

CLIMBIE VISITS TO CHILD CARE TEAMS

Lord Lamings Inquiry into the death of Victoria Climbie resulted in a range of recommendations. One of these (Social Care Recommendation 41) states that

“Arrangements must be made for senior managers and councillors to regularly visit intake teams in the childrens services department and to report their findings to the Chief Executive and Social Services Committee” (para 5. 193)

Local Procedure

1. Within Halton it has been agreed that the 3 x Child Care Teams (CCT 1; CCT 2; based in Grosvenor House Runcorn and CCT 3 based in John Briggs House Widnes) will be deemed ‘intake teams’ for these purposes as they are the teams dealing with new referrals.
2. Visits will be undertaken to each team quarterly, with the Divisional Manager for Children In Need, where appropriate.
3. Visits will last approximately 1 hour and consist of: -
 - i) Discussion with Principal/Practice Manager(s)
 - ii) Discussion with team members (as available)

Within the above discussions the following issues will be considered:-

- iii) Staffing situation (vacancies/experience/skills/attendance levels)
 - iv) Workloads and performance monitoring (Outcomes for children)
 - v) Referral monitoring and management systems
 - vi) Staff support systems, eg IT, office accommodation, communication
4. Elected members will record the key issues from the visit on the attached electronic proforma and send to the Operational Director for Vulnerable Children, for a response by the Divisional Manager, Children In Need
5. The Divisional Manager for Children In Need will collate the information for these reports and present them to Children and Young People PPB on a 6 monthly basis (copy to Chief Executive).



Appendix 2

**HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIRECTORATE
VULNERABLE CHILDREN DEPARTMENT
CHILDREN IN NEED DIVISION**

CLIMBIE VISITS TO TEAMS

1	<p>Team Name:</p> <p>Team Location:</p> <p>Principal Manager:</p> <p>Visit Completed by:</p> <p>Date:</p> <p>Accompanied by:</p>
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2	<p>People spoken with: -</p> <p>Managers:</p> <p>Staff:</p> <p>Others:</p>
3	<p>i) Workload issues/Performance:</p> <p>ii) Referral monitoring & Management Systems:</p> <p>iii) Staffing Issues (Experience/Skills/Attendance levels):</p> <p>iv) Any Other Issues:</p>

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4	Feedback from Divisional Manger/Operations Director:
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Signature: **Date:**

Please forward the completed for to Paul Boyce (Operational Director – Children’s Services) for a response by Nigel Moorhouse, Divisional Manager Children In Need)