



Kirklees Safeguarding Children Board

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KSCB Section 11 Self Assessment Audit

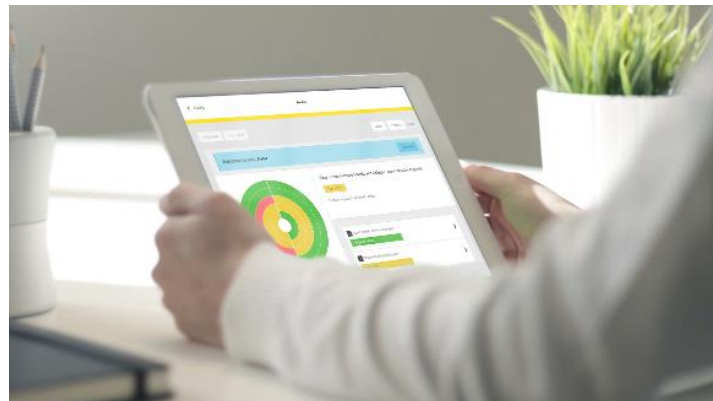
- What has been done?
- What are the themes and findings?
 - Challenge and support
 - Next steps

What is the Section 11 Self Assessment Audit?

- ◆ Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 places duties on a range of organisations to ensure their functions (and any services that they contract out to others) are discharged having regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.
- ◆ **Whose responsibility is it to complete the Section 11 Audit?**
 - ◆ It is your organisation's responsibility to complete a section 11 audit. An appropriate member of staff should have a high level awareness of the service including in-depth knowledge of contracts that are out to other organisations to deliver.
- ◆ **Why the KSCB require you to complete a Section 11 Audit?**
 - ◆ Provides an understanding of the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements across the partnership
 - ◆ Enables the future of KSCB training and support to be planned
 - ◆ Allows organisations to give evidence of their understanding of safeguarding responsibilities and to demonstrate how highly they prioritise safeguarding

The Enable Audit Tool

- ◆ Enable Audit is an online audit system developed by Virtual College that is designed to simplify the audit processes.
- ◆ In the case of our Section 11 Audit:
 - ◆ It provided us with a template to amend and change as necessary
 - ◆ It is a live document that can be revisited by the auditee to update and amend
 - ◆ Documents can be uploaded as evidence - more robust
 - ◆ RAG rated reports can be exported to check progress or report on themes
 - ◆ It allows the organisation or individual to easily create an action plan to address weaknesses addressed in audit
 - ◆ Puts the emphasis on the organisation to complete the audit and allows the auditor (KSCB Unit) to lock and unlock audits if deadlines have not been met
 - ◆ Much less paper used
 - ◆ Much improved logistics



Emphasis and Deadlines

- ◆ The emphasis is on organisations to complete the Sec 11 Audit
 - ◆ The LSCB is required to make the audit and information available and stress the importance of completing it.
- ◆ The Section 11 Audit went live in October 2017 with an initial deadline for completion of December 2017. Where it would be locked.
- ◆ A designated Section 11 page was created on the KSCB website which provided all the information, links to Working Together and self registration to the Enable Audit Tool.
 - ◆ Emails were sent out informing everyone of the new page



Deadlines

Deadline	Completion rate	Themes Discussed
December 2017	21%	No - just progress
February 2018	66%	Yes
March 2018	88%	Yes
April	96%	Individual themes through letters

After each deadline, a report was compiled and presented to the KSCB Business Group. Themes from the audits were presented in the February and March Business Group meetings.

It has taken us a long time to get to this point.

Themes and Findings

- ◆ Overall, through looking at the graded spreadsheet which Enable produces, it was quite difficult to extract some consistent overall themes.
 - ◆ An array of strengths and weaknesses.
- ◆ It is possible to pull out some broad themes through a higher number of organisations scoring themselves grade 1 or 2 (**red** or **orange**):
- ◆ Top two:
 1. Children being made aware of their right to be safe from abuse
 2. Contractors to the organisation who work with children are Section 11 compliant
- ◆ Other less prominent themes that need to be addressed:
 - ◆ INFORMATION SHARING
 - ◆ Staff knowing how and when to share information to safeguard and protect children
 - ◆ Information provided (to children) is in a format and language that is easily understood.
 - ◆ VOICE AND EXPERIENCE OF THE CHILD
 - ◆ Children being listened to and taken seriously and responded to appropriately
 - ◆ Evaluating outcomes from the perspective of the child or young person
 - ◆ POLICY
 - ◆ Organisations safeguarding policy - reviewed since Working Together introduced in 2015
 - ◆ Named person for safeguarding within organisation



What has happened to address these weaknesses?

- ◆ Bespoke letters from the Independent Chair have been sent out to agencies
- ◆ These letters included:
 - ◆ Thank you's
 - ◆ Specific points from the individual audit that must be prioritised
 - ◆ Action Plans from audits (if built by agency)
 - ◆ Next reminder date - **November 18**
 - ◆ New deadline date for completion of Action Plans - **February 19**
 - ◆ Offer of support from the KSCB Unit with completion of action plans

The challenge to *you!*

- ◆ Who knows who completed their organisations Section 11
- ◆ We understand that you may not have personally completed your organisations Section 11 Audit
- ◆ ...but hopefully now you are fully informed as to what the process has been and will be going forward
- ◆ We ask that you ensure staff complete action plans and update audits on time

