Priorities for Action

1. To strengthen and ensure an effective multi agency response to vulnerable children and young people, specifically those at risk of sexual exploitation, missing from home, in secure settings, and living with domestic abuse. This will be achieved by

   - Challenging practice via a rigorous process of case files audits and local reviews
   - Questioning professional practice to assess learning from the above (supervision audits)
   - Increasing professional knowledge to prevent abuse or to ensure early identification of abuse

2. To provide a consistent response to bruising/ injuries to non-mobile infants

   - Providing training with respect to child development to all professionals working with children
   - Encouraging professional curiosity in family interactions
   - Clarifying in the Thresholds Document where advice can be obtained when a concern re an injury arises
   - Auditing files of infants attending A and E or walk in clinics with such injuries

3. To inform and engage the whole community to support keeping children and young people safe in Wigan

   - Creating a media campaign which offers information in various formats to the residents of Wigan with respect to how to keep children safe, what may indicate possible abuse and what to do if they have concerns
   - Improving the WSCB website to enhance its accessibility
   - Publicising the services available and the thresholds for access to all services

4. To embed a culture of continuous learning/improvement for all partners of WSCB in safeguarding children and young people

   - By continuing and expanding multi agency training
   - By learning from audits/reviews in multiagency for a
   - By contributing to informed and safe planning in the HWB and the Children’s trust
   - By publicising service changes and informing our community about increasing child safety