## **HSCB OFSTED INSPECTION MAY 2014 - ACTION PLAN**

## Key:

- HSCB is the Herefordshire Safeguarding Children's Board
- Ofsted Para Number refers to the Area of Improvement identified in the Ofsted Inspection Outcome of 30 June 2014

## • NB: COPY OF THE HSCB BUSINESS PLAN NEEDS TO BE ATTACHED TO THE ACTION PLAN BEING SUBMITTED TO OFSTED

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| 1. | 149                  | 4.1                           | Ensure that governance arrangements between the LSCB and the Improvement Board are clarified.  | Independent<br>Chair of<br>HSCB      | Agree protocol which sets out the governance arrangements between HSCB and Improvement Board.   | October<br>2014   | Protocol drafted.  | Chairs of HSCB<br>Strategic Board<br>and Improvement<br>Board |
| 2. | 150                  | 2.2                           | Ensure that LSCB policies and procedures are up to date and incorporate issues specific to Herefordshire.  | Chair of<br>Policy and<br>Procedures | West Mercia independent chairs to agree sub regional approach to policy and procedure development.  | November<br>2014  |  | HSCB Steering<br>Group  |
| 3. |                      | 2.2                           |  | Chair of<br>Policy and<br>Procedures | In consultation with Tri-x, three year timetable to be agreed on a regional basis for a systematic review and update of bespoke policy and procedures in consultation. This should be informed by current, and known about future, national and local priorities. | October<br>2014   |  | HSCB Steering<br>Group  |
| 4. |                      | 2.2                           |  | Chair of<br>Policy and<br>Procedures | Priority to be given to child sexual exploitation and Children Missing procedures on the basis of Ofsted recommendations.   | October<br>2014   |  | HSCB Steering<br>Group  |
| 5. | 151                  | 1.4                           | Ensure that the LSCB receives accurate and relevant performance information from its partners to enable it to assure itself on the quality of safeguarding work. | Chair of the<br>QA Sub<br>Group      | Develop a multi-agency child's journey scorecard. This will clearly define what data will be received, the format and the frequency.  | September<br>2014 | Three meetings have taken place and a draft scorecard which is clear about sources and triangulation is being developed on a multi-agency basis. | HSCB Steering<br>Group  |
| 6. |                      | 1.4                           |  | Chair of QA<br>Sub Group             | Effectiveness of audit programme to be reviewed to ensure that it provide adequate assurance on accuracy of performance data.   | February<br>2015  |  | HSCB Steering<br>Group  |
| 7. | 152                  | 4.1                           | Ensure that the work of the LSCB operational groups is   | Chair of<br>Steering                 | Terms of reference for the steering group and sub groups to be reviewed to  | October<br>2014   |  | HSCB Strategic<br>Board                                       |

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|     |                      |                               | manageable and prioritised.  | Group   | ensure appropriate governance compliance and priorisation.   |                   |   |                              |
| 8.  |                      | 4.1                           |  | Chair of<br>HSCB<br>Steering<br>Group                     | Establish a quarterly sub group chairs meeting to ensure that activity and priorities across the sub group are in line with business plan prioritized and steering group directives.                     | September<br>2014 | Completed. Quarterly meetings have been established and the first meeting took place on 8 September 2014.   | HSCB Strategic<br>Board      |
| 9.  |                      | 4.1                           |  | Chair of<br>HSCB<br>Steering<br>Group                     | Support the chairs of the steering group and sub group to set agendas to ensure compliance with terms of reference and Business Plan / Ofsted improvement priorities.                                    | September<br>2014 |   | HSCB Steering<br>Group       |
| 10. | 153                  | 1.4                           | Ensure that learning from multi-<br>agency case audits is actioned<br>and the impact is reviewed<br>through repeat audits.   | Chair of QA<br>Sub Group                                  | QA Sub Group is reviewing its work programme and the HSCB quality assurance framework, including revised data set and scorecard, to ensure focussed audit and review audits to assess progress.          | October<br>2014   | A draft data set has been finalised and the key triangulation points are being discussed.   | HSCB Steering<br>Group       |
| 11. |                      | 1.4                           |  | Chair of QA<br>Sub Group                                  | Learning generated through QA sub group to be reported to Steering Group who will identify the relevant vehicle for sharing the learning and action improvement activities to the appropriate sub group. | October<br>2014   | The new governance arrangements and reporting mechanisms will ensure that learning is reported into Steering Group and SG holds the responsibility for directing next steps and who is responsible. | HSCB Steering<br>Group       |
| 12. | 154                  | 3.2                           | Ensure that robust strategies and intelligence in relation to specific vulnerable groups are developed and implemented, in particular missing children and those at risk of child sexual exploitation. | Chair of<br>Children at<br>Specific<br>Additional<br>Risk | Undertake a self assessment against the requirement of the National SET Action Plan .  | October<br>2014   | The self assessment has been completed.   | HSCB Steering<br>Group       |
| 13. |                      | 3.2                           |  |   | Develop a new Strategic Plan and Disruption Plan for Herefordshire   |                   | Work is in progress to develop a strategic plan and disruption plan.  | HSCB Steering<br>Group       |
| 14. |                      | 3.2                           |  | Chair of<br>Children at<br>Specific<br>Additional<br>Risk | Establish a CSAR Operational Group to drive forward the SET agenda in Herefordshire through the implementation of the Strategic Plan.  | November<br>2014  |   | HSCB Steering<br>Group       |

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| 15. |                      | 3.3                           |   | Head of<br>Safeguarding<br>and Review                  | HSCB is taking a leading and ensuring effective contributions across the partnership in connection with the West Mercia Joint Protocol on Missing Children and Young People.  | October<br>2014   | A number of pan West Mercia<br>meetings have been held and<br>the protocol is in development<br>with a target completion date<br>of October 2014 | HSCB Steering<br>Group    |
| 16. |                      | 3.3                           |   | Chair of<br>children at<br>specific<br>additional risk | HSCB's Missing Children Action Plan to<br>be fully implemented to ensure a high<br>quality joined up approach to incidences<br>of children missing from care or home.   | October<br>2014   | Work on the missing action plan will be built into the work plan for the Children at Specific Additional Risk sub group                          | HSCB Steering<br>Group    |
| 17. |                      | 3.3                           |   | Chair of children at specific additional risk          | Develop HSCB mechanism for the ongoing strategic oversight of coordinated multi-agency responses for children who go missing.   | September<br>2014 | A Children at Specific<br>Additional Risk sub group has<br>been established and the<br>terms of reference agreed.                                | HSCB Steering<br>Group    |
| 18. | 155                  | 4.5                           | Ensure that multi-agency safeguarding training is sufficient, taken up by partners and is robustly evaluated. | Chair of<br>Training and<br>Development                | Immediate course evaluation processes, will have been developed and implemented to provide improved quality of information to HSCB to inform the development of its multi-agency safeguarding training offer.   | October<br>2014   | The training and workforce development sub group are currently progressing this and will report to the HSCB Steering Group in October 2014       | HSCB Steering<br>Group    |
| 19. |                      | 4.5                           |   | Chair of<br>Training and<br>Development                | Impact evaluations for HSCB Training, will have been developed and implemented to provide improved quality of information to HSCB understand the impact of training on practice and to inform the development of its multiagency safeguarding training offer. | February<br>2015  |  | HSCB Steering<br>Group    |
| 20. |                      | 4.5                           |   | Chair of<br>Training and<br>Development                | Undertake a review of multi-agency agency training needs to assess the sufficiency of HSCB's multi-agency training offer.   | April 2015        |  | HSCB Steering<br>Group    |
| 21. |                      | 4.5                           |   | Chair of<br>Training and<br>Development                | The board will commit to a periodic systematic evaluation of all courses led by the Workforce Development Advisor (or equivalent post) with the process engaging workforce representatives.   | March 2015        |  | HSCB Steering<br>Group    |
| 22. |                      | 4.5                           |   | Chair of<br>Training and<br>Development                | A standard process for engaging the workforce in the development of HSCB training will have been implemented and used to inform the development of  | March 2015        |  | HSCB Steering<br>Group    |

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|     |                      |                               |   |   | training for the education workforce and then applied to other courses later in the year.   |                  |  |                           |
| 23. | 156                  | 4.3                           | Ensure that the LSCB business unit is effectively able to support the work of the LSCB. | Head of<br>Safeguarding<br>and Review/<br>Head of<br>Adults<br>Safeguarding | Undertake a review of the Business Unit, the expectations upon it, and the resource available to it to ensure it is able to support an increasingly effective Board | August<br>2014   | The review has been completed and the options papers has been drafted and is currently with the Commissioning Officer (Independent Chair of the HSCB) for comment and authorisation and next steps (August 2014) | HSCB Strategic<br>Board   |
| 24. |                      | 4.3                           |   | Independent<br>Chair of the<br>HSCB &<br>Chair of<br>HSAB                   | Agree the response to the report ensuring an implementation plan is in place.   | October<br>2014  |  | HSCB Strategic<br>Board   |
| 25. |                      | 4.3                           |   | Head of<br>Safeguarding<br>and Review                                       | Implement the agreed outcome of the review, ensuring that a developed Business Unit is in place.  | February<br>2015 |  | HSCB Strategy<br>Board    |

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