

Request

The Public Law Working Group (PLWG) has set out best practice guidance (BPG) for the making and operation of supervision orders as part of its report, recommendations to achieve best practice in the child protection and family justice systems: supervision orders. [article dated 26th April 2023]

Please can you confirm Wigan's Children's services department has implemented the BPG, and around what date?

If yes, and for the avoidance of doubt, please can you advise if children made subject to a Supervision Order receive 'Supervision Order Review Meetings' at a 12 weekly frequency for the duration of the Supervision Order which is chaired by a senior social work professional independent to the social work team?

Response

Following the publication of the Public Law Working Group's document in April 2023, the Supervision Order policy in Wigan was updated to reflect the BPG in May 2023.

Supervision Order Review Meetings take place every four weeks and these are chaired by either a child protection chair or independent reviewing officer every 12 weeks.