

PRINCIPLES

Our principles are based on the shared belief that ‘Safeguarding is everybody’s business.’ Our aim is to create strong relationships and a positive environment of multiagency working. We are more effective together than we are as separate agencies in our shared and equal duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people of Barnsley. We are working together to build a brighter Barnsley for every child. We will achieve this by:

- Principle 1 -** Putting children & families first
- Principle 2 -** Working together in partnership to deliver joined-up care.
- Principle 3 -** Delivered by a strong & valued workforce

The Voice of the Child informs all priorities.

PRIORITIES

DELIVERED THROUGH

OUTCOMES

Child Neglect

- Refreshed Child Neglect strategy.
- Early interventions and Early Help
- Lived experience of children is captured in plans and assessments.
- Identify common neglect tool for use by all agencies.
- Promote multiagency Graded Care Profile 2 training.
- Refresh and launch Thresholds for Intervention

Reduce child neglect and harm at an early stage, leading to fewer Child Protection referrals. Assurance to the partnership that our approach to child neglect is effective. Children and families to tell us that they feel safer, and that life has improved, due to receiving the right care at the right time

Child Exploitation

- Investment in a coordinated response to Child Exploitation and Contextual Safeguarding
- Prevention and protection from Exploitation
- Effective sharing of intelligence
- Proactive use of disruption
- Trauma-informed services and pathways
- Child Exploitation public awareness campaign

Improved outcomes for children and young people at risk of exploitation and harm outside of home. Partnership assurance that we have clear governance and strategies in place, and that children and their families tell us they feel safer outside of the home.

Bullying, Harassment & Online Harms

- Effective collaborative Partnership working across all services with Education.
- Establish a new Bullying, Harassment and online Harms subgroup, led by education settings and informed by children and young people.
- Schools action plans, based S.175 audit findings, support Bullying and Online Harms activity
- Relaunch of the Anti-Bullying commitment and buy-in from all education settings.
- Young Inspectors check and challenge for Anti-Bullying commitment.
- Resources for parents, carers and practitioners to enable them to support children and young people to be safe online

Children and young people tell us that bullying is addressed in schools and colleges. Greater awareness of the risks of online harms amongst practitioners and families. Children and young people are confident in how to keep themselves safe online.

Service Development

- A multiagency training offer that addresses our strategic priorities
- Policies and procedures that enable practitioners to deliver effective safeguarding for children, young people and their families
- A common information-sharing agreement and escalations route for professional disagreements to enable effective communication
- Learning from practice reviews to inform best practice.
- Services are supported by an effective quality assurance framework

Our practice and processes are effective and improve outcomes for children and their families. Learning from reviews will inform best practice and shape services. We will understand what we are doing well and how we need to improve.