

Bedford Borough Safeguarding Children Board's Business Plan 2017 - 2019

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

Annual Reports

Private Fostering, Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC), Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) and Youth Offending Service.

Assurance Reports

Disabled Children and young people, Looked after Children, CSE and Missing Children, BBSCB groups, Domestic Abuse

Engaging children and young people

Engagement and Participation strategy
Delivery of Chelsea's Choice, Crashing and In the net

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

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.

Golden threads through the 3 priorities

Strategies developed, in place and monitored

Action plans developed, in place and monitored

Assurance reports

Multi-agency Audits

Single Agency Audits

Performance Monitoring

Lived experience of children and young people

Multi agency Training delivery and evaluation

Single Agency Training delivery and evaluation

Briefing events and evaluation

Frontline Practitioner engagement

Links to other Strategic Boards, action plans and strategies

Working with the Adult Safeguarding Board

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.
Increase in Early Help Assessments (EHAs)
Reduction in re-referral and repeat child protection plans for neglect

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

Example of actions:

Survey of practitioner's skills and confidence
Development of early recognition and early intervention across the children and young people workforce
Greater understanding of the risks to adolescents and identify any gaps in service provision.

How will we know this has made a difference?

Enhanced confidence of practitioners to manage and support children and young people with mental health issues with early intervention, thus reducing the need for higher level intervention.
Less c/yp presenting at A/E with self harm/suicide concerns.
Reduction in waiting lists for CAMHs.
Feedback from c/yp and families.
Right intervention at the right time

Online Safety

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

Example of actions:

Establish Pan Bedfordshire Technology Group
Improve children, young people's, parents/carers and practitioner's knowledge and confidence of online safety.
Raise awareness to support children and young people keeping safe online.
Support all agencies in developing policies, procedures and strategies related to e-safety.
Raise awareness to support practitioners, parents, carers to keep children & young people.

How will we know this has made a difference?

Ensure all online safety related work has a clear lead from a strategic partnership and can evidence impact.
Feedback from c/yp to the performances of Chelsea's Choice, Crashing and In the Net.
Parents feel more confident in digital parenting.