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Scrutiny Committee – Review Scoping Document

Review Title:	Scrutiny of Data Sharing
Date of Review:	
Purpose of the Review:	
<p>Data sharing has long been a critical success factor in identifying and engaging our most vulnerable people. It is also a significant corporate responsibility to share data and refer vulnerable people (adults and children) with our partners across the public sector.</p> <p>This Scrutiny Review is intended to provide a clear picture of the level and effectiveness of data sharing between WMFS and partner agencies, identify if there are lessons to be learned from other agencies and sectors, what improvements can be recommended and determine how Fire Authority members can support data sharing activities.</p> <p>On a national level data sharing is claimed to be done effectively but evidence would suggest that on occasions it is being done at superficial levels with the notable exception between crime focused agencies so there are examples of good practice to be considered.</p>	
Intended Outcomes:	
<p>To Identify</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The strategies, policies and procedures that guide and govern data sharing. • What data is being currently being shared between WMFS and other agencies • The barriers to effective data sharing both internally and externally to WMFS • Whether current ICT systems and arrangements positively facilitate sharing data with partner organisations. • Examples of notable practice that could be adopted by WMFS 	



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- The methods for evaluating the effectiveness of data sharing
- The effectiveness of the data sharing approaches being developed through the West Midlands Social Housing Group and the lessons to be learned from this experience
- Recommendations for improvements to the WMFS approach to data sharing

Lead Member

Lead Officer/Officer Group (including partners):

Links to Strategic Objectives

All Prevention Performance Indicators PI1-8, PI13 and PI14
“Improving Lives to Save Lives” and wider health and wellbeing objectives

Reasons for undertaking the review:

Recent Serious Case Reviews and higher level investigations have all stated that data sharing remains a consistent blockage for effective partnership working and is often a contributory factor to poor service.

In general terms data sharing is still problematic with restrictions on information from partners, being most prevalent across the health sector, a partner who we now fully recognise as being critical in WMFS ongoing journey towards excellence.

Scoping undertaken by:

Chief Officer and/or Partner/Agency Equivalent:

Existing data available for consideration:

Partnerships database
Data Sharing protocols and Service Level Agreements
Local Data sharing documentation



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Review Work Programme:

Task	Method	Lead person(s)	Completion by:

Review Scoping Checklist	Status