



SAFEGUARDING

APRIL 2015 – MARCH 2016



Safeguarding Activity

- Contacts 13243.
- Referrals 4422 - small increase from last year & remains higher than national average.
- Assessments 4002 - improved completion on time - 93% (14/15 - 84%)
- Joint Investigation Strategy Discussions 1306 - 30% increase since April 15.



Safeguarding

- Child Protection Conferences held
- 127 Initial Child Protection Conferences, (14/15 -135)
- 355 Review Child Protection Conferences (14/15- 482)
- Children subject to Child Protection Plans – 238
(Reduction of 200 following Action plan in Sept 2014)



Complex Safeguarding 15/16

- **Female Genital Mutilation-** 11 strategy meetings and 8 reviews held, increasing activity. 2015 new legal orders introduced - successfully applied for through the court.
- **Private Fostering** – children under 16 cared for outside of the family for more than 28 days. At end of March 2016 - 11 children Privately Fostered an increase of 4 from previous year end. Awareness raising planned.
- **Managing allegations** (LADO) – 209 referrals decrease of 4 from 14/15, 52 strategy meetings for 53 individuals.
- **Education** – assisted with 13 safety plans re sexualised behaviour, 5 full School safeguarding audits, 995 staff trained at level 1 & 176 at level 3.



Complex Safeguarding 15/16 cont'd

- **Multi –agency training-** 772 delegates trained.
- **Learning and Improvement Group-** met on 9 occasions, 2 were screening panels & 5 Bolton cases reviewed. Action plans developed and learning shared across agencies. Considered 3 Learning Reviews from other LA's.
- **Missing from home or care** – 454 children reported missing, 1274 episodes - even split between boys & girls. 75% age 13-17.
- **Sexual Exploitation and Missing (SEAM)** – multi agency group meets fortnightly, high risk cases discussed - Action Plans in place for 104 children (69 girls, 35 boys).



Early Help

- Relaunch of Framework for Action process in October 2014. Seen a significant increase in Early Help assessments and reviews.
- 129 EH assessments initiated - increase of 21.
2151 EH assessment reviews undertaken - increase of 1136.
- 2882 EH assessments open at end of March 2016 - increase of 947.
- 58% cases closed with actions completed, no need for Social Worker involvement
- Early Help assessment used to refer to Social Care.