

**Report To:** Corporate Governance Committee

**Date of Meeting:** January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Lead Member / Officer:** Councillor Feeley/Karen Evans

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**Title:** **Child Practice Review**

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**1. What is the report about?**

To provide an update on the work undertaken in response to the report shared in July, 2015 which provided members with details from the Child Practice Review regarding the tragic death of a Denbighshire child.

**2. What is the reason for making this report?**

At the meeting in July 2015, the WAOR explained that it would be important for the Committee to receive a reassurance that the Action Plan for the Child Practice Review had been fully implemented. It was agreed that a progress report be presented to the Committee following a period of twelve months.

**3. What are the Recommendations?**

That the Committee review progress and decide whether further information and future progress updates are required.

**4. Report details**

The Welsh Government guidance provides the framework for undertaking Child Practice Reviews following the death of a child in circumstances where there is an indication that abuse or neglect may have been present.

In this instance, it was alleged that the child death happened as a result of overlaying by his parent. The child had been placed on the Child Protection Register. A Child Practice Review was commissioned by the Conwy and Denbighshire Local Safeguarding Children Board. The purpose of the review was to establish whether there were lessons to be learned about the way in which professionals work together to safeguard children, to identify those lessons and improve practice.

The Extended Review Report is attached for information (**Appendix 1**). The Action Plan which was prepared following the completion of the report is attached for reference purposes. (**Appendix 2**).

The report was published on the North Wales Regional Safeguarding Children's Board website up until 25th April 2016.

The final Action Plan is attached for information and discussion (**Appendix 3**). This shows the progress made by the all agencies in addressing the actions identified. Julie Moss, Principal Manager, has also presented to both the Local delivery Group and the Regional Group.

**5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?**

Ensuring that children are kept safe from harm is a key corporate priority.

**6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?**

There is no direct cost to service budgets.

**7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment? The completed Well-being Impact Assessment report can be downloaded from the [website](#) and should be attached as an appendix to the report**

There is no Equalities Impact implication as a result of this report.

**8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?**

This report did not require consultation with Scrutiny.

**9. Chief Finance Officer Statement**

Not applicable

**10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?**

The focus for this report is how lessons have been learnt from a tragic event to inform effective risk management and reduction of risk.

**11. Power to make the Decision**

No decision required with this report.