



CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP



BUSINESS PLAN 2023-24

Key Functions of Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership

- Develop policies and procedures for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in Central Bedfordshire.
- Communicate to people within Central Bedfordshire, the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, raising their awareness of how this can best be done and encouraging them to do so.
- Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of what is done by partners individually and collectively to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and advise them on ways to improve.
- Participate in the planning of services for children in Central Bedfordshire.
- Undertake Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews and advise partners on lessons to be learned.

Our Priorities

- Neglect
- Mental Health, Emotional Wellbeing & Resilience
- Contextual Safeguarding & Exploitation
- Violence Against Girls and Women

Golden threads

Early Intervention & Support, Digital Safeguarding, Transitions, Working 'post-Pandemic', Strengthening the voice of Education within the partnership and Information Sharing

Learning and Improvement Focus

The voice of children, Was not brought to appointments and Escalations.

Priorities

Neglect: The risks around neglect will be well understood and practice guidance will support best practice to ensure better outcomes for children.

Key Activity – To increase the use of the Graded Care Profiles

Possible Actions

- Audits (Single/Multi-agency)
- Development of a Neglect Dataset
- Training & Briefings
- Implementation of the Graded Care Profile
- Increase in GCP2 Training
- Raising the awareness of neglect
- Assurance Reports

How we will measure our Impact

- Performance Dashboard
- Increased number of Graded Care Profiles completed.
- Increased Number of GCP2 Trainers and sessions completed.
- Number of people who attended Neglect Training.
- Audit Findings – evidence of use of GCP2/Day in the life tools
- Feedback and evaluations from training and learning events.
- Feedback from awareness activities/communications

Mental Health, Emotional Wellbeing & Resilience: Increased understanding of the risks to young people in relation to mental health and identify any gaps in service provision.

- Audits (Single/Multi-agency)
- Assurance reports
- Training & Briefings
- Voice of the child feedback

- Performance Dashboard
- SHEU Survey & Action Plan
- Audit Findings
- Feedback and evaluations from training and learning events.

Contextual Safeguarding & Exploitation: Young people, practitioners, parents/carers, and the public are aware of different types of exploitation. Children at risk of exploitation are identified, assessed and effectively supported. Perpetrators of exploitation are pursued, and activity is disrupted.

- Audits (Single/Multi-agency)
- Performance Monitoring
- Assurance reports
- Training & Briefings
- Voice of the child evidence
- Awareness Campaigns

- Performance Dashboard
- Monitoring that children who are absent, missing from education, home and care are identified, assessed, & effectively supported.
- Exploitation Annual Report
- Children Missing from Education Annual Report
- Number of awareness raising activities completed.
- Feedback and evaluations from training and learning events

Violence against Girls and Women: VAWG is the national approach set by the UK Government to tackle acts of violence or abuse we know disproportionately affect women and girls.

- Implementation of the VAWG Strategy and Action Plan

- VAWG Strategy Performance Measures