



Bolton Safeguarding Children Partnership

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN BOLTON

‘In Bolton we want to give all our children the best possible start in life, so that they have every chance to succeed, be safe and be happy’

BSCP REPORT 2022

Purpose

- Transparent and accountable for safeguarding arrangements
- Shine a light on the partnership's work in 2022
- What is working and where further development is needed
- Identify priorities for 2023





Complex Safeguarding

Complex Safeguarding is a term used to describe a range of safeguarding issues that children face from outside their family home

Working Well:-

- Timely identification of exploitation as a risk and appropriate referrals to the Complex Safeguarding Team (CST)
- The right partners are actively involved in developing the CST assessment and there is good attendance at multi-agency meetings
- Practitioners understand the complex lives that some children experience and the push/pull factors that make them vulnerable to exploitation

Working Together to Strengthen:-

- Our use and analysis of data about children, including a better understanding of their health needs
- Peer mapping and association maps are underdeveloped; these are important as they support the identification of key people in a child's life
- Promote language that recognises and is sensitive to children's trauma experiences



Child Neglect

Neglect is the ongoing failure to meet a child's basic needs and the most common form of child abuse².

Working Well:-

- Developed and launched a comprehensive [neglect toolkit](#) with contributions from children
- Completed a partnership Neglect Audit and Review
- Offered challenge to the Children and Young People's Board where progress has stalled
- Information sharing project underway

Working Together to Strengthen:-

- Strengthen data and performance reporting in relation to neglect
- Review and update partnership neglect assessment tools and align with early help pathways
- Complete neglect pathways with Bolton at Home
- Continue to evaluate the impact of cost of living for children and their families



Safeguarding Thresholds

**Supporting
practitioners to
provide consistent
safeguarding
responses at the
earliest
opportunity**

Working Well:-

- Four partnership briefing sessions with over 400 practitioners, managers and leaders attending
- Created and launched a single agency training pack for delivery by designated safeguarding leads
- Challenged partners to report to the partnership the work they have completed to embed the arrangements
- Practitioner survey and feedback on the effectiveness of the model

Working Together to Strengthen:-

- Review thresholds in response to local learning and national changes following the Government response to Star and Arthur
- Work with the Early Help Steering Group to strengthen guidance and support on early help processes and pathways
- Continue to offer practitioner development sessions support use of thresholds in practice

BSCP Priorities 2023



To launch and implement revised arrangements for information sharing in Bolton



To review and evaluate safeguarding arrangements



To evaluate the impact of the partnership threshold document



To track the impact of learning from partnership audit and reviews