

1.) Ensure that partners, both as individual agencies and within statutory partnerships, are scrutinised and held to account for the quality and impact of their practice with children and families							
Ref	Activity	Desired Outcome	Due Date	Lead	Outcome Measure	Progress	Status
1a.)	Subject S11 submissions to rigorous challenge and moderate accordingly Note: Actions 1a and 2d cross reference each other	Partnership working is effective and all key partners are well engaged and make an active contribution to improve the delivery of services for children and young people	31 March 2016	Chair of QPP Subgroup	The Board has convened 'Scrutiny Panels' with each agency that has submitted a S11 audit in order to ensure additional oversight and scrutiny	A schedule of Scrutiny Panel meetings across the Partnership have been scheduled (with the following undertaken): 22.09.15 - ASC 13.10.15 - YOS 03.11.15 - SWB CCG 03.11.15 - SWA 01.12.15 - CAF/CASS 01.12.15 - NPS 25.01.16 - SWBH Trust 25.01.16 - NHS England 16.02.16 - BCHC 16.02.16 - Neighbourhoods 08.03.16 - BCPFT 08.03.16 - CSC 15.03.16 - Public Health (to be reconvened) 15.03.16 - West Midlands Police 23.03.16 - Barnardos 23.03.16 - CRC (to be reconvened)	Completed
1b.)	Performance reports routinely form part of the SSCB agenda and prompt scrutiny and challenge Note: Actions 1b and 6b cross reference each other	Analysis and evaluation of performance is exceptional and helps the local authority and partners to better understand the impact of services, the quality of practice and the areas for improvement	31 December 2015	Chair of QPP Subgroup	The Board has an agreed dataset, which is supplemented with analytical commentary both from the contributing partner agencies and the quality assurance subgroup	The Board routinely considers performance information and a full dataset: Feb 2015: Q3 2014-15 Jun 2015: Q4 2014-15 Aug 2015: Q1 2015-16 Oct 2015: Q2 2015-16 Feb 2016: Q3 2015-16 May 2016: Q4-2015-16	Completed

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1c.)	Implement a "Walk the Floor" exercise	Partnership working is further strengthened through the implementation of "Walking the Floor" activities where Board members spend time with frontline practitioners in different settings	31 March 2016	SSCB Independent Chair	A deeper understanding of services available as well as strengths and challenges within safeguarding services across the partnership	"Walk the Floor" exercise commenced in January 2016 with members completing a proforma during their respective visits.	Not yet completed but on-track
1d.)	Commission periodic external assurance reviews/ 'deep dives' on key safeguarding areas	Improvements in provision, practice and impact so that vulnerable children and young people are adequately safeguarded without the need for specialist intervention	30 June 2015	SSCB Independent Chair	Formal report of the findings from the external review	SSCB commissioned external audit of the understanding and application of thresholds undertaken during June 2015	Completed
			31 October 2015			Jointly commissioned (SMBC and SSCB) CSE Assurance Review undertaken during September/ October 2015	Completed
			30 November 2015			Jointly commissioned (SMBC and SSCB) external audit of Early Help undertaken during October 2015.	Completed

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1e.)	Have oversight of the progress made by key partners against recommendations emanating from their respective inspections/ reviews	Offer challenge to key agencies following recent inspections/ reviews	31 March 2016	SSCB Independent Chair	Learning from the inspections/ reviews undertaken of key partners	West Midlands Police Child Protection Inspection presented at December 2014 SSCB meeting and followed up at June 2015 Board Outcomes from LGA Peer Review (2014) presented at Decemeber 2014 Board Findings from CQC Review of Health Services for Children Looked After and Safeguarding in Sandwell (August 2014) verbally presented at December 2014 SSCB meeting and followed up at September 2015 Chairs' Group Ofsted Inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers (Jan-Feb 2015) considered at June, August and December SSCB 2015 meetings	Completed

2.) Ensure that a S11 audit takes place so that the LSCB can assure itself partners are fulfilling their statutory safeguarding duties.							
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2a.)	Develop a robust set of S11 standards in consultation with the multiagency Partnership	The S11 standards have a wide reach in respect of areas covered and are reflective of SSCBs priority areas	30 April 2015	SSCB Business Manager & Safeguarding Officer - Quality & Governance	A robust set of S11 Standards that have been signed off by the Safeguarding Board	S11 Standards formed part of February Board papers and were signed off during the April 2015 meeting	Completed
2b.)	Work with Virtual College to build and test the S11 online audit tool	A fully functional online audit tool that has been tested prior to being rolled out across the Partnership	31 May 2015	SSCB Business Manager & Safeguarding Officer - Quality & Governance	A fully functional S11 online audit tool	The online audit tool was demonstrated to auditees (from across the Partnership) on 11th June 2015	Completed
2c.)	Undertake a S11 audit with partners	S11 audits are used by SSCB to evaluate the strength of individual organisations' arrangements for safeguarding and protecting children and young people	31 August 2015	Chair of QPP Subgroup	Partners have completed their respective S11 audits and submitted supporting evidence demonstrating improved outcomes for children young people and their families as a result of the arrangements	S11 online tool was rolled out on Monday 15th June 2015. As at December 2015, 19 agencies have signed up to the tool with 16 agencies having commenced their audit (the three agencies that have not yet started were only granted access recently and are all Children's Centres)	Completed

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2d.)	<p>Subject S11 submissions to rigorous challenge and moderate accordingly</p> <p>Note: Actions 1a and 2d cross reference each other</p>	Partnership working is effective and all key partners are well engaged and make an active contribution to improve the delivery of services for children and young people	31 March 2016	Chair of QPP Subgroup	The Board has convened 'Scrutiny Panels' with each agency that has submitted a S11 audit in order to ensure additional oversight and scrutiny	<p>A schedule of Scrutiny Panel meetings across the Partnership have been scheduled (with the following undertaken):</p> <p>22.09.15 - ASC</p> <p>13.10.15 - YOS</p> <p>03.11.15 - SWB CCG</p> <p>03.11.15 - SWA</p> <p>01.12.15 - CAFCASS</p> <p>01.12.15 - NPS</p> <p>25.01.16 - SWBH Trust</p> <p>25.01.16 - NHS England</p> <p>16.02.16 - BCHC</p> <p>16.02.16 - Neighbourhoods</p> <p>08.03.16 - BCPFT</p> <p>08.03.16 - CSC</p> <p>15.03.16 - Public Health (to be reconvened)</p> <p>15.03.16 - West Midlands Police</p> <p>23.03.16 - Barnardos</p> <p>23.03.16 - CRC (to be reconvened)</p>	Completed

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2e.)	<p>Produce report for SSCB summarising the themes/ findings (<i>including an assessment of whether recommendations and learning from SCR's/ Management Reviews are distributed to relevant staff and there is evidence of practice change (9.3 of S11 Standards)</i>) from the S11 submissions and accompanying scrutiny panel meetings</p> <p>Note: Actions 2e and 5h cross reference each other</p>	SSCB is assured that partners are fulfilling their statutory safeguarding duties	31 May 2016	Safeguarding Officer - Quality & Governance	2015-16 Section 11 report - with an analysis of themes and issues as well as reflections and learning from the process - to be presented at December 2015 Board Meeting (as an interim report) with a full report to be presented at the May 2016 Board meeting.	Section 11 2015-16 interim report produced for December SSCB meeting and draft report produced for May 2016 SSCB meeting	Completed

3.) Scrutinise the understanding and application by partner agencies of the LSCB threshold document in order that all children and young people are receiving services appropriate to their needs.							
Ref	Activity	Desired Outcome	Due Date	Lead	Outcome Measure	Progress	Status
3a.)	Commission an external review of the understanding and application of thresholds	SSCB have a better understanding of the quality of the work that takes place in the MASH (and any other access point), the robustness of the systems and processes that support the triage function, the appropriateness and quality of referrals from members of the public and professionals, and partnership working in the MASH	30 June 2015	Chair of QPP Subgroup	Formal report of the findings from the external review with analysis and recommendations	The review team worked in Sandwell from May 19th - June 5th, undertaking practice observations in the Sandwell MASH, interviewing a wide range of staff, and auditing a stratified sample of 22 cases	Completed
3b.)	Have an authoritative oversight of the implementation of the recommendations made from the external review and ensure that they are monitored accordingly	A robust plan for improvements needed that results in improved quality of practice	30 November 2015	Chair of QPP Subgroup	A fully implemented action plan that also records the impact of the recommendations made	Updated action plan presented at October 2015 SSCB Meeting	Completed
3c.)	SSCB thresholds training programme is informed by both the Ofsted review as well as the external audit	SSCB thresholds training programme is adapted to reflect the findings from the Ofsted review as well as the external audit	30 April 2016	Chair of L&D Subgroup	Revised SSCB thresholds training programme	Refreshed training launched on 19th April 2016 taking into consideration learning from Ofsted and the external audit as well as the new Signs of Safety Model	Completed

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3d.)	SSCB thresholds document is amended to reflect findings from both the Ofsted review as well as the external audit	SSCB thresholds document is up-to-date and reflective of current practice and learning	31 October 2015	SSCB Business Manager	Revised SSCB thresholds document	Refreshed version of the threshold document formed part of the 25th February 2016 Board meeting papers with a subsequent consultation period of 2 weeks. A further version formed part of the 24th March Chairs' Group at which formal adoption of the new thresholds document was recommended by the members. Formal communication circulated across the partnership on Thursday 21st April 2016.	Completed
3d.)	Commission a further external review of the understanding and application of thresholds in order to audit the impact of changes	Weaknesses identified from the audit undertaken in May and June of 2015 have been sufficiently strengthened to provide SSCB with an assurance that thresholds are well understood and consistently applied.	31 October 2016	Chair of QPP Subgroup	Childrens needs are being met at the right level for need and risk	During the March Chairs' Group meeting it was agreed that this should be undertaken during the Autumn 2016. Due date amended from 30 April 2016 to 31st October 2016	Not yet started

4.) Oversee the gathering of intelligence of CSE to inform training and planning so that agencies fully understand their roles in identifying concerns for children who are at risk of CSE							
Ref	Activity	Desired Outcome	Due Date	Lead	Outcome Measure	Progress	Status
4a.)	Have authoritative oversight over the development and subsequent updates to Sandwell's CSE Strategy	Development of a CSE Strategy - working within the West Midlands Metropolitan CSE Regional Framework - that reflects key learning from the national, regional and local experience of CSE and sets out Sandwell's multi-agency response to tackling this agenda	31 August 2015	SSCB Independent Chair	An approved CSE Strategy	Sandwell's CSE Strategy was approved by the Board at its meeting on 27th August 2015	Completed
4b.)	Have authoritative oversight over the monitoring and implementation of the CSE action plan (as detailed in the CSE Strategy and the local authorities improvement plan).	Actions relating to the CSE agenda are robustly monitored and evidence impact	31 January 2016	SSCB Independent Chair	Robust CSE action plan(s)	CSE action plan updated and ratioanlised in light of the CSE Assurance Review undertaken in Spetember/ October 2015. Refreshed version presented to SSCB on 25th February 2016 with agreement thatStrategic CMOG take the lead in monitoring the CSE Action Plan on behalf of the SSCB	Completed

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4c.)	In conjunction with the local authority, commission an external CSE Assurance Review	Findings from the review are presented within the framework of SSCB's ten CSE assurance questions and includes an appraisal of the revised Sandwell CSE Strategy, identifying strengths, areas for development, and key recommendations	31 August 2015	SSCB Independent Chair	Formal report of the findings from the external assurance review with analysis and recommendations	The review team worked in Sandwell during September to November 2015, undertaking a review of core documents; practice observations; an audit of 20 cases (including interviews with case workers); interviews/ focus groups with key staff in SMBC and partner agencies. Findings from the review to be presented at Decemebr SSCB meeting.	Completed
4d.)	Give consideration to participating in the Office of the Children's Commissioner (OCC) pilot project to support the implementation of the See Me Hear Me (SMHM) Framework in practice	Participation in the pilot project enables the implementation of the SMHM framework in Sandwell whilst also providing an opportunity to evaluate the efficacy of the model and the impact it achieves for children	31 January 2015	SSCB Independent Chair	Sandwell's 'Key Change Propositions' (as recorded during a 'Theory of Change' workshop on 18th September 2015) have been positively addressed	In January 2015 Sandwell duly joined the project, along with Oxfordshire and Brighton & Hove. An initial set-up meeting was held in February 2015 with two further meetings in July and September. The work of the project is aligned with the Sandwell CSE strategy. Sandwell attended a progress seminar with the DfE on October 19th 2015.	Completed

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4e.)	Oversee arrangements for tracking and protecting children missing from home and care	SSCB has a good understanding of the arrangements for tracking and protecting children missing from home and care which takes into account connections with gang involvement	31 March 2016	SSCB Independent Chair	An informed understanding about issues causing children to go missing and wider intelligence about local risk that considers connections between young people going missing and gang involvement	The MOG is now in place and is routinely feeding information to Strategic CMOG. Agreed at March 2016 Chairs' Group meeting to mark this action as completed.	Completed

5.) Ensure that learning from case file audits, local serious case reviews, learning reviews and key national serious case reviews is routinely disseminated across partner agencies, that it is used to inform the development of policies and procedures and that learning and recommendations from action plans have been implemented							
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5a.)	<p>The SSCB newsletter is routinely used to ensure learning from case file audits, local serious case reviews, learning reviews, key national serious case reviews and child death reviews reaches frontline practitioners. The newsletter also details forthcoming training offered by SSCB.</p> <p>Note: Actions 5a and 8e cross reference each other</p>	Learning is used to develop practice and service provision	31 March 2016	SSCB Business Manager	4 Quarterly high quality SSCB newsletters available on the SSCB website used to share good practice across the partnership which are accessible for all practitioners	Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter 2015-16 SSCB newsletters as well as the Spring 2016-17 newsletter have been produced and widely disseminated	Completed
5b.)	"Learning Lessons from Serious Case Reviews" is embedded into the 2015-16 SSCB Learning Catalogue, is attended by a cross section of attendees representative of the multiagency partnership and evaluates well	Learning is used to develop practice and service provision	31 July 2016	Learning & Development Coordinator	Good evaluations with subsequent impact analysis demonstrating an improvement in practice and service provision	<p>"Learning Lessons from Serious Case Reviews" training has taken place on:</p> <p>16th June 2015; 4th November 2015; 16th March 2016</p> <p>Further courses are scheduled for:</p> <p>8th Jun 2016 28th Jun 2016 15th Nov 2016 17th Feb 2017 9th Mar 2017 (these courses will be delivered on a regional basis)</p>	Not yet completed but on-track

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5c.)	Establish a Learning Improvement Cycle through quarterly reports to SSCB that pull together learning from child deaths, case reviews, and case file audits. Note: Actions 5c and 8b cross reference each other	The Learning Improvement Cycle (LIC) is used to identify key priorities for improvement in frontline safeguarding practice, informing briefings for practitioners and targeted training.	31 March 2016	Chair of SCR Subcommittee	Training and practice briefings for practitioners reflects learning from audits and case reviews.	2015-16 Assurance Activity Report builds on SSCBs Learning and Improvement Framework to distill learning from child deaths, case reviews and case file audits	Completed
5d.)	Learning and recommendations from case file audit action plans are implemented and robustly monitored	Action plans are tracked for completion and assess impact on practice	31 March 2016	Safeguarding Officer - Quality & Governance	Completed action plans supported by evidence	Learning and recommendations emanating from the following multiagency audits are being routinely monitored for completion/ implementation	Completed
5e.)	Learning and recommendations from local serious case review and management review action plans are implemented and robustly monitored		31 March 2016	Child Death Coordinator		Learning and recommendations emanating from SSINFs and (Serious Case) reviews are routinely monitored for completion/ implementation	Completed
5f.)	Quality of Practice & Performance Subgroup to undertake an audit of the impact of learning from case reviews and audit activity	An improvement in the quality of practice and services that children, young people and families receive in key safeguarding areas highlighted in recent case reviews/ audits	31 March 2016	Chair of QPP Subgroup	Findings from the audit are presented to SSCB	In the absence of progress against this action, the action will be revisited once the new Group Head of Safeguarding & Assurance (& Chair of QPP) commences in the role	Not yet completed but off-track

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5g.)	Rollout a regular series of single agency and multiagency practitioner forums to communicate learning from case file audits, local serious case reviews, learning reviews and key national serious case reviews	Share learning (including good practice) with frontline practitioners with a view to fostering a culture of transparency	31 March 2016	Child Death Coordinator	A programme of single agency and multiagency practitioner forums	In addition to multiagency 'Learning from SCR' training, single agency briefings have been undertaken with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSP meeting on 10th February 2016 (x80 delegates) • PVI Sector on 9th March 2016 (x200 delegates across Early Years and Day Nursery Managers) • Health Visitors, FNP and Students • Smethwick cluster of schools on 14th April 2016 (x20 delegates) 	Completed
5h.)	Produce report for SSCB summarising the themes/ findings (including an assessment of whether recommendations and learning from SCR's/ Management Reviews are distributed to relevant staff and there is evidence of practice change (9.3 of S11 Standards)) from the S11 submissions and accompanying scrutiny panel meetings Note: Actions 2e and 5h cross reference each other	SSCB is assured that partners are fulfilling their statutory safeguarding duties	31 May 2016	Safeguarding Officer - Quality & Governance	2015-16 Section 11 report - with an analysis of themes and issues as well as reflections and learning from the process - to be presented at December 2015 Board Meeting (as an interim report) with a full report to be presented at the May 2016 Board meeting.	Section 11 2015-16 interim report produced for December SSCB meeting and draft report produced for May 2016 SSCB meeting	Completed

6.) Implement the new multi-agency data set and quality assurance framework to ensure that the LSCB has a clear understanding of the performance of agencies and the findings from audit. Scrutinise partners' use of audits in driving improvement							
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6a.)	Implement Sandwell's Quality Assurance Framework (QAF) across the partnership	The partnership has a better understanding of how safe children are in their services and communities	31 August 2016	Chair of QPP Subgroup	Sandwell's QAF is implemented across the Partnership	Despite the review of the QAF by QPP towards the end of 2015, the January Chairs' Group agreed that this action should be considered off-track. QPP will be addressing this by refreshing the QAF during 2016-17. Due date amended from 31.10.15 to 31.08.16	Not yet completed but on-track
6b.)	Performance reports routinely form part of the SSCB agenda and prompt scrutiny and challenge Note: Actions 1b and 6b cross reference each other	Analysis and evaluation of performance is exceptional and helps the local authority and partners to better understand the impact of services, the quality of practice and the areas for improvement	31 December 2015	Chair of QPP Subgroup	The Board has an agreed dataset, which is supplemented with analytical commentary both from the contributing partner agencies and the quality assurance subgroup	The Board routinely considers performance information and a full dataset: Feb 2015: Q3 2014-15 Jun 2015: Q4 2014-15 Aug 2015: Q1 2015-16 Oct 2015: Q2 2015-16 Feb 2016: Q3 2015-16 May 2016: Q4-2015-16	Completed

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6c.)	Routinely undertake scrutiny of single agency audits	Have an informed understanding of safeguarding arrangements and performance in single agencies	31 March 2016	Chair of QPP Subgroup	A series of assurance panels with agencies that scrutinise and challenge their respective audits	Process for scrutinising single agency audits has been established but limited work undertaken in respect of implementing the process. As at March 2016 scrutiny of single agency audits has been undertaken with - CSC - SWB CCG	Not yet completed but off-track
6d.)	Develop a plan for transition from the PAB to SSCB (subject to findings from the DfE Diagnostic Review)	The Board delivers its own statutory responsibilities more effectively	31 December 2015	SSCB Business Manager	Smooth transition of responsibilities from PAB to SSCB	Due to the ceasing of PAB, it was agreed at the January Chairs' Group that this action was no longer applicable	Completed

7.) Ensure that children and young people are able to influence the work of the LSCB and that the wider community is involved through ensuring that the Board has active lay members and engages with faith groups.							
Ref	Activity	Desired Outcome	Due Date	Lead	Outcome Measure	Progress	Status
7a.)	Work through SMBC SHAPE programme to obtain views of children and young people about safeguarding issues	Young people influence and are involved with the work of SSCB, ensuring that their voice is heard	30 November 2015	SSCB Independent Chair	Views of children and young people inform work priorities of the SSCB.	Views from the SHAPE programme were discussed as part of the take-over of SSCB on 25th February 2106 by children and young people	Completed
7b.)	Work with a subset of young people, drawn from the existing young people forums in Sandwell, in order to map their priorities with the Board's priorities and address any identified gaps	The experiences of children and young people are used by SSCB as a measure of improvement	30 September 2016	Participation Officer	Views of children and young people inform work priorities of the SSCB.	SHAPE Conference (November 2015) identified potential young people to join SSCB. Youn People takeover of SSCB took place on 25th February 2016 2 x young people joined SSCB as members at the May 2016 meeting Due date amended from 31.03.16 to 30.09.16	Not yet completed but on-track
7c.)	Capture the voice of children and young people through audit	Audit activity has the voice of the child as a running theme	31 March 2016	Chair of QPP Subgroup	The QPP audit reports capture of the voice of the child	The SSCB audit tool incorporates the following specific question: "Have the wishes and feelings of the child been evidenced in the assessment"	Completed

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7d.)	Collate and analyse the themes and issues arising from children and young people's feedback	The voice of the child is captured and informs the work of SSCB	30 June 2016	Chair of Chairs' Group	Robust analysis of the findings from the capture of the voice of the child		Not yet started
7e.)	Obtain feedback on SSCB's newsletters from an existing young people's forum with a view to them influencing the shape future newsletters	The voice of children and young people is routinely heard across the partnership by way of SSCB newsletters	31 March 2016	SSCB Business Manager	Young people influence SSCB newsletters ensuring their voice is heard across the partnership	The Youth Parliament provided feedback on the summer 2015 SSCB newsletter and have agreed to contribute to a future newsletter	Completed
7f.)	Undertake a formal recruitment process for up to two additional lay members, providing induction training and other support when required.	Successful recruitment of additional and active lay members	30 June 2015	SSCB Business Manager	SSCB membership includes additional lay members	Two additional lay member were recruited in May 2015, both of whom observed the 24th June SSCB meeting and the 16th July Chairs' Group meeting. An induction provided on 10th June (which incorporated a subsequent visit to MASH on 1st July)	Completed
7g.)	Develop the role and effectiveness of all SSCB lay members	All lay members help to make links between the SSCB and community groups, support stronger public engagement in local child protection and safeguarding matters and an improved public understanding of safeguarding and the work of SSCB generally	31 March 2016	SSCB Independent Chair	Lay members demonstrate both commitment and independent challenge to the Board on behalf of children and young people and lead on key specific pieces of work	Lay members have completed a ' <i>Board Member Review</i> ' and were invited to participate in the ' <i>Walk the Floor</i> ' exercise. Additionally, one lay member participated in a 'lay member focus group' as part of the National Review of LSCBs.	Completed

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7h.)	Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), in her role as the Single Point of Contact for faith based establishments, to promote better awareness and understanding of safeguarding issues to Sandwell's faith groups	Given Sandwell's cultural, ethnic and religious diversity, SSCB is engaged with the faith community enabling the regular flow of information to, and from, them	31 March 2016	Local Authority Designated Officer	SSCB's influence and visibility is raised amongst Sandwell's faith communities	<p>LADO chaired the first 'Faith & Community Based Establishment Task and Finish Group' meeting on 13.01.16</p> <p>Assistant Director and LADO attended the launch of 'A guide to Child Protection and Adult Safeguarding for Faith Based Establishments' in Birmingham on 16th January 2016</p> <p>Consideration to be given to amending the due date</p>	Not yet completed but on-track

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7i.)	SSCB, in conjunction with SSAB, to establish a Faith and Culture Group to promote community awareness of safeguarding and adoption of key safeguarding standards in faith organisations	Engage faith groups in safeguarding their children, focussing on specific areas of child abuse including female genital mutilation, honour based violence, CSE and child trafficking.	31 March 2016	Director of Children's Social Care	Leaders in faith groups adopt the safeguarding standards, are trained in their application, and use them to assure safeguarding arrangements in their own organisations.	Discussed at May 2016 Chairs' Group meeting at which two proposals were agreed: 1. Hold a one-off faith event (SSCB, SSAB, SSPB & HWB) or just SSCB with a view to representatives themselves identifying how they could support this work going forward (e.g. faith sub-groups / Board representation etc.). 2. Invite existing chaplains / faith leaders to nominate a representative to join the SSCB as an additional community representative. Consideration to be given to amending the due date.	Not yet completed but off-track

8.) Use the new learning and improvement framework to ensure that the quality and impact of training is assessed and that training available clearly reflects priorities identified by the LSCB							
Ref	Activity	Desired Outcome	Due Date	Lead	Outcome Measure	Progress	Status
8a.)	SSCB ensures that sufficient, high-quality multiagency training - aligned to the Board's priorities - is available and evaluates its effectiveness	There is a comprehensive range of training for managers and practitioners that is directly related to multi-agency improvement priorities	31 July 2016	Learning & Development Coordinator	Evaluation returns evidence that training is highly valued	2015-16 SSCB training catalogue was published in July 2015 with the 2016-17 catalogue to be launched during June 2016	Completed
8b.)	Establish a Learning Improvement Cycle through quarterly reports to SSCB that pull together learning from child deaths, case reviews, and case file audits. Note: Actions 5c and 8b cross reference each other	The Learning Improvement Cycle (LIC) is used to identify key priorities for improvement in frontline safeguarding practice, informing briefings for practitioners and targeted training.	31 March 2016	Chair of SCR Subcommittee	Training and practice briefings for practitioners reflects learning from audits and case reviews.	2015-16 Assurance Activity Report builds on SSCBs Learning and Improvement Framework to distill learning from child deaths, case reviews and case file audits	Completed
8c.)	Ensure that the impact of training is routinely evaluated	SSCB is able to evidence the impact of it's training programme on improving practice and outcomes	30 September 2016	Learning & Development Coordinator	Evidence based improved quality of practice	Process established for evaluating the impact of training - see Learning and Development Strategy. Impact of Evaluation Training report covering Q3 2015-16 SSCB courses produced. Date amended from 31.03.16 to 30.09.16	Not yet completed but on-track

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8d.)	Seek assurance that single agency training is delivered with clear aims and objectives reflective of SSCBs commitment to safeguarding children AND delivered by trainers who are working to an agreed level of competence, appropriate to their role and contribution	All safeguarding training delivered within organisations providing services to children/young people and families correspond with LSCB requirements	31 July 2016	Chair of L&D Subgroup	Evidence that training standards agreed by the respective partner agencies have been reached	A list of Preferred Providers - all of whom have been quality assured - has been developed by the Learning & Development Subgroup	Not yet completed but on-track
8e.)	The SSCB newsletter is routinely used to ensure learning from case file audits, local serious case reviews, learning reviews, key national serious case reviews and child death reviews reaches frontline practitioners. The newsletter also details forthcoming training offered by SSCB. Note: Actions 5a and 8e cross reference each other	Learning is used to develop practice and service provision	31 March 2016	SSCB Business Manager	4 Quarterly high quality SSCB newsletters available on the SSCB website used to share good practice across the partnership which are accessible for all practitioners	Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter 2015-16 SSCB newsletters as well as the Spring 2016-17 newsletter have been produced and widely disseminated	Completed

9.) Work with the Local Family Justice Board to ensure it scrutinises outcomes for children within the court system							
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9a.)	SSCB to lead discussion with CAFCASS during the August 2015 Board meeting about closer working with the Local Family Justice Board	Both SSCB and LFJB have an informed understanding of the way in which SSCB will scrutinise outcomes for children within the court system.	31 August 2015	SSCB Independent Chair	SSCB scrutinise outcomes for children within the court system.	CAFCASS and the work of LFJB tabled as an agenda item at the August 2015 Board meeting	Completed
9b.)	The following data items to be incorporated into the SSCB dataset: - Timeliness of Proceedings - Timeliness of appointing guardians - Reasons for adjournments	SSCB has authoritative oversight of outcomes for children within the court system	31 December 2015	Chair of QPP Subgroup	SSCB scrutinise outcomes for children within the court system.	Cafcass hold the data in relation to timeliness of proceedings and timeliness of appointment of Guardians and now routinely supply this to QPP. Director - Children & Families, in her role as Chair of the Public Law Subgroup, to provide data in respect of reasons for adjournment.	Completed
9c.)	SSCB to undertake a 'deep-dive' of the LFJB to ensure SSCB scrutinises outcomes for children within the court system		31 March 2016	SSCB Independent Chair		SSCB Independent Chair attended a meeting of the Inner Board Meeting (Chair, DFJ, HMCTS rep and DCS rep) on 26th January 2016. Given the supply of information to inform the data set it has been agreed by the Independent Chair that this action is no longer applicable.	Completed