The following seven safeguarding priority areas were identified:

(i) extend the reach and impact of the WSCB including widening and embedding engagement across the partnership, in particular GPs, schools and hard to reach groups;

(ii) address the challenges and risks posed by the changing face of safeguarding, including sexual exploitation, web-safety, e-bullying and social networking;

(iii) develop a family focussed approach, in particular to developments in relation to substance misuse, mental health problems and domestic abuse;

(iv) ensure services provide appropriate intervention and early help;

(v) embed awareness and understanding of thresholds between the preventative, targeted and specialist services and consider the possible development of a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH);

(vi) address the challenges posed by Gangs and other risky behaviour; and

(vii) understand the reasons behind the over representation in specialist services of children and families from Black and Asian Minority Ethnic (BAME) and seek to reduce the need in those groups for specialist services.