



Key Messages from the North Wales Safeguarding Childrens Board March 2018

- **NWSCB Business Plan** for 2018/ 2019 was agreed and will be published on the NWSB website by 31st March 2018. Same Priorities as last year apart from Criminal exploitation being added to Sexual Exploitation priority. Engagement with Children and Young People is a key area for improvement. There will be development of a “Virtual Junior Safeguarding Board”
- **CSE Executive Group** – a review has taken place of the CSE Executive Group, with the ongoing issue of commitment and RFH interviews still not being resolved. Board members considered the functioning of the CSE group – does it remain in place and how does it link with other groups. A vote was held and the majority decision was following a short period of transition the responsibilities around the CSE Regional Plan will be monitored by the Local Delivery Groups.
- **HSB audit** – overview given in relation to the key audit findings in respect of Response, Prevention, Assessment, Interventions and Workforce development. The low scores in relation to all areas was not unexpected. Board Members to identify staff members to who will be able to contribute to a HSB Task and Finish Group to implement the action plan which was presented.
- **Postal Requisitions – North Wales Police Update** - The Policing and Crime Bill 2016 has affected the way Police bail is managed; there is now an assumption that suspects will be released under investigation in all cases except the most serious and complex cases. Once a suspect is released under investigation they will generally be dealt with by means of postal requisition once the investigation is complete.
- Gwynedd, Denbighshire, Flintshire and CRC all presented their Partner Agency Highlight Reports. Focus was on Section 5, due to this section of the report being used to inform the annual report which will be presented in draft form at the May Board. It was agreed the Business Unit will look at completing an audit of pre-birth assessment referrals after concerns were raised around the quality and timeliness of the referrals.
- **North Wales Referral Form Children and Families** – the final version of the new regional Children's Services Referral Form and Supporting Guidance for Practitioners will be implemented live **from the 1st April 2018; the form can be found on the NWSB website.**
- CPR Referrals - group members are reminded it is essential that CPR notifications are completed as fully as possible and sent to the Business Unit in a timely manner so that all agencies involved can collate information for discussion on the day.
- **CSE Regional Conference/ Event** to be held on Thursday 22nd March 2018 at Deeside College to coincide with National CSE Awareness Day on 18th March 2018.