

# INSPECTION OF SAFEGUARDING & LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN SERVICES

## Briefing Note 8

*15<sup>th</sup> October, 2010*

### Introduction

This is the eighth briefing note relating to the Ofsted three yearly inspection of safeguarding and looked after children services. The inspection commenced in Worcestershire on 4<sup>th</sup> October and ended on 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2010.

The five inspectors spent the second week of the inspection undertaking further scrutiny of case files and investigated one child's case file in detail by meeting with the professionals involved in that case. They also visited Worcester Duty Room, Greenhill Lodge Children's Home, the Emergency Duty Room and both Redditch and Worcester Accident and Emergency Departments. They have met with the Children in Care Council, young carers, looked after children under the age of twelve, as well as a number of parents and carers. A wide range of professionals have also been interviewed including Special Education Needs Coordinators, designated teachers for looked after children and safeguarding, elected members, social workers, managers with responsibility for services to vulnerable children and young people, health professionals and headteachers.

During the two weeks of the inspection, the inspectors have held almost 90 interviews or focus groups, and met with almost 500 members of staff, 43 children and young people, and 40 parents/carers. They read 88 case files and requested over 200 pieces of written evidence or data.

The end of week two feedback meeting took place today. The inspectors thanked all those that had been involved in the inspection and acknowledged the openness and commitment of those that they had met with during their time here. We will receive a draft of the Ofsted inspection report on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 and have an opportunity to check this for factual accuracy. A pre-publication copy of the Ofsted report will be received on 5<sup>th</sup> November and the final Ofsted report will be published on the Ofsted website on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2010.

We would like to thank all those who have taken part in the inspection process, whether they met with the inspectors or helped to make the inspection run smoothly.

### Where to find out more and key contacts:

A website containing information about three yearly inspection of safeguarding and looked after children services can be accessed at:

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/threeyearlyinspection](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/threeyearlyinspection)

If you have a question about the inspection of safeguarding and looked after children services, please email [Rkeble@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:Rkeble@worcestershire.gov.uk) or [Lpeaty@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:Lpeaty@worcestershire.gov.uk)



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