



Standard 8 – Monitoring and inspection of arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children					
8.1 – There is a quality assurance framework in place which is embedded and the findings routinely lead to practice improvements (please provide copy as evidence) (Improvement Plan)	There is no internal safeguarding quality assurance framework in place	Please rate partly met if your agency had some arrangements in place but is not yet fully meeting the standard	There is a quality assurance framework in place within the organisation. Safeguarding children and young people is integral to the principles and objectives of the framework and there is clear evidence that findings from quality assurance activity leads directly to practice improvements through learning and development opportunities and changes to policies and procedures	1	<p>Action 2018/19:</p> <p>*New QA framework to be created Jan – April 2018 as a task and finish project/SDC working in partnership with district Safeguarding Group colleagues (content to be similar for all districts). This will ensure a QA framework for the SDC Safeguarding Group to use for future best practice and improvement</p>
8.2 – There are key performance indicators in place that provide internal assurance about the quality of safeguarding responses and data is routinely shared with the GSCB (Improvement Plan)	The organisation does not have safeguarding performance indicators in place	Please rate partly met if your agency had some arrangements in place but is not yet fully meeting the standard	There is a robust safeguarding performance framework in place, and reports are provided on a quarterly basis through the organisation’s strategic reporting frameworks. Data is shared with the GSCB on a quarterly basis and more detailed reports are provided as required.	1	<p>Number of Safeguarding concerns raised for Children by SDC staff 2016/17: 13 and in 2017/18: 4</p> <p>(7 of which became full referrals via MARF)</p> <p>Action 2018/19:</p> <p>*New QA framework will provide the outcome measure at the newly reinstated SDC Safeguarding Group meetings every 4 months</p> <p>*New KPI for MASH: GCC/GSCB/MASH to send feedback/and updates on what happened to any Safeguarding referrals made by SDC and the relevancy of each referral</p>