

**Meeting:** Children's Trust

**Date:** 5 October 2009

**Report Title:** Safeguarding Plan for Haringey

**Report of:** Peter Lewis, Director of Children's Services, Haringey Council

**Purpose**

To present the Safeguarding Plan for Haringey (refreshed JAR Action Plan) for approval.

**Summary**

The report presents the refreshed Safeguarding Plan for Haringey (formerly the JAR Action Plan), along with the first programme monitoring report for progress up to end August 2009.

The plan and reporting are presented in a revised more streamlined format that is designed to simplify the programme and ensure that effort is placed on delivery of the key actions that must be achieved to safeguarding in the short term.

**Legal/Financial Implications**

N/A.

**Recommendations**

To note and approve the final refresh version of the JAR Action Plan, re-titled as the Safeguarding Plan for Haringey, contained within Appendix 1.

To note and challenge progress against milestones to August 2009 (Appendix 2) and the performance information contained within Appendix 3.

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**Background**

The new Safeguarding Plan identifies five themes for improvement and within each theme several areas for improvement (AFIs) are identified. These continue to be owned by senior officers across the Council and partners. This seniority reflects the importance of safeguarding within the borough and ensures that responsibility for delivery resides at the highest level. The refreshed plan incorporates the findings and recommendations from the SCRs. Through establishing greater integration between SCR actions and the Safeguarding Plan, reporting and information collection will be streamlined, minimising the impact of reporting on the managers responsible for delivering the improvements.

The AFIs address the key criticisms identified within the December 2008 JAR inspection report and the follow up July 2009 report, along with many of the improvements identified through the SCRs. Progress on delivery of the Safeguarding Plan for Haringey will be reported on a monthly basis.

For the August update, progress has been reported against the milestones / achievements of the new Safeguarding Plan (contained as Appendix 1). The summary programme milestone progress report (Appendix 2) and summary performance indicator report (Appendix 3) give a progress update on delivery of this refreshed plan. Both of these appendices are based on the latest data available at the end of August 2009.

The simplified approach adopted for reporting milestone progress enables greater focus on issues arising and the identification of any support that may be required to ensure that milestones and performance outcomes are achieved. The milestone report comprises two sections:

- Summary progress update on all actions / milestones underway or scheduled for completion during the current month; and
- Exception report detailing issues relating to any action / milestone which is rated as Red or Amber (those actions which are not achieved or not currently on track and for which support may be required in order to bring it back on track).

Actions / milestones that are not scheduled to have started for the current period will not be shown unless they have been adversely impacted by the slippage of any other milestone. This helps to retain a focused programme highlight report that draws attention to the matters of greatest priority.

Due to the currency of the Plan, it is reasonable to expect that at this time there will be relatively few actions / milestones rated as Red or Amber. It is likely that the number of items falling into one of these two categories will increase once delivery of the Plan is more advanced.

For those actions which have been identified as completed, evidence is being collected in order to confirm achievement and demonstrate progress for the January inspection.

### **Use of Appendices**

Appendix :1 Safeguarding Plan, Appendix 2: Programme milestone progress report , Appendix 3: Performance indicator report