



**Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Board**  
**'Working together to Safeguard Children and Young People'**

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**Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Board**, established by The Children Act 2004, comprises senior managers from partner agencies, which have a statutory duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people. The Board has responsibility for co-ordinating the work of these agencies, but also ensuring that they work effectively together to safeguard children and young people and promote their welfare.

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Ken Wilde,  
Safeguarding Advisor,  
based at Government  
Office West Midlands,  
attended the meeting  
to explain his role in  
supporting and  
challenging LSCBs

**An effective LSCB:** The Board discussed steps that can be taken in order to gain a picture of how effective it is being in safeguarding children and young people. These include establishing a performance data set and implementing the National LSCBs Challenge and Improvement Tool, which was recently launched by the Department for Children, Schools and Families.

**Serious Case Reviews:** The Board reviewed the action plan in respect of the Serious Case Review completed earlier this year and agreed the action plan for the more recent review. Further information can be found in the July WSCB Newsletter.

**Threshold Guidance:** WSCB and the Integrated Working Programme (Common Assessment Framework) have been working together to draw up guidance for practitioners on thresholds for intervention and services. The Board approved the guidance with a few amendments. This guidance will be launched on 19th September 2008 at Hindlip Hall.

**Training Audit:** The Board reviewed the actions taken in response to the Audit of WSCB and single agency training which had been undertaken in 2007. Since then a new Training Strategy has been implemented. This includes WSCB partner agencies taking responsibility for staff induction in safeguarding and the launching of an E Learning Package, which is being rolled out across partner agencies.

**Management of allegations against people who work with children and young people:** Approval was given to a regional protocol, outlining which local authority has lead responsibility when there are cross border issues.

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