What difference has the WFSCB’s priorities made to children and young people in Waltham Forest?

**Adolescents Safeguarding**
- Improved the collective response to adolescent risk
- Earlier intervention to prevent children being exploited
- Addressed gaps in services for recovery from exploitation

**Neglect**
- Services are better able to identify neglect
- Children are recognised as ‘was not brought’
- Developed an understanding of the challenges and barriers for practitioners working with neglect

**Safeguarding in Settings**
- Children subject to exclusions are better supported
- Increased awareness of safeguarding and the support available
- Children/parents using sports settings are provided with information on their compliance with safeguarding standards

What’s next for 2019/20?

**Adolescents Safeguarding:**
- Renewed emphasis on the community aspect of the VAWG Whole School Approach Project ensuring boys are included
- Broader focus on transition
- Continue embedding contextual safeguarding and trauma informed approach

**Neglect:**
- Further improve practitioners’ understanding and awareness of neglect
- Use data to understand the local neglect profile
- Share good practice around neglect
- Promote and encourage use of the neglect resource
- Obtain an understanding of neglect from local children and young people

**Safeguarding in Settings:**
- Further improve awareness of safeguarding roles and responsibilities with the community, voluntary and faith sector
- Build a legacy for the Out of School Settings Project
- Work on improving outcomes around permanent exclusions
- Continue to build engagement with parents, schools and settings

As a Local Safeguarding Partnership we will implement the Working Together 2018 arrangements accordingly.

‘Violence and Exploitation’ is an overarching priority for all boards and in April 2019, over 90 partners pledged to work together under the Violence Reduction Partnership to:

- Build resilience in primary school children and support transition to secondary through universal and targeted interventions
- Consistent safety and well-being curriculum and trauma-informed practice across Waltham Forest schools and colleges for students, staff and parents
- Every partner organisation to embed trauma informed practice across Waltham Forest
- Enhance safeguarding pathway for children involved in criminal exploitation