



## An Important Message from the Stoke-on-Trent Safeguarding Children Board (SCB)

### **Learning from a recent multi-agency review**

#### **Positive learning:**

- The multi-agency review was well attended by partner agencies who shared their information and engaged in lots of discussion
- All agencies involved had a good knowledge about individual members of the family and were able to highlight the work that they had undertaken – and how effective this had been / where things could have been done differently
- There was excellent evidence that partner agencies had worked really hard to engage with the family

#### **Areas for improvement:**

- Every practitioner who attends conference **must** fully understand their role and their responsibility. The conference arena should be used to consider all information presented and practitioners must be confident in making an informed decision.
- There was evidence of disguised compliance which could have been challenged more effectively
- Child Protection Plans - the consequences of non-engagement should be clearly explained to families we are working with and this should be addressed at the earliest opportunity

If you want to find safeguarding policies and procedures, information about how to access local and national support contact details and a whole range of other information which will help to keep children and young people safe, please go to:

[www.safeguardingchildren.stoke.gov.uk](http://www.safeguardingchildren.stoke.gov.uk)

Will you please disseminate this learning to your staff for consideration / discussion.

Thank you.

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