

The Roles and Responsibilities of the Barnsley Safeguarding Children Partnership are:
 Ensure that safeguarding children and young people is at the centre of everything we do.
 Hold members to account – are we/they doing enough to keep children and young people safe?
 The co-ordination of what is done by each Member for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children within the Borough and to ensure the effectiveness of multi-agency working and what is done by each Member for those purposes, in line with Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018.
 Collect and share information about how well we are keeping children and young people safe and what more we could do.
 Make sure our workers and volunteers get the training they need to provide safe services and to share concerns if they think a child or young person is being hurt or abused
 Review our policies and guidance to make sure we are constantly improving.
 Publish a Strategic Plan – what we will achieve Publish an Annual Report – detailing what we have done to keep children and young people safe
 Developing policies and procedures for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the Borough

The Structure of The Barnsley Safeguarding Children Partnership
 Safeguarding Partnership Board with Independent Chair
 Performance Audit and Quality Assurance Sub Group
 Child Death Overview Panel
 Child Safeguarding Practice Review Sub Group
 Policies, Procedures and Workforce Practice Development Sub Group
 Children with Disabilities and Complex Health Needs Sub Group
 Child Exploitation Strategic Sub Group
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THE PRIORITIES OF THE BARNSELY SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP 2019 – 20 ARE

Strategic Priority 1
Sharing and Engaging
 The Partnership will monitor service improvement through the Continuous Service Improvement Plan and a schedule of regular audit activity
 The Board will continue to seek the views of children and young people.
 Safeguarding Awareness Week provides an opportunity for all of the partnership and community to come together with the message “Safeguarding is Everybody’s Business”

Strategic Priority 2
Helping, empowering and supporting
 Ensure the availability of quality multi-agency child protection training and the provision of quality safeguarding services
 Supporting children and young people to have a voice
 Help shape services and support best practice via the Designated Safeguarding Leads and other Forums
 Ensure accessibility of information via the website and other resources

Strategic Priority 3
Prevention
 The synergy obtained from strong partnership working remains an essential element of effective safeguarding.
 The continuing effectiveness of the work of the Board will continue to be subject to close scrutiny
 Ensure partners are kept up to date with emerging themes and key messages
 Support learning and development through Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews. Lessons Learned

Strategic Priority 4
Accountability
 Continue work to ensure that the thresholds are understood and correctly applied by partner agency staff and that effective use is made of the escalation process in cases where there are concerns about the decision making
 The Partnership will continue to strengthen and evidence its own effectiveness through rigorous challenge, participation and engagement

BARNSELY SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC PLAN 2019 - 2022

What we will do:

1. Develop and deliver a sustainable Communication and Engagement Plan with the People of Barnsley
2. Let people know how to get help or report harm
3. Design and deliver effective training for all staff and volunteers
4. Provide children and young people and their families who have been harmed with support and information
5. Evaluate children and young people’s views of safeguarding and demonstrate if we have helped them to reduce risk
6. Carry out LSCPRs and Lessons Learned Reviews to improve the way we keep children safe
7. Continue to provide Performance Information to the Board to assure the Board that we are working together to prevent harm
8. Regularly challenge processes and performance at Board level to show all organisations are being held to account for the safety of children in Barnsley
9. Identify any gaps for young people moving from children’s to adult services that may leave them at risk of harm
10. Ensure synergy and a joint response to shared themes such as FGM/HBV/Prevent and FM, Contextual Safeguarding and Child Exploitation