

**Q 'N' A: Special Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 17th September 2009
Agenda item 7 – Children’s Safeguarding Policy & Practice Advisory Committee**

Question Number	Page/ Point	Question/Observation	Answer (Where applicable)
		Question from Councillor Newton	
1	p.24, 2.12:	In relation to Safeguarding including 'living in poor accommodation etc' what are the recommendations and what is being done in Haringey?	Living in poor accommodation is not necessarily a safeguarding issue – but it is an added risk factor. Relationships with UE are very good and we are currently working on protocols covering homelessness and vulnerable families and refining the input of housing into children with child protection plans. The AD Safeguarding recently gave a workshop on safeguarding to all UE senior managers and Housing have been active in the SCR’s.
		Question from Councillor Engert	
2	p.25, 2.18:	Given that as of May 2009, 1,264 children live in temporary accommodation which is overcrowded - does the Director for Children's Service consider that this increases the risk to children and what is the plan to do something about this?	Living in poor accommodation is not necessarily a safeguarding issue – but it is an added risk factor. Relationships with UE are very good and we are currently working on protocols covering homelessness and vulnerable families and refining the input of housing into children with child protection plans. The AD Safeguarding recently gave a workshop on safeguarding to all UE senior managers and Housing have been active in the SCR’s.
		Question from Councillor Allison	
3	P.27 2.25	Please outline the pathway when a referral is made from other professionals.	Agencies will either call or write in with information of concern, ordinarily by completion of an agreed referral form giving the necessary background information and outlining area of concern. A discussion is



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			had with the agency to decide if it meets our thresholds and what the required response might be
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