

# WIRRAL CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010

## Report to the Children's Trust Board on Safeguarding Arrangements

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### 1. Introduction and background

This report forms part of a regular update from the LSCB to the Children's Trust Board on key developments locally and nationally on regulatory reform, updates on progress of local Serious Case Reviews and key challenges for the partnership and agencies.

### 2. National reform and statutory guidance

- Membership of the LSCB- the newly required organisational/agency membership of the Board has, in the main, been complete. Two lay persons have been recruited to as well as the 6th Form College. Further discussion is being held over independent school representation. A newly appointed LSCB Business Manager has taken up post in September. An induction programme has been agreed for new members as well as agreement to have all board members CRB checked.
- Chapter 5 – Managing individual cases -The LSCB has agreed to commission an agency who provides web based procedures along with other North West authorities. The tendering process has already begun for this work with a view to moving to the new system in December 2010.
- The statutory annual report- the LSCB have revised the timetable for this to be now finalized by January 2011 with submission in April 2011.
- SCR's in Wirral – **W/Mc case**- extension on submission to Ofsted is now moved from the 18<sup>th</sup> October to the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2010 due to further work being identified by agencies involved. **Baby B case**- the LSCB has begun this SCR following the death of a new born baby and a mother who was 13 years at the time of birth. The submission date for this review is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011.
- SCIE (Social Care Institute of Excellence) - project update. The final report is being presented to the LSCB on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010 with key recommendations for consideration on changes to the current methods of data collection, analysis and ways of learning through collaborative practice. Extended invitations have gone to senior officers in DASS to develop more 'Think-Family' approach to cases.

### 3. Recommendations:

3.1 The Children's Trust Board notes the points raised in this report and facilitate any necessary developments required to ensure standards and requirements are met.

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