

CHILD PROTECTION AUDIT MARCH/APRIL 2003

Comparisons with previous Audits

The Audit tool used in this audit was essentially an amalgam of previous formats, it was designed to capture some of the Laming recommendations as well as provide a comparison point against the audits carried out in 1998 and 2000.

Caution should be exercised in placing too much confidence upon the quasi-scientific findings – many of the standards require a judgement call and it is obvious that this is a subjective judgement. However, the range of findings should engender some confidence that there have been substantive changes in our performance.

	1998 (7.5% files not retrievable)	2000 (3 files not retrievable)	2003 (100% retrievable)
Risk analysis in initial referrals	60%	52%	83%
Feedback to referrers	77%	51%	80%
Information sharing with parents/carers	5%	11%	53%
Information collated to inform assessments	75%	63%	92%
Social Services assessment of risk	75%	80%	92%
Clarification of roles/responsibilities within Strategy meeting	90%	76%	87%
Management of child protection enquiries within timescale	25%	40%	85%
Commission of Comprehensive/Core Assessment	67%	80%	100%
Production of Child Protection Plan	85%	89%	100%
Implementation of Child Protection Plan	72%	85%	70%
Review of Child Protection Plan/Review/Change from ⁶ / ₁₂ to ³ / ₁₂ for Initial Child Protection Conference	100%	81%	80%
Information gathered to inform risk assessment	65%	75%	95%
Case decision in supervision transferred to case file	12%	33%	47%