



NORTH WALES SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD KEY MESSAGES

From meeting held on Friday 10th November 2017

- Overview given by the Deputy Police Crime Commissioner on the key priorities for the North Wales Police Crime Commissioner
- Presentation on County Lines Drugs Gangs given by North Wales Police. Whilst there is no official definition, typical county lines activity involves an urban criminal gang travelling to smaller locations to sell heroin/crack cocaine. The gangs tend to use a local property, generally belonging to a vulnerable person, as a base for their activities. This is often taken over by force or coercion (cuckooing), and in some instances victims have left their homes in fear of violence.
- Independent Safeguarding Chairs from each Local Authority provided an overview of findings from a recent audit undertaken in relation to cases where a child/ren have remained on the Child Protection Register for more than 18 months. Key findings included:
 - A number of the audits identified delays in either convening a Legal Planning Meeting or undertaking the actions identified within the initial Legal Planning Meeting
 - Concerns identified around the “robustness of the CP Process”. In particular, the actions and timescales within the CP Plan.
 - Limited evidence of a child’s perspective or a child’s view of the concerning circumstances whether directly collected at conference or reported in the minutes
- Children Services Referral Form – this has been adapted by Vicky Allen in line with the Social Services and Wellbeing Act. NWP will not be replacing the CID16 referral format as Police are adapting a National referral form under

PPN. The NWSCB agreed that the new updated referral form would be launched in January 2018.