

WMADASS Safeguarding Health Check for the West Midlands Fire Service Nov 2018-March 2019

As a WMADASS Associate Consultant I was asked to undertake a review of the Service's arrangements for the safeguarding of both adults and children across the 7 metropolitan areas of the region - a very diverse population of some 2.6 million people.

I gave my final report and recommended action plan to the Fire and Rescue Authority's Scrutiny Committee at the end of March. This reached across 4 agreed key lines of enquiry – leadership, policies and procedures, workforce issues and how safeguarding is overseen and monitored. I am currently working with Officers to implement the action plan.

I reported back on a considerable number of strengths – to be celebrated internally and externally - as well as areas for improvement – the core of the action plan recommendations.

A copy of the final report can be viewed at

https://www.westmidlandsiep.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/114/Report_to_WMFRS_Scrutiny_Committee_27.3.19_F.pdf, along with my interim report presentation at

https://www.westmidlandsiep.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/113/WMFRA_Committee_27.2.19_Review_of_Safeguarding_update.pptx.

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