



Briefing for:	Child Protection Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Title:	Report from Children's Safeguarding Policy and Performance Advisory Committee
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Date:	8th March 2010

1. INTRODUCTION

This report gives feedback from the most recent meeting of the Children's Safeguarding Policy and Performance Advisory Committee, which took place on 4th October 2010.

2. AGENDA ITEMS

- 2.1 The Committee was asked to agree its Terms of Reference but in fact were concerned about where the Committee sits within the Council Committee framework, and where it should report. It has a mandate to make recommendations to the Cabinet or Cabinet member for Children and Young People, and in May 2010 the Chair presented a report directly to full Council.

It was agreed that the Chair would have further discussion with the Leader and Cabinet Member and report back to the next meeting.

- 2.2 A summary of the review by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee into the transition of young people with assessed needs, from children's services into adult services in Haringey was presented. It was agreed that the borough has a robust, though lacking capacity, multi-agency approach to the transition of young people with disabilities. The Committee was interested in what happened to vulnerable young adults who had been subject to child protection planning, or received services as children in need, when they became adults. The independent member



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was asked to explore ways of auditing outcomes for those vulnerable young adults.

- 2.3 The Committee explored in depth the role of the Common Assessment Framework (CAF). The independent member circulated a general fact sheet about assessment, and a report on the implementation of the CAF in Haringey by the CAF manager was presented by the Head of Service, First Response. The independent member presented a report on an audit of CAFs she had undertaken on behalf of the Committee, and was able to tell the Committee that an independent audit had also been carried out on behalf of the Cabinet member.

Members wished for more detailed information about the origin of referrals.

This will be presented at the next meetings as well as an action plan to address the concerns raised in the two audits.