

Briefing Note for Overview & Scrutiny work on Safeguarding in Transport

For Children & Young People's Services the core issue is the policy framework within which transport is provided. The key elements here are eligibility and safety. We work with Transport colleagues and Amey to ensure that our policies are delivered. These can be viewed on 5 levels:-

- 1. National Statute and Guidance.**
- 2. The Councils Transport's Policy for Children & Young People.**

This was revised in 2009 and confirmed as a Cabinet Member Decision. It is primarily about eligibility but safety is an important consideration in determining eligibility. An example here is the determination of whether there is a safe walking route to school.
- 3. The Standards Required of Our Contractors.**

This is set out in the contractual relationship with Amey and includes vehicle safety and staff recruitment checks.
- 4. Operational Guidance and Interpretation.**

There are various standing groups that meet for monitoring the contract with Amey. In addition the Divisional Manager for Joint Commissioning in Children's Services chairs a monthly meeting which focuses on monitoring the day to day successful operation of our policy framework. One of the things that can arise is the need to clarify guidance about the policy's application or interpretation, especially if new or problematic scenarios arise. A recent example of the work of this group is the revision of the Behaviour Protocol.
- 5. Procedures**

Procedures to be followed if problems arise are kept under review. For example if there is an allegation against a member of staff this is referred to the Safeguarding in Education Team, who work within the policy framework of the Buckinghamshire Children and Young People's Safeguarding Board

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