



APPENDIX B – SUMMARY OF PROGRESS MADE BY THE FLINTSHIRE AND WREXHAM LSCB (FWLSCB)

FWLSCB FUNCTION	PRIORITIES 2011-14	Progress to Date (as at September 2011)
<p>To establish robust governance arrangements to ensure strong and constructive relationships, good understanding and the sustainability of the Board cooperating with other LSCBs and Partnerships as appropriate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop strong constructive relationships with other Partnerships with regards to safeguarding activity ▪ Ensure the business planning process of the Board is informed by a self assessment of performance, findings from audits, SCRs and the views of a wide range of stakeholders ▪ Ensure the LSCB is supported by effective Chairing and sub-group arrangements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Constitution, including structure and membership of the Board, formally ratified by the LSCB Executive Board Members ▪ Funding Contributions formally agreed ▪ Vision and three year strategic plan and annual business plan in place ▪ All chairing arrangements agreed and in place to support the work of the groups within the Board structure ▪ Self assessment planned for January 2011 ▪ Performance management systems in place to inform agreed measures from the business plan – reports on these to be available in January 2012
<p>To promote and raise awareness of the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children across Flintshire and Wrexham</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enable Professionals, CYP, Parents and Carers and members of the public to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ have access to useful information and guidance on Safeguarding matters ○ contact the LSCB directly ▪ Work with other partnerships to provide C&YP and Parents with supportive and useful information on 'keeping children safe' ▪ Support C&YP and families to understand and be involved, as appropriate, in the CP Process including their right to complain and/or make an appeal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Web pages have received a complete facelift, currently being consulted on by professionals and children and young people across Wrexham and Flintshire. Expected go-live date Oct 2011 ▪ System in place to support all stakeholders to make contact with the LSCBs ▪ Awareness raising articles included in the Connect, local authority staff bulletins in both Councils ▪ Two further articles for connect and your community your council prepared for the winter editions ▪ Agreed LSCB section in the NYAS newsletter for children and young people. First articles to appear in the winter edition ▪ Annual conference topic agreed and will take place in February 2012 ▪ Consultation questionnaires to establish knowledge of the LSCB and its work developed.

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<p>To ensure effective safeguarding policies and procedures are in place to support the work of professionals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure FWLSCB have in place/adopt policies, procedures and guidance which support local multi-agency safeguarding activity and are in line with WT and ensure appropriate dissemination ▪ Contribute to and respond to consultations on the development of local, regional and national safeguarding policies, procedures and guidance ensuring they are fit for local purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft LSCB Safe Recruitment and Supervision Guiding Principles document drafted and provided to the All Wales Policies and Procedures Group ▪ Response to North Wales Information Sharing Protocol sent within timescales ▪ All newly developed or reviewed All Wales or North Wales policies, procedures or guidance have been ratified by the Board and provided to agencies for dissemination and implementation. ▪ Developed a draft process for the management of Child Death Notifications.
<p>To ensure lessons are learned from research, and practice within Flintshire and Wrexham across agencies (Special Case Reviews and Cases of Special Interest) ensuring the dissemination of information about best practice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure a robust process for reviewing and learning from serious case reviews which leads to service improvements ▪ Ensure the LSCB receives an analysis of activity on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Children on the Register ○ Referrals to children's social care ○ Child deaths ○ Private Fostering & learns from findings and shares with relevant partners and partnerships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SCR subgroup currently monitoring the implementation of an action plan in respect of a SCR undertaken under the Flintshire LSCB arrangements ▪ Reports on children on the child protection register received in each meeting of the Development Group ▪ Annual agency reports provided by children's social care departments – analysis of these to be presented to the Board in December 2011 ▪ Annual report on child deaths and private fostering will be received by the Board in March 2012. ▪ Board to consider findings from Cordis Bright research in its December meeting
<p>To ensure staff working with children and young people receive appropriate training to assist in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide an active & effective multi-agency training and development programme that meets local needs and the requirements of Working Together 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training strategy and calendar in place. Report to the Board in March 2012 on the implementation of this. ▪ New performance measurement system in place to identify the quality of training and impact on practice.

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To establish effective performance and quality assurance processes for the LSCB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish a shared agreement & understanding of what good multi-agency assessment, intervention, planning and review practice looks like ▪ Ensure effective processes are in place which monitor performance, quality assure and identify good practice and recommendations for change with a view to improving safeguarding practice locally ▪ The Board holds member agencies to account with regard to safeguarding activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A set of LSCB standards on what good multi-agency assessment, intervention, planning and review practice looks like has been drafted ▪ An audit tool for use by the LSCB to monitor multi-agency practice has been drafted in line with the standards noted above ▪ There is a section 28 audit tool in place so the Board can monitor each statutory agencies safeguarding practice. An analysis report on these audits will be received by the Board in December ▪ The Board has introduced a requirement for annual agency performance reports. An analysis of these will be received by the Board in December.
To promote the involvement of and consultation with children, young people, parents and carers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure Children, Young People, Parents and Carers are consulted with, listened to and involved in the development and review of the work of the LSCB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Young people's views collected by the Children and Young People's framework partnership were taken into consideration in the development of the LSCB strategic plan and business plan. ▪ Consultation has taken place with a number of young people across Wrexham and Flintshire on the content, design etc of the newly developed web pages ▪ Young people are being consulted on the content of an LSCB leaflet for young people on Child Protection and the Conference process ▪ Briefings on the LSCB and its purpose have been developed for children, young people and parents ▪ The communication for the Board is currently being developed ▪ Work is in progress to scope the viability of a junior LSCB and the involvement of children and young people in the recruitment of staff to key safeguarding posts.