

AUDIT TITLE	AUDITORS OPINION
<p>Children Safeguarding - PARTIAL</p>	<p>This opinion reflects that although the service is actively engaged in improving processes, we still detected significant failings relating to ineffective or inaccurate recording at the time of the audit. However, we are pleased to report that a Service and Child Protection Improvement Plan has been now been drafted around 5 strategic priorities as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To recruit, develop & retain a valued, stable, confident & customer focussed workforce that is suitably qualified, skilled & motivated; 2. To increase social work capacity to enable quality, direct work with children & young people and families to improve outcomes; 3. To develop relationships between children's Social Care, Early Help and Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities Services and external partners to ensure children and young people receive accessible and coordinated multi-agency help which is proportionate to risk; 4. Operational children's services and safeguarding partners will focus on identified areas of practice improvement to ensure children are safeguarded resulting in improved outcomes and an improvement plan; 5. To develop and maintain a culture of aspirational practice and ability to challenge others, by demonstrating the attitudes and behaviours in the Wiltshire Council Behaviours Framework. <p>The implementation of such priorities should help to address the type of weaknesses detected by this audit and additional independent assurance is also being provided by Ofsted who are currently reviewing the Service (July 2015).</p>