

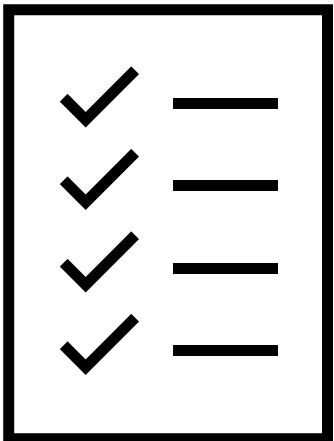
Sexual Abuse

Background:

In March 2023 In line with our commitment to multi-agency practice and learning in 2022/23, a multi-agency audit around the theme of sexual abuse was undertaken and involved key partner agencies from across the partnership. The audit group consider 6 children and young people as part of this themed deep dive audit.

Good Practice

- All strategy meetings undertaken in the sample were held within timescales
- A SARC doctor was included in strategy meetings where it was deemed necessary
- The voice of the child was evident in 5/6 of the multi-agency assessments.
- Assessments were completed in timescales for 4/6 children audited.
- All reviews took place within timescales.



The audit findings remind us to:

- Ensure we are 'fact checking' with colleagues and exercising professional curiosity and not just taking what parents say at face value
- Remember that information viewed in silo rarely gives the full picture.
- Consider our agencies accountability in safeguarding children and ensure we are not over reliant on other agencies taking a lead responsibility
- Think about individuals' differences and/or needs (race, ethnicity, disability) when understanding their lived experiences and ensuring that this is considered during the child's journey through the system

