

## **Summary of the Safeguard Improvement Board 21<sup>st</sup> January 2011**

Feedback from the positive and productive Department for Education (DfE) Intervention visit that took place in December 2010, to explore views on the inspection report and any actions taken was discussed. It was indicated that the DfE will follow this up with the minister and early indications are that the DfE is likely to monitor lightly and undertake further discussion, possibly with a visit and observation of meetings to ensure progress is being made.

The Improvement Plan was also discussed indicating that many tasks were progressing well and that resources to manage this plan more effectively have now been identified. A format for presenting evidence to the Improvement Board has now been designed and a portal for collaboratively sharing information about the plan amongst all partners is being designed.

It was also proposed, that whilst this report is adverse, it is important to ensure that frontline staff who are feeling deflated as a result of this inspection maintain as high a level of moral as possible to ensure they can work positively going forward.

Finally, it was agreed that the Children's Trust (CT) and the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) were identified as key drivers to ensure that Multi-Agency working becomes a reality and that agencies become enablers to working together rather than working independently. To facilitate this a Communication Strategy is being developed to ensure communications throughout all of the agencies at all of the levels.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011