



Serious Case Review for Child N

Recommendations for the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board

The recommendations from the Serious Case Review of Child N for Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (OSCB) are detailed below. These recommendations have been used to produce an action plan for OSCB, which is monitored on a quarterly basis by the Quality Assurance and Audit (QAA) subgroup of the board. Actions and progress made against them will be reported in the OSCB Annual Report and a 6 month update will be produced.

Recommendations:

1. Multi-agency management of risks arising from domestic abuse - Partner agencies involved in the design and implementation of the proposed MASH should ensure that it provides an effective arrangement for dealing with incidents of alleged domestic abuse.
2. Commissioning Domestic Abuse Services - OSCB should ensure that agencies that commission and provide domestic abuse services take account of the need for professionals to obtain relevant factual information about incidents of domestic abuse and its impact on children before making referrals for services.
3. Service provision to children and families from minority ethnic populations - Oxfordshire LSCB should review how it monitors and challenges member agencies over their policy, procedures and practice in relation to children and families from minority ethnic groups in order to ensure that all aspects of the planning and delivery of services reflect the needs of the changing population of Oxfordshire.

Actions:

- OSCB Independent Chair has written to the MASH project board to enquire of the effective arrangements in dealing with alleged incidents of domestic abuse
- The OSCB QAA subgroup to test the effectiveness of multi-agency working in domestic abuse cases in 2015/16. Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Sub Group (ODASG) sit on the Board and they will help inform this work
- OSCB Independent Chair has written to the Oxfordshire Community Safety Partnership to request a review of pathways into domestic abuse services and what information is required from professionals making referrals
- OSCB are currently developing a new Section 11 Audit Tool to make the process more suitable for commissioners
- OSCB have requested that member agencies provide an update on their work/planned work with minority ethnic groups.