

Knowsley Safeguarding Children Partnership Business plan 2020 to 2022

“Working together to safeguard and protect children from harm in Knowsley.”

Our mission statement

We will work together to safeguard and protect children in Knowsley to enable them to grow up safe, be healthy, feel listened to and given the right opportunities to achieve their potential.

Priorities 2020-2022

This business plan has been prepared following consultation between representatives of Knowsley Safeguarding Children Partnership, who agreed the following strategic priorities ;

1. Safeguarding and protecting children from domestic abuse
2. Safeguarding and protecting children from neglect
3. Safeguarding and protecting children from child exploitation
4. Safeguarding and protecting the mental well-being of children.

The business plan setting out the priorities of the local safeguarding arrangements will be used as the vehicle to drive activity.

In setting this plan the partnership has taken cognisance of national and local priorities, including the revised Working together 2018

Key outcomes

- The voice of children is fully embedded in practice and service planning.
- All practitioners working with children have the skills needed to help and protect children, are well supervised and well managed.
- All children and their families receive consistent support, and are fully involved in making decisions about their lives.
- Front line social work practice is consistently good and effective. There is effective multi-agency delivery of early help.
- All partners work together effectively to support and protect the most vulnerable children and families

How will Knowsley Safeguarding Children Partnership achieve our priorities?

Priority 1 Neglect – Action/Delivery

This will be the primary focus for what the partnership focuses on in terms of scrutiny, learning and developing partnership action plans and work on.

What we will do

- Review the contribution of lower intervention services to safeguarding children and hold services
- Children requiring early help are identified
- Children requiring early help have improved outcomes
- Children are provided with the right response at the right time.

How we will do it

- Develop a governance structure which monitors and challenges performance measures contained within the revised multi-agency neglect strategy
- Deliver robust governance around the delivery of the Graded Care Profile 2 assessment toolkit.
- Deliver robust governance to ensure effective delivery of 'Signs of Safety' risk assessment, risk management and case-planning process

- Support the delivery of the Early Help Module by internal and external partners. This will allow for the identification of children requiring help in the early stages of problems arising and, as a tool for sharing and collating information, this will also mean that any growing evidence of risk to children over time can trigger support and intervention from appropriate levels (1-4 on continuum of need)
- Ensure Partner agencies have been trained and have access to the Early Help Module
- Deliver the Early Help Performance Management Framework, which will provide evidence of improved outputs and outcomes across a range of indicators,
- Monitor the performance against the Troubled Families Outcome Framework which will also capture evidence of improvement in outcomes against nationally and locally determined targets

Additional priorities

- Domestic abuse
- Child exploitation
- Mental wellbeing

The partnership will continue to seek assurances that vulnerable children are protected through joined up and collaborative arrangements that are focused on improving outcomes for children.

The partnership will quality assure systems and processes as well as commissioning multi-agency audits that are relevant and focused on learning;

KSCP will work in collaboration with the Health & Wellbeing Board and the Community Safety Partnership, to seek assurances that children in Knowsley are being safeguarded and protected from harm.