

Corporate Parenting Matters Arising Report 04 December 2012

Date of meeting	Action required	Status	Owner
11 Nov 10	Regular update on Foster Care Consortium joint working - information to be added to matters arising report for each meeting.	Wendy adds any required information or provides a verbal update to each meeting	WT
22 Sep	Feedback on the work of the Procurement specialist that will be recruited to work on behalf of the boroughs in the NLSA to look at category management of children services costs ,including benchmarking fostering and residential placement costs to inform future collective negotiations on price.	Future report	WT

Update from Children's Safeguarding Policy and Practice Committee 22 November 2012

The committee met on the 22nd September and considered the following: performance data and trends in relation to Contacts, referrals, assessments and Child protection, an analysis of visits made to children subject to child protection plans and an audit completed by the independent member on out of time initial and core assessments.

They agreed for the Independent Member take a closer look at how thresholds of need were being applied when she examined a sample of new referrals to social care. The results of this audit will be considered by the committee at their next meeting in January.

When considering the analysis on the visits made to children subject to child protection plans, they requested further clarification on the number of disabled children being visited and the frequency of visits.

They gave their support to the implementation of a single assessment which will hopefully address the high number of Initial and core assessments requiring completion and agreed to monitor to the implementation of this.

The committee requested further information on the number of section 47's (child protection investigations) completed in comparisons to statistical neighbouring boroughs.

The committee agreed to compile a short report to next ordinary full council meeting listing the areas they have looked at over the year and how matters raised by members have been taken forward.