

**TITLE:** Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Update

**FOR CONSIDERATION BY** Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny  
Committee 15 December 2015

**WARD** None specific

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<b>OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY</b>
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b> For the Board to review the update below.
<b>SUMMARY OF REPORT</b> <p>We are making good progress with our Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub and there is a strategic and operational group in place to take the project forward. There are 4 areas of work that are being considered.</p> <p><u>Information Sharing Agreement</u> This has been established and the Police, Wokingham Borough Council and Health have signed this agreement. Our WBC legal colleagues have approved this. The final agency to sign on is with our colleagues in Probation and we have a date in December for this to be agreed.</p> <p><u>Accommodation</u> It has been agreed that accommodation will be at Shute End. The Police have visited the site on 4 and 18 November and we are awaiting their final report. Early indicators suggest that there will be no significant cost implications. As soon as we have the report we will liaise with our property team. A floor plan has been drawn up to begin to develop where our teams will sit and this will be finalised by 1 January 2016.</p> <p><u>Staffing</u> The staffing structure for the MASH needs to be designed and agreed and this is being developed with our colleagues in the Police. Timescales for training all Police and Multiagency staff will need to be clarified in early January 2016. The MASH supervisor has been recruited by the Police and starts work on 7 January 2016. We also have a Domestic Abuse Risk Assessor in post and ready to start. The MASH support worker is in training and should be ready by the end of February 2016. The plan is for training to</p>

be staggered due to the limited staff who can train however this will be available for all to go live on 1 April 2016.

#### Business Processes

There is a sub group working on business processes to ensure that these are consistent with our internal workings and with those of the Police. Workshops will be set up during January 2016 with key colleagues to test the system and the process. We will incorporate our current Best Practice to meet the Signs of Safety methodology where appropriate.