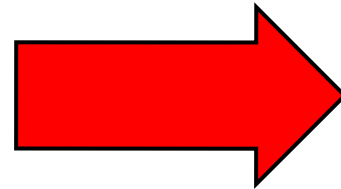


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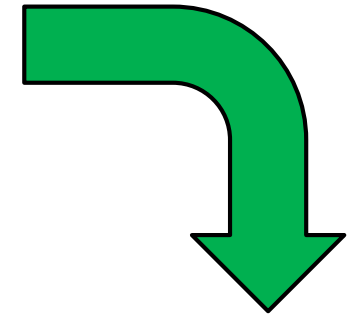
## What has happened since?

- Feedback has been provided to NYSCB Learning & Improvement Subgroup and is scheduled to be shared with all agencies
- An action plan has been agreed to address thematic and individual agency recommendations of the audit
- Absence of Multi-Agency Challenge Events to be taken to NYSCB Executive
- It has been agreed that the next Section 11 audit will continue to be conducted on a biennial basis, with the next audit commencing in November 2020



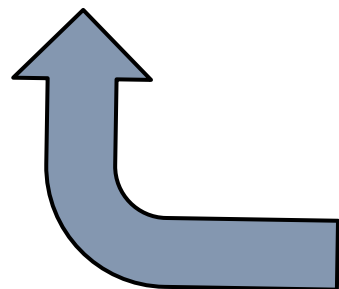
## Good Practice

- Strong inter-agency working between partners and arrangements are in place to ensure the safeguarding of children and young people
- Senior Managers have expressed a strong commitment to safeguarding through their strategic plans, policies and procedures
- Continued improvement in relation to inter-agency information sharing
- Generally all agencies have arrangements in place to listen to and act upon the views of children, young people and their families



## Issues and/or Actions for Practitioners

- Absence of Multi-Agency Challenge Events resulted in a lack of peer cross examination of agencies safeguarding arrangements
- Professionals need to be aware of their own internal policies and procedures for recognising and reporting safeguarding concerns
- Professionals also need to be mindful of multi-agency procedures and the need to ensure safeguarding concerns are addressed as soon as possible and not delayed due to the absence of managers or safeguarding leads



## Areas of Development

- Reintroduce peer cross examination of agencies safeguarding arrangements
- Some agencies required further development of policies and procedures to meet all requirements
- Improvement is needed in some agencies to ensure the voice of the child and family is considered and acted upon more effectively
- Some agencies need to develop proportionate and consistent information sharing with other agencies

