

Annual review of North West inter-authority procedures

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NWADCS has developed a range of policies and procedures to support North West local authorities when children move across local authority borders. These procedures are found on the [NWADCS website](#) and on [Tri-X](#), and cover:

1. North West children in need moving across local authority boundaries.
2. North West notification and transfer of children subject of child protection plans across local authority boundaries.
3. North West pre-care and care proceedings notification and transfer across local authority boundaries.
4. Safeguarding looked after children and young people placed across local authority boundaries.

The procedures must be reviewed annually to ensure that they are up-to-date, relevant, and practical for professionals working with children across the North West.

Annual review of procedures:

In the first instance the procedures will be shared via email to relevant colleagues with a **short survey** about the level of understanding colleagues have/ the extent to which the procedure is embedded locally. Based on the feedback, one of the following approaches may be chosen to review the procedures.

Approach	Potential follow-up from this approach
NWADCS updates procedures based on virtual feedback .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One-to-one follow-up meetings to clarify suggestions where relevant. - Amended procedures circulated to wider colleagues with consultation period via email.
NWADCS seek volunteers to form a working group to review all procedures . NWADCS updates procedures based on working group feedback.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amended procedures circulated to wider colleagues with consultation period via email. - Virtual feedback to be considered by the working group before final version published.
NWADCS seek volunteers to form separate working groups to work on the procedures. Procedures shared in advance with volunteers, and working groups formed for each separate procedure .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amended procedures circulated to wider colleagues with consultation period via email. - Virtual feedback to be considered by the working group before final version published.

Considerations:

- Informal feedback suggests variability in the extent of the use and implementation of the individual procedures across the region. As such, it may be appropriate to take different approaches towards reviewing each of the four procedures.
- The approach taken for each procedure may change annually, as appropriate, based on feedback from colleagues across the North West.
- There may be challenges around the capacity of colleagues to respond to the policy surveys. Some consideration of targeted colleagues/ annual timetable to spread the procedure focus across the year will be required.