



Safeguarding and Integrated Working Inner and Outer North East Area Committees

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Background

- New Children and Young People's Plan key priorities on:
 - Safeguarding
 - Enabling integrated working
- New national Ofsted inspection framework for children's services and schools – much stronger emphasis on Safeguarding and Integrated Working
- Unannounced inspection July 21/22 2009 Identified areas for priority action -
 - Response to child protection referrals does not meet statutory guidance and does not ensure that children are adequately safeguarded
 - During the initial reading of records, children were identified as having been left at potential risk of serious harm
 - Inconsistent assessments by Children and Young People's Social Care
 - Inconsistent referrals from agencies

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What we've done or are doing to respond to the unannounced inspection

- Review of 1600 child abuse and neglect cases since 1st April 2009 now complete- learning from this has supported the findings of the unannounced inspection and highlighted the need for further action by universal and preventative services in cases that were designated 'NFA' (No Further Action)
- Revised S47 guidance issued 6th August 2009 and transmitted this through CYPSC and further threshold guidance for all services has been issued
- New leadership team - Jackie Wilson (Chief Officer), Sal Tariq, Ros Cheetham and Gail Faulkner (Heads of Service Delivery Fieldwork) to quality assure and risk assess local response.
- Management of field work services strengthened
- There is local deployment of existing resource to triage referrals at the contact centre seen as 'NFA' and ensure that they are passed to the appropriate services

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- Better arrangements being put in place locally to drive and support integrated working – **wedge Children's Services Leadership Team**
- Developing **Lead Professionals** – someone who will hold the ring for a child or young person through a Common Assessment Framework
- Central staff roles are being redefined to improve integration locally – **Integrated Service Leaders**
- Bringing teams together when cases are not progressing or improving outcomes using the - **Intervention Panels**
- Bringing teams together when more complex cases are not progressing within targeted and/or specialist services – **Children Leeds Panels**

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Progress In the North East....

- A wedge Children Services team has been developed and Clirs Lamb and Harker have joined the team on behalf of Area Committees
- The number of CAFs being done are increasing and we have a coordinator for the North East wedge to help support the process
- We have developed 2 Intervention Panels. One in Outer North East and one in the Inner North East. We are considering a second in the Inner North East.
- We are developing a panel for complex cases across the East-North East area led by John Lund and building on the Signpost model of family provision
- We have two posts filled (Dave Pointon in Inner North East and Dawn Appleyard in the Outer North East) and we are developing a third role for the Inner North East around the NEXt Cluster. This will be done by redefining roles and responsibilities for central staff around localities rather than creating new posts.

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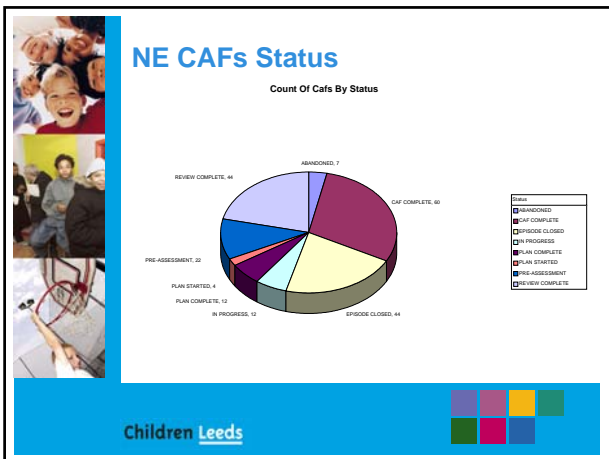


Progress In the North East....

- 1414 CAFs have been undertaken and 1836 professionals have been trained in the city
- 205 CAFs have been undertaken in NE (75% Inner NE, 25% Outer NE)
- CAFSS Initiated by: Early Years (25%), Health(22%), Primary Schools(17%), Secondary schools (15%), VCFS (10%), Education Leeds (5%), others (6%)
- 42% (86) female, 57% (117) male, unborn 1% (2)
- Age: 0-5yrs old 49%(99), 6-11yrs 24%(50), 12-16yrs 24%(49), 17+ 3%(7)
- 53% BME and mixed heritage, 47% White British

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Case study example of early intervention, prevention and multiagency working

- To be shared with members at the meeting as members regard appropriate

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Our work in the North East so far is telling us.....

- Significant mental or emotional health needs
- Security and stability at home is an issue
- Personal, social development, and recreational needs are prevalent
- Physical health needs are increasing

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Some areas to explore with the Area Committee

- Further in depth analysis of CAF data as it builds and what we're doing about it
- Developing the role of the children's champion
- Developing the role of elected members in clusters
- Maximising the opportunities for responding locally to issues relating to children, young people and families e.g. through ALMO's Police relationships, Governing Bodies and through the Corporate Parent role

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