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CHILD PROTECTION

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REVIEW GROUP

Report to ACPC Workshop

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The All Wales Child Protection Procedures Review Group has been meeting on a regular basis (in Llandrindod wells of course), since the production of the All Wales Procedures in 2002.

The group's remit is to:

- ❖ Keep the procedures up to date
- ❖ Clarify any issues within the procedures
- ❖ Produce All Wales protocols as indicated

In addition the group allows for a considerable amount of sharing of good practice.

There is representation from each ACPC, and also from Police, Health, Education, NOMS, CAF/CASS, and NSPCC and Children in Wales (from the voluntary sector).

We now have very comprehensive representation and in addition have an observer from SSIW.

Carys Graham will continue to chair the group through 2006. DCI Martin Davies (deputy chair) has now unfortunately had to leave the group and his expertise will be missed. Bernadette Anderton has agreed to become deputy chair.

2005/06 has seen a considerable amount of work undertaken and unfortunately this report in terms of reported output, will not do justice to the amount of work undertaken. One of the particularly important but unseen benefits of the group is the ability to share policies, protocols, problems and thoughts.

2004/2005 has seen the:

- ❖ Children Act 2004
- ❖ Consultation on the Children Act guidance documents
- ❖ NSF launch
- ❖ Children don't Complain

As in 2004, a short update to the procedures was issued in December 2005. Following all the many reports in 2004 the group had addressed what needed to be in the 2005 update and what needed to be included in the full 2006 rewrite.

The updates for 2004 and 2005 are being inserted directly into the electronic version and will be available on the All Wales Unit website:

<http://www.allwalesunit.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=298>.

Protocols

The FGM protocol (based on the work of Cardiff ACPC) was issued in 2005.

During 2005/06 work has continued on:

- * Transfers protocol
- * Sexually Active Children /Young People
- * Child Sexual Exploitation
 - o Internet Abuse
 - o Child Trafficking

It is however hoped that the All Wales Committee on child sexual exploitation chaired by Peter Clarke will produce a template for a protocol.

2006 Rewrite

Following agreement at the 2005 ACPC workshop it was decided to go ahead with the process of a full rewrite of the procedures but this has necessarily been delayed owing to the time slip on the implementation of the Children Act 2004 and the production of the new Working Together guidance.

Following a formal tender process and WAG's agreement to contribute to the financial costs of the rewrite, (the funds contributed by the ACPCs over the past 3 years will also be used), the All Wales group have appointed Peter Maddocks as consultant author. The new procedures will not be completely new but will hopefully clarify issues and incorporate all the good practice guidance from recent reports. In addition we will look to incorporate some of the protocols already issued or under development, in particular, Fabricated Illness, Transfers, Sexually active children and young people, decision making at conferences., complaints re conferences.

We are aware that even with an external author this will involve a considerable amount of work for the group and will require ACPCs to have fast turn around systems in place for consultations. It is hoped that we may be able to produce the new procedures by the spring of 2007, so if there is an LSCB workshop then that's hopefully what we will be proudly delivering.

In order to try and share the workload we have set up an editorial group, a translation group and a publishing group.

The representation on the editorial group will be the link to the author and also to the agencies and the regional ACPCs and fora. It will be particularly important to ensure a fast turnaround of consultation and responses via the members of this group.

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The members of the editorial group are:

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Bernadette Anderton	Torfaen and Deputy Chair
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Liz Pearce	South Wales
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Carys Kennedy (if possible)	Solicitor

LSCBs

We look to the ACPCs to ensure that the new LSCBs sign up/agree to the 2002 All Wales Procedures and the new version and the need for the All Wales group to continue its work.

Thankyou

Carys Graham

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