



Link Forum Representative's Report

Group/meeting name and date	Staying Safe Strategy Group – 23rd January 2012
Summary of the Meeting Contents	<p><u>LADO</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suzanne Cottrell gave an overview of the role of LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer) • The full report will be available via the Link Forum Website <p>Few Points for awareness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social networking policy is going to be launched soon and managers will be supported to manage its implementation. • For LADO procedures please refer to Working Together to Safeguard Children (2010) Appendix 5 • Ensure a key member of your agency has the Designated Child Protection Coordinator multi agency training. • With regards to data collected regarding allegations against professionals physical abuse was of the most prominent. This could suggest inappropriate interception i.e. disproportionate to the risk. • Clear guidance on appropriate behaviour re – physical contact, check to ensure agency has clear policy and guidelines with regards to this and that staff are clear. • LADO involved with Multi Agency Public Protection. • MAPPA – focus on child safety – referrals to agency, guidelines about staying away from child. <p><u>Bully Busters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NW commissioned for following 2012 – 2013 – There is a disproportionate use of Bully Busters by Wirral compared to other areas, such as Liverpool. • Bully Busters – Provide help line, training – schools peer mentoring and mediation and assemblies. • For guidance and policy around Sexting check Bully Busters website. • There is a VLE – virtual learning environment that is accessible via website. • There was mention of anti bullying policy being a recommendation with regards to commissioning.

CAF

- David Robbins discussed the CAF and TAC toolkit and adjustments which is currently being piloted.
- One of the adjustments to the CAF includes a watermark statement in the section of the child or young persons and parent or carers comment. "Your comments are very important to us and help us to improve the services we offer to you."
- The toolkit includes a distance traveled assessment tool.

From Previous Minutes:

Charter of participation – Yinka Alli Balogun

Yinka presented on a project that she is undertaking to review the charter of participation. The charter was originally agreed in 2006 and it is being reviewed to ascertain if it is fit for purpose; there are 5 points of the charter that is under review. The last section is the key priorities and if there is a mechanism in place.

If members could provide feedback to Yinka; the feedback will be used update the data. A focus group will also be formed that will invite young people to give views.

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