

Windsor and Maidenhead
**LOCAL SAFEGUARDING
CHILDREN BOARD**



Child F Serious Case Review

Summary of actions and what has changed as a result

Addressing concerns about the Emergency Duty Service and availability/use of Appropriate Adults:

- ✓ Additional Appropriate Adults recruited.
- ✓ LSCB receiving regular updates from the local authority who commission the service.
- ✓ Communication between Thames Valley Police and the local authority has improved to allow better monitoring of the supply of Appropriate Adults.
- ✓ Thames Valley Police implemented new guidance about the use of family members as Appropriate Adult in cases involving alleged interfamilial abuse.

Seeking reassurance from partners regarding listening to children and young people:

- ✓ Changes made to assessment forms and pro forma for child protection minutes to record the voice of the child.
- ✓ Confirmation from Ofsted in March 2015 that practice is child centred.
- ✓ Audit in hospital trust confirmed voice of the child included.
- ✓ Voice of the Child audit conducted by LSCB and section now included in all audits.

Ensuring that victims and perpetrators involved in complex cases such as sibling sexual abuse are each seen as children in their own right:

- ✓ Changes to practice to ensure separate social workers appointed for individual children and/or young people involved in complex cases.
- ✓ Improvements to practice within school nursing to enable them to better deal with disclosures of sexual abuse.
- ✓ Bespoke training carried out in healthcare foundation trust on interfamilial sexual abuse.
- ✓ Improved practice to reduce risk in cases of interfamilial abuse including managing victim's safe return home.

Better awareness of working with minority ethnic families:

- ✓ Task and Finish Group looking at specific learning event.
- ✓ Reinforced understanding about the use of interpreters in the child protection process.

Ensuring effective commissioning of specialist risk assessments of children:

- ✓ Improvements made to avoid delays in local authority commissioning of specialist services including assessments.
- ✓ Introduction of a checklist for child protection conferences to ensure clarity of outcomes sought from specialist assessments.
- ✓ Appropriate clinical advice to be sought when selecting a specialist agency to provide therapeutic services.

Using the LSCB escalation policy:

- ✓ LSCB Escalation Policy updated and agreed by the Board.