The Protocol for Protecting Children who move Across Local Authority Borders outlines the responsibilities of staff in local authorities, health agencies, the police, Youth Offending Team, education, and other agencies, in relation to the timely sharing of information relating to children and families who move across local authority boundaries.

Why is it important?

The Protocol exists between the areas in Pan-Hampshire (Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton).

Whilst the detail of the protocol is more focussed on the actions and responsibilities of children's social care, the principles of timely and proactive information sharing are relevant and necessary for staff from all agencies. Where specific action from other agencies is needed this is referenced in the protocol.

How do we do it?

The protocol provides information on how to share information and work with other Local Authorities when children move and they are subject to statutory orders, including:

- A full care order
- An interim care order
- Any form of supervision or family assistance order
- An emergency protection order
- A child assessment order
- Subject to current use of police protection powers

In addition the protocol provides further information on the expectations of all agencies to share information when children move and:

- One or more of their parents is a care leaver
- The child(ren) are subject to child protection planning
- Transfer/ sharing of information between authorities
- Transfer in conference
- Sharing information when children move temporarily
- A Child with a Child Protection Plan is about to leave the Country

For more information:

The full protocol can be found here

It should be read and applied in conjunction with the suite of safeguarding procedures applicable for all agencies working in the Pan-Hampshire area, including the Protocol on Child Abduction and Removal of Children of Concern from the UK

The full suite of policies and procedures can be found at http://hipsprocedures.org.uk/