Barnsley Safeguarding Children Partnership Business Plan 2024-25



Vision and Values

Our aim is to build a brighter, safer future for every child and young person in Barnsley. We recognise that we are stronger when we work together in a positive multiagency environment.

Listening:	We put the voices and lived experiences of children and young people are at the heart of what we do
Stronger Together:	We are one team, working together to build a brighter, safer future for Barnsley children and young people. We drive positive multiagency working, where we support, challenge and hold each other to account
Curiosity: Inclusivity:	We are professionally curious. Open to new ideas and ways of working, respond flexibly and adapt quickly to known and emerging needs. We use continuous learning for a positive impact on children's lives We will deliver the right service, at the right time and place to meet the needs of each child and young person. We respect the diverse skills, strengths and needs of everyone
Honesty and Integrity:	We treat others with decency, fairness and are honest in what we do. We strive to always deliver on our commitments

PRIORITIES DELIVERED OUTCOME

Child Neglect

- Deliver better outcomes for children and young people who experience Educational and Health-related Neglect
- Focus on early identification of Neglect
- Develop a common working definition of difference between poverty and neglect which includes older children
- The lived experience of children is captured in plans and assessments.
- Multiagency use of the Graded Care Profile 2 delivers better outcomes for children and young people
- Refresh the Thresholds for Intervention

Reduce child neglect and harm at an early stage, leading to fewer Child Protection referrals. Assurance to the partnership that our approach to child neglect is effective. Children and families tell us that they feel safer, and that life has improved, due to receiving the right care at the right time from the right service.

Contextual Safeguarding

- Collaboration across services, schools and communities to identify and protect children vulnerable to exploitation and abuse
- Effective use of Early Help and Safeguarding interventions. Trauma-informed services and pathways
- Effective sharing of intelligence and data that quantifies the extent of child exploitation in Barnsley
- Prevent Pursue Protect Prepare: Utilise all police and partner powers to disrupt exploitation, identify perpetrators and secure appropriate responses against those who seek to exploit children.
- Recognise that young people are still vulnerable beyond the age of 18 years. Ensure that they have opportunities to shape and influence services

Improved outcomes for children and young people at risk of exploitation and harm outside of the home. Assurance to the Partnership that we have clear governance and strategies in place, and that because of partners working together, children and their families tell us they feel safer outside of the home.

Education & Safeguarding

- Develop the priorities of the Education-led subgroup, to address key Education-related safeguarding concerns.
- Effective collaborative Partnership working across all services with Education.
- Complete the Bullying, Harassment and online Harms agenda, led by education settings and informed by children and young people.
- Delivery of school action plans based S.175 audit findings, support Bullying and Online Harms activity.
- Resources for parents, carers, practitioners and young people, to keep children and young people safe online.

The Partnership is assured of a joined up operational and strategic approach to safeguarding in Education, with excellent collaboration and communication across multiagency forums. Children and young people tell us that bullying is addressed in schools and colleges. Greater awareness of the risks of online harm amongst practitioners and families. Children and young people are confident in how to keep themselves safe online.

Domestic Abuse

- Communications and resources that promote domestic abuse service provision for children and young people.
- Multiagency governance arrangements ensure a coordinated approach and include children and young people.
- An effective and relevant multiagency training offer
- Effective joint working for children & young people
- Development of a multiagency domestic abuse dataset
- JTAI benchmarking ensures inspection readiness and assures our DA offer
- Amplify the voices of children and young people affected by domestic abuse.

Joined up governance and multiagency working between BSCP and the Domestic Abuse Partnership informs strategies and decision-making. A multiagency domestic abuse dataset helps evidence effectiveness of services and identifies gaps in provision. The impact of training, including the Safe & Together model, is evident in outcomes for children and young people. A MADA is established to ensure timely and proportionate responses. Voices of children and young people who experience domestic abuse are amplified and inform service development and commissioning. Public awareness campaigns raise awareness and help protect children and young people impacted by domestic abuse.

Learning, Impact, Evidence & Improvement