

Partnership engagement in multi-agency meetings

Background:

In January 2023 a multi-agency audit was undertaken around partner engagement in a range of meetings relating to children and young people and specifically Child in Need meetings, Child Protection conferences, Core Groups and MAACE meetings. The sample considered 12 children and young people.

Good Practice

- There was a positive difference in the development of SMART planning since the change in forms for ICPCs
- Parents/carers were invited across a number of meetings and were given the opportunity to contribute throughout
- There was good evidence of agencies submitting reports where required

The audit findings remind us to:

- Ensure contingency plans are robust
- Ensure action plans are recorded and SMART
- Ensure relevant agencies are always invited to meetings where the child is known to them, particularly with health agencies.
- Remember to record the wishes and feelings of the children and young people involved and ensure that these are up to date

