



Social Care Services Board
9 July 2015

Children's Safeguarding Quality Assurance (QA) Process

Purpose of the report: Scrutiny of Services

To review the summary of audit findings and Management Action Plan produced as a result of an internal audit review of the Children's Safeguarding Quality Assurance (QA) Process.

Introduction:

1. It has been agreed by the Chairmen of the Council's Boards that any relevant Internal Audit reports that have attracted an audit opinion of either "Major Improvement Needed" or "Unsatisfactory", and/or those with high priority recommendations, will be considered for inclusion on the Board's work programme.

Context:

2. Internal Audit undertook a review of Children's Safeguarding Quality Assurance (QA) Process in June 2015. The report produced as a result of this review attracted an audit opinion of Significant Improvement Needed. There was one High, four Medium and one Low priority recommendations made. A summary of the audit findings and recommendations is attached as **Annex A**. The agreed Management Action Plan is attached as **Annex B**. The supporting audit report has been previously circulated to committee members.
3. Officers from the service and Internal Audit will be available at the meeting, and the Board is asked to review the actions being taken to address the audit recommendations made.

Recommendations:

4. That the Board review the audit report and Management Action Plan and makes recommendations as necessary.

Next steps:

The Committee will continue to have oversight of any relevant audit report that has attracted an audit opinion of either “Major Improvement Needed” or “Unsatisfactory”, and/or those with high priority recommendations.

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Sources/background papers: Children’s Safeguarding Quality Assurance (QA) Process.