

# Strategy Meetings

## Background:

In September 2022 a dip sample was undertaken by the SSCP Audit Group to look at strategy meetings. The sample included four strategy meetings which occurred in the MASH and four strategy meetings for children/young people already open to Children's Services.

## Good Practice

- There was evidence of Police reports being extensive and detailed in aiding in information sharing
- There was evidence of professionals considering family history to inform decision making in some circumstances
- There was evidence of professionals following the pre-birth protocol when convening a strategy meeting
- Good agency representation for strategy meetings in the MASH



## The audit findings remind us to:

- Ensure the standard of strategy meetings are consistent both for open child and those children where meetings were held in the MASH, particularly in relation to timeliness and quality of recording
- Ensure that meeting records are completed in a timely way and shared with partner agencies
- Work in partnership to ensure action plans for open children are SMART
- Think about the individual needs of children and family members in strategy meetings
- Remember to follow procedures on strategy meetings, particularly for strategy meetings which are held outside of the MASH
- Remember to record decision regarding sharing information with family members
- Remember to record which professionals will be seeing the child/children alone, with or without parent consent
- Think about siblings and other children in the household to ensure we are also safeguarding them