To fulfill the Bedford Borough Safeguarding Children Board’s (BBSCB) core functions the following will be presented/developed/commissioned.

**BBSCB has agreed the following objectives to direct its work for 2017 – 2019:**

1. Assure ourselves that families, children and young people are supported earlier
2. Protect the most vulnerable children and young people
3. The multi-agency workforce is supported, informed & effective with a focus on learning & improvement

**BBSCB has identified 3 key priorities:**

**Neglect – Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health - Online**

**Example of actions:**
Further implementation of the Graded Care Profile 2 (GCP2)
Understand/challenge the effectiveness of interventions in reducing the impact of neglect
Develop data to understand the extent of neglect
Seek assurance of partner’s performance in responding to neglect
Themed meetings
Hear & act upon what c/yp & families say
Seek assurance of how neglect of c/yp are responded to within adult focussed services
Engage with staff working with children in their Early Years including schools and pastoral care to encourage ‘championing’ of early identification of neglect.
Changes to dataset to enable more comprehensive understanding of DA/MARAC data.

**How will we know this has made a difference?**
The risks around neglect are well understood and support best practice to ensure better outcomes for c/yp.
Increased effective early intervention and less Child Protection Plans and Looked after children.
Increases in Early Help Assessments (EHAs)
Reduction in re-referral and repeat child protection plans for neglect

**Neglect**
Neglect is applied as an umbrella term for various themes and will include a focus on assessing the impact neglect has on a child or young person who are exposed to or experience domestic abuse.

**Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health**
A focus on emotional wellbeing and mental health to run through all our work to ensure stronger prevention and timely help

**Online Safety**
Coordinate a multi-agency approach to online safety for children, young people and their families.