR procedure compliant with Working Together 2010 and PCT commissioning responsibilities	Review Health Economy SCR procedure to ensure compliance with changes to Working Together 2010.	Designated Nurse	December 2010	Updated Procedure reflects ratified by; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > CSCB Health Panel, > Provider Trusts Operational Safeguarding Committees. > CSCB Serious Case Review committee.
Effective Health contribution to Pilot of SCIE model for undertaking case reviews	Participate in regional pilot with other CSCB members	Designated Nurse UHCW Named Doctor	2010/11	Case Review completed
Multi-agency joint working audit health social care and police	Joint Laming audit	UHCW Named Doctor lead with other named health professionals and	November 2010	Report to CSCB

		Police, Social Care		
All provider Trusts to have in place an internal safeguarding children plan, which includes CSCB and internal issues and ensures frontline staff are informed/supported	Compliance with Section 11 responsibilities Flagging systems	Organisational named professionals	Ongoing	Provider Trusts regularly review safeguarding children action plan
Quantitative and qualitative performance dataset agreed by CSCB.	Health organisations to facilitate the provision of data	Named Professionals	Ongoing	CSCB dataset reflects local priorities.
GP practices contribution to safeguarding children processes as per DH Gateway ref 13083 Laming Report (2009) recommendation 34	Discussion with GP leads,	Designated professionals	January 2011	GP practices have in place systems which enable their contribution to safeguarding children processes
Ensure information from all SCSB committees filtered across health economy and into own organisations	Procedures Information on changes to procedures shared across health economy	Health members of CSCB procedures committee	Ongoing	All named professionals aware of changes to CSCB procedures
	Identify relevant front-line practitioners to participate in multi agency focus groups to support frontline practice.	Health members of CSCB procedures committee	Ongoing	Relevant participation by health in focus groups
	Training Content of health agency training programmes regularly reviewed and updated to ensure changing policy; legislation; research; lessons learnt from both local Child Deaths and local and national SCR's reflected.	Health members of CSCB training committee	Ongoing	Health specific training programmes include current knowledge research and lessons learnt
	Serious Case Review Monitor the implementation of	All Designated and Named Professionals	Ongoing	Recommendations and actions implemented in a timely manner

	recommendations and actions of case reviews or serious case reviews			
	Quality Assurance Participate in and ensure recommendations and outcomes of audits undertaken by CSCB are translated into effective practice across the health economy to ensure multi-agency child protection practice.	Health members of CSCB Quality Assurance committee	Ongoing	All provider trusts have in place internal safeguarding children audit programmes which demonstrate how policies and procedures are complied with.
	Promoting the well being of children and young people (PWBCYP) Collaborate with the Council strategic lead for CAF to ensure CAF processes are further embedded in safeguarding processes including e-CAF implementation	Health members of CSCB PWBCYP committee	Ongoing	Ensure health professionals contribute to CAF processes
	Ensure that all relevant staff receive effective safeguarding supervision	All named Professionals	March 2011	All providers have in place a protocol/procedure to ensure Safeguarding Supervision is delivered by competently trained professionals
	Utilise 'Coventry Sharecare' to increase the effectiveness of information sharing in line with Coventry Information Sharing Protocol	Named professionals	Ongoing	All providers have in place a system which ensure Safeguarding Supervision is delivered by competently trained professionals