

**Q 'N' A: Special Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009  
Agenda item 8 – Child Protection Performance**

<b>Question Number</b>	<b>Page/ Point</b>	<b>Question/Observation</b>	<b>Answer (Where applicable)</b>
		<b>Questions from Councillor Newton</b>	
1	p. 32 2.1.3	Of the three serious case reviews sited, presumably two of these are the serious case reviews into Baby P and Baby Peter - which is the third one? Of the two further serious case reviews to be completed by the end of September, will the full executive summary be available to the public?	The 3 <sup>rd</sup> SCR relates to children in the same household as Baby Peter. Publication of the executive summaries is dependent on the conclusion of criminal proceedings in relation to one of the SCRs, the other one is likely to be published following adjudication by Ofsted during the autumn.
2	p.47, 1.01:	What is meant by the 'joint communication strategy and approach produced for the Children's Trust' and who is producing this?	Senior managers from CYPS, NHS and the Police are overseeing the production of posters and updates giving the key messages of learning from the serious case reviews, to be distributed throughout the agencies
		<b>Questions from Councillor Engert</b>	
3	General:	Please explain why condition of accommodation that children live in does not appear to have been addressed at all in the Safeguarding Plan?	The Safeguarding Plan links to the action plans from the SCRs but does not include all the actions. Issues relating to housing are addressed in the SCR action plans.
4	<b>Section 2:</b> p.54, 2.03:	Given the fundamental importance for young people to be involved in the development of policies plans and strategies, should not the date for achieving this be	We already have ways in which some young people are involved particularly looked after children, young people leaving care and children



		brought forward from March 2010?	with disabilities. This target reflects our intention to ensure that involvement is extended over the coming months.
5	p.54, 2.05:	Given the fundamental importance of early intervention in effective child protection, should not preventative work at children's centres and schools be prioritised and not left till July 2010 for full roll out?	The children centres and schools are involved in some preventative work. The target date is to ensure a realistic timeline for a comprehensive and more extensive approach.
		<b>Questions from Councillor Allison</b>	
6	P32 2.1.4	If the focus is now narrower, what have we lost? Why was it originally included in the JAR if it is not now considered as important?	Because the previous plan addressed a breadth of issues beyond a definition of safeguarding
7	general	Please provide a plan of childrens services showing who is in charge of various depts and how many staff are employed within their areas so we can see how many frontline staff there are, what the chain of command is (and where there are vacancies).	Structure charts will be tabled at the meeting.
8		Please show how child carers and out of borough children who are educated or live with carers in Haringey are covered by the plan. Does the director think that Haringey children in out of borough placements are adequately protected?	Children in care in out of borough placements remain the responsibility of the local authority who has placed them. Our social workers and independent reviewing officers regularly review placements including checking that their health and education needs are being met. Our specialist LAC health and education for children in care teams also ensure that children placed out of borough have access to appropriate resources. If safeguarding concerns arise in a placement in Haringey relating to a child placed by another local authority both local authorities will work together to address this