

Bolton Safeguarding Children Partnership Children's Scrutiny Update

'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'



1 FTE Business Manager; 1 FTE Training Officer; 1.5 FTE Administrator

Comprehensive Safeguarding Guidance

- Redevelopment and launch of partnership threshold document – Framework for Action
- Active contribution to Greater Manchester Safeguarding Procedures
- Challenge and Escalation Local Process Launching in Spring 2022
- Bolton Neglect Toolkit

Skilled and Knowledgeable Workforce

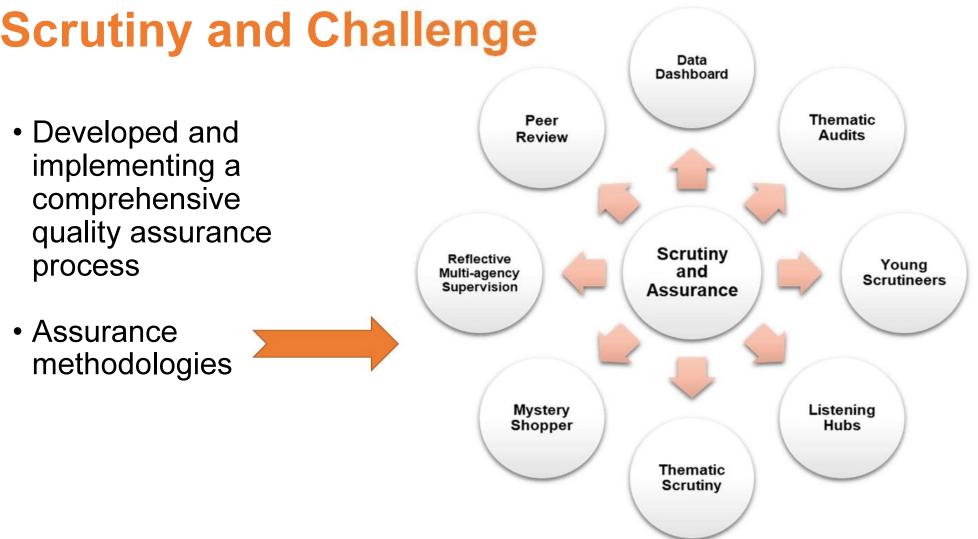
- Partnership provides a comprehensive safeguarding children training offer
- In the current year delivered 35 training events to 961 practitioners
- Introduced new training methods to make best use of technology and respond to restriction of Covid; Network Bites and Knowledge Nuggets
- Evaluations of the training offer are consistently good
- Developing the offer to strengthen knowledge on familial sexual abuse, social media and serious youth violence

Culture of Learning and Development

- 2018 Change from Serious Case Reviews to Rapid Review and Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews
- Serious Child Safeguarding Cases 'a child has been seriously harmed or died and abuse or neglect is suspected or known to be a factor'
- 2018-2022 13 Rapid Reviews completed in Bolton that led to 2 Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews
- Engaged over 120 practitioners in the review process and benefited from their practice knowledge to identify learning and improvement areas

Themes from Learning Reviews Practice Messages





Scrutiny and Challenge

WE LEARNED	WE HAVE
There is a need to further strengthen partnership child protection processes	 Undertook multi-agency observations of child protection case conferences and improvement plan developed Facilitated a 'Child Protection' community of practice session with multi-agency practitioners to create a best practice resource/standards for launch Spring 2022 Supporting Childrens Social Care to implement Bolton Family Framework with partners
Multi-agency practitioners want to know more about the services and interventions available in Bolton to help and support children and their parents	 Over the last twelve months BSCP have hosted a series of 'Network Bites'; each session showcases a local service or team that works with children and/or their families Sessions delivered have included topics such as Adoption Support, Adult Substance Misuse, Housing and Tenancy Services, Children Emotional Health and Well-being etc. Approximately 40 to 60 practitioners attend each session; they are also recorded to increase accessibility for those who can't attend The sessions have received positive feedback in terms of increasing practitioners knowledge and awareness of local services and interventions
Practitioners don't always feel confident in understanding adult mental and its impact on parenting and parental engagement with services	
Opportunities for universal services to make timely use of early help processes have not always been taken	 Shared the learning from reviews with the Strategic Lead for Early Help Independent scrutiny of Early Help will be completed in Spring 2022 and report findings to the Safeguarding Partnership and Children and Young People's Board Information Sharing Project to strengthen knowledge about when and how information can be shared using DPA and GDPR legislation well
Effective safeguarding supervision is important for all practitioners	 Planned a Section 11 themed audit on partners supervision arrangements for Summer 2022
All reviews identified a passionate and committed partnership workforce	 Continually promote and recognise the strengths in local practice

Comments/Questions