



# **Inter-Partnership Joint Working Protocol**

**Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board  
Barnsley Safeguarding Children Partnership  
Children, Young People and Families' Trust  
Barnsley Place Partnership  
Health and Wellbeing Board  
Safer Barnsley Partnership  
Stronger Communities Partnership**

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## 1) Introduction

This protocol sets out the expectations of the relationship and working arrangements between seven Strategic Partnership Boards and the underpinning principles. The Partnerships are:

1. Safeguarding Adults Board (BSAB).
2. Safeguarding Children Partnership (BSCP).
3. Children, Young People and Families' Trust (CYPT).
4. Barnsley Place Partnership (BPP).
5. Health and Wellbeing Board (H&WB).
6. Safer Barnsley Partnership (SBP).
7. Stronger Communities Partnership (SCP).

The principles underpin how the Strategic Partnerships work within their defined remits, the interface with each other and the practical means for effective coordination and collaboration in pursuit of inter-related priorities and how this will be sustained. The protocol applies to the seven Strategic Partnerships, and all the sub-groups of those boards.

## 2) Principles

This protocol does not seek to dilute the discreet responsibilities of each of the Partnerships. Its purpose is to ensure that the following jointly adopted principles underpin the collaborative approach of the Partnerships in order to ensure the best possible outcomes for individuals, families and communities:

- **Collectively, each Partnership will understand their respective purpose, scope and remit.**
- **The Partnerships will be clear on shared priorities and objectives.**
- **A culture of scrutiny and challenge will exist across the Partnerships.**
- **The Partnerships will work together to avoid duplication and ensure consistency in their approach of working together.**
- **Central to their decision making, the Partnerships will remain focussed on ensuring the best possible outcomes for individuals, families and communities.**
- **The Partnerships will ensure priorities and objectives are informed through agreed strategic planning approaches including data analysis and engagement with stakeholders and that, where appropriate, this is shared across the Strategic Partnerships.**

All strategic partnerships included in the Joint Working Protocol contribute to the Barnsley 2030 priorities, which are:

<b>Barnsley - the place of possibilities</b>			
<b>Healthy Barnsley</b>	<b>Learning Barnsley</b>	<b>Growing Barnsley</b>	<b>Sustainable Barnsley</b>
People are safe and feel safe.	People have the opportunities for lifelong learning and developing new skills including access to apprenticeships.	Business start ups and existing local businesses are supported to grow and attract new investment, providing opportunities for all.	People live in great places, are recycling more and wasting less, feel connected and valued in their community.
People live independently with good physical and mental health for as long as possible.	Children and young people achieve the best outcomes through improved educational achievement and attainment.	People have a welcoming, safe and enjoyable town centre and principal towns as destinations for work, shopping, leisure and culture.	Our heritage and green spaces are promoted for all people to enjoy.
We have reduced inequalities in health and income across the borough.	People have access to early help and support.	People are supported to have safe, warm, sustainable homes.	Fossil fuels are being replaced by affordable and sustainable energy and people are able to enjoy more cycling and walking.
<b>Enabling Barnsley</b> We are a modern, inclusive, efficient, productive and high-performing council			

### 3) Partnership Functions & Responsibilities

#### Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Board

The Safeguarding Adults Board is a statutory Board, as defined in the Care Act 2014. It has three strategic partners, BMBC, ICB and SYP who lead on adult safeguarding with support from a wider Board membership of all key organisations in Barnsley.

The Care Act 2014 states that Safeguarding Adults Boards by statute must:

- Produce a strategic plan based on the six guiding principles of the Care Act: [Barnsley Safeguarding Adults Strategic Plan](#).
- Produce an annual report of progress achieved against the strategic plan.
- Undertake Safeguarding Adults Reviews when adults die or are seriously injured as a result of abuse/neglect.

The Board must work to prevent harm and abuse and fulfil the six principles of safeguarding:

- **Prevention** – give adults skills to prevent harm, organise care and support to prevent harm.
- **Empowerment** – provide information, access to resources etc to equip adult to keep themselves safe.
- **Protection** – when required by the adult or when they are unable to make this decision for themselves.
- **Proportionality** – adult's choices must be respected when possible and if action is taken it must be proportionate to the risks.
- **Partnership** – working with the adult and relevant agencies to deliver their outcomes.
- **Accountable** – to the adult and the wider community.

### **Barnsley Safeguarding Children Partnership**

The Children Act (2004), Social Work Act (2017) and Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018) introduced and developed the duties of Local Authorities, Police and Clinical Commissioning Groups to work together in a local area to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people. Barnsley Safeguarding Children Partnership is based upon this legal framework and more recently, on the guidance provided by the Wood Review (2016, 2021) into multi-agency safeguarding arrangements.

The three safeguarding partners have a shared and equal duty to make arrangements to work together to support and enable agencies and local organisations to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in Barnsley. The Partnership will agree on ways to co-ordinate their safeguarding services; act as a strategic leadership group in supporting and engaging others; and implement local and national learning including from serious child safeguarding incidents. It will produce an annual report and strategic plan.

### **Children, Young People and Families Trust**

Barnsley's Children and Young People's Trust (BCYPT) is a collaboration of partners from across the system who collectively share a vision, ambitions, and priorities to work together to improve outcomes for children, young people and families.

Below is an overview of the Children and Young People's Plan 2023-26 which is aligned to the vision and priorities set out in Barnsley 2030.

## Barnsley Children, Young People and Families Plan 2023 – 2026

In Barnsley, we want everyone to start their life well, have the opportunity to learn, develop new skills, achieve their personal potential and have a good life. This means everything from a quality place to call home, good physical and mental wellbeing, access to the best possible local facilities, and a sense of self-worth through diverse education and secure employment opportunities - Barnsley 2030.

HEALTHY	LEARNING	GROWING	SUSTAINABLE	ENABLING
 <p>Children, Young People and their families lead healthy and happy lives.</p> <p>Children and young people are safe and protected.</p>	 <p>Children and young people get a good education, are ambitious and able to reach their potential.</p> <p>Children and young people are ready for work and are able to gain and progress in work.</p>	 <p>All providers of Children and Family Services are valued and supported to thrive.</p> <p>Barnsley is a child, young person and family-friendly place to live, work and visit.</p>	 <p>To protect our place and planet for future generations.</p> <p>Children, young people and families are proud and active where they live.</p>	 <p>The Children, Young People and Families Trust will support the system to achieve more and better outcomes.</p>
<p><b>Boards responsible for delivery are :</b> Starting Well, Growing Well and Moving On, Special Educational Needs &amp; Disabilities Oversight Board, CYP Emotional Health &amp; Wellbeing Group, Partnership Board, Youth Crime and Anti-social Behaviour Board, Barnsley Schools Alliance, Inclusive Economy Board, Voluntary Sector Strategy Group, Children &amp; Young People's Commissioning, Housing Board, Fusion Partnership, Positive Climate Partnership, Principal Towns Programme Board, Area Councils, Active in Barnsley Partnership.</p>				
<p><b>2030</b> Barnsley – the place of possibilities.</p> 				

### Barnsley Place Partnership

Our local partnership is part of a wider system and plan for NHS South Yorkshire to:

1. Improve outcomes in population health and healthcare.
2. Tackle inequalities in outcomes, experience and access.
3. Enhance productivity and value for money.
4. Help the NHS support broader social and economic development.

Our vision for Barnsley are:

- An integrated joined up health and care system where the people of Barnsley experience continuity of care.
- Patients and their families are supported and empowered by what feels like “one team”, each delivering their part without duplication.
- A shift of focus on treating patients with health problems to supporting the community to remain healthy in the first instance.
- Integrated care that delivers the best value for the Barnsley pound.

The Barnsley Place Partnership adopts a life-course approach to improving health and wellbeing and creating a system that is accountable for health outcomes and all determinants of health and wellbeing.

### Barnsley Health and Wellbeing Board



Barnsley's Health and Wellbeing Board works closely with the Barnsley Place Partnership (above) to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for all people within Barnsley.

The Health and Wellbeing Board sets the strategic vision for improving health and wellbeing in Barnsley by producing a joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. In addition, the Board is responsible for monitoring the health and care needs of the borough, by producing a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

Whilst the Place Partnership is more focussed on healthcare systems, the Health and Wellbeing Board is focussed on making improvements to the building blocks of health and wellbeing, including but not limited to: employment, housing, climate, economy, food environment and communities.

The Health and Wellbeing Board is formal committee of the local authority and reports directly to Cabinet. Nevertheless, all partners on the Health and Wellbeing Board have equal status.

### **Safer Barnsley Partnership**

The Safer Barnsley Partnership is the statutory Community Safety Partnership for Barnsley established under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The Partnership brings together a number of responsible authorities including the Council, South Yorkshire Police, Health, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue and Probation Service to work in collaboration with other statutory/voluntary services and local people to deliver a shared community safety vision, series of priorities and outcomes to ensure Barnsley is and continues to be a safe place to live, work and visit.

The Partnership has the following statutory duties & functions:

- Produce an annual Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (JSIA) that considers the current, emerging and long-term issues of crime, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and overall community safety aspects that impacts on our borough.
- Consult the community on their perception of community safety and their views on matters that need to be prioritised by the Partnership.
- Produce a 'Partnership Plan' that clarifies partners action to ensure community safety of the borough: [Safer Barnsley Partnership plan](#).
- Establish an Information Sharing Agreement / Protocol for partners to work effectively with each other.
- Co-ordinate Domestic Homicide Reviews.

### **Stronger Communities Partnership Board**

The Stronger Communities Partnership (SCP) is a multi-agency partnership which brings together statutory, voluntary, community and the independent sector alongside local people to provide system-wide leadership to the community and early help offer. It focuses on transforming the ways services interact with individuals, families and communities – making more effective use of assets within communities. The Partnership acts as the executive body to oversee the objectives in the [Early Help Adults Plan](#) linked to Barnsley 2030 in particular ‘Healthy Barnsley’ and ‘Learning Barnsley’ themes. The SCP focus is on Early Help and Prevention within the context of adults.

#### 4) Inter-Partnership Collaboration & Co-ordination

Key strategic plans including those referenced in section above whether formulated by individual agencies or co-produced by Partnerships, have a collective aim to improve the health and wellbeing and effectively safeguard individuals, families and communities across Barnsley. Each Partnership has defined priorities as set out in their respective strategies or plans, however in order to ensure effective collaboration and co-ordination, shared priorities and opportunities to collaborate are outlined in Appendix 1.

The following table outlines how practically the principles outlined in Section 2 will be put into practice to ensure effective collaboration and co-ordination across the seven Partnerships.

Note: Actions below may be further refined to reflect changes within Partnerships that may be indicated to impact on the effectiveness of collaborative working.

<b>Effective Coordination &amp; Communication</b>	
<b>Partnership Chairs</b>	
<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Action</b>
As required	The Statutory Safeguarding Partners (BMBC, SYP, ICS) to continue to meet regularly or as required to ensure system leadership input is effectively embedded into the Partnership landscape. This will create opportunities to share priorities, risks, intelligence and learning at system partnership level.
<b>Partnership Managers</b>	
Quarterly	<p>All partnership managers will meet at regular intervals to ensure connectivity in terms of their respective boards in respect of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross cutting subject areas.</li> <li>• Interdependencies.</li> <li>• Share learning in relation to emerging policy changes.</li> <li>• Strategies or Plans and Priorities.</li> <li>• Risks.</li> <li>• Forward planning.</li> </ul>



Annually	<p>In addition to the scheduled interface across the Partnerships, it is expected that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relevant learning arising from reviews is shared.</li> <li>• Opportunities for co-ordinating consultations, communications and engagement are maximised.</li> </ul> <p>These will be shared with each of the Partnerships in April of each year to ensure that opportunities to collaborate and join approaches are secured.</p>
On-going	<p>Each Partnership has representation from each of the respective Partnerships named within this protocol. Members from each respective Partnership will ensure connectivity across the broader Strategic Partnership landscape promoting joined up approaches to ensure the delivery of any joint or inter-related priorities.</p> <p>Each Partnership will ensure that their Terms of Reference clearly defines the responsibilities of Partnership members to champion, advocate and make the connections to adjacent Strategic Partnerships named in this protocol.</p> <p>Each respective Partnership will identify members who are represented on each strategic Partnerships who will undertake this role.</p> <p>Each Partnership has the opportunity to include any cross-cutting / emerging updates at their respective meetings as part of their agenda setting process (under any other business or as a specific agenda item where required).</p>
<b>Information Sharing</b>	
Annually	<p>Safer Barnsley Partnership produces the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment on an annual basis which informs the formulation of the Safer Barnsley Partnership priorities.</p> <p><b>Key themes and high-level findings</b> of the assessment will be shared with the Strategic Partnerships in order to ensure that this intelligence base can be used alongside the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment to inform the priorities as relevant across the Strategic Partnership landscape.</p> <p>NOTE: Key high-level findings include the emerging priorities and the results of the public consultation which inform the Safer Barnsley Partnership Plan.</p>

## 5) Review

This protocol will be reviewed annually or sooner where national guidance or legislative changes impacts on any of the respective Partnerships. The protocol will be reviewed by the partnership managers in the first instance followed by the joint chair group before circulating to each respective Partnership for review prior to sign-off.

## 6) Signatories

<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation/Partnership Board</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
Marianne Huison	Independent Chair, Safeguarding Adults Board		
David Radford	Independent Chair & Scrutineer, Safeguarding Children Partnership		
Carly Speechley	Chair, Barnsley's Children and Young People's Trust		
Councillor Wendy Cain	Chair, Health and Wellbeing Board		
Phil Hollingsworth / Simon Wanless	Co-Chairs, Safer Barnsley Partnership		
Councillor Wendy Cain	Chair, Stronger Communities Partnership		
TBD	Barnsley Place Partnership		

## Barnsley Strategic Partnership Priority Map

## Appendix 1

### Key

	Lead Partnership.
	Contributing Partnership/Boards. Note: This refers to actions of partners that enables the delivery against the primary outcome of the leading partnership or board.

Strategic Priority Area	Safeguarding Adults Partnership	Safeguarding Children Partnership	Children's Trust	Health & Wellbeing Board	Barnsley Place Partnership	Safer Barnsley Partnership	Stronger Communities Partnership
Adults at Risk							
Ensure that collectively we all work hard to prevent harm and abuse across Barnsley							
Develop citizen led approaches to safeguarding							
Learn and continually improve							
Transition from Adolescence to Adulthood							
Early Help							
Child Exploitation (inc. CSE, CCE, CA)							
Neglect							
Contextual Safeguarding							
Learning from Child Practice Reviews							
Child Death Overview Panel							
Keeping children & young people safe							
Improve education, achievement & employability							
Tackle child poverty & improving family life							
Support healthy lifestyle choices							
Encourage positive relationships & strengthen emotional health							
Improve skills to deliver quality services							
Children and Young People (Start Well)							
Wider determinants of health							
Physical Activity							
Health Alliances (Alcohol, Tobacco, Heart Health, Oral Health & Sexual / Reproductive Health)							
Road Safety							
Reducing Health Inequalities							
Mental Health							

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Growing our workforce (capacity, capability and resilience)							
Strengthen joint approach to prevention (making every contact count)							
Improve equity of access (no wrong door)							
Joining up care & support for those with greatest need (integrated personalised care)							
Domestic Abuse (DA) (inc. Children & Young People living with DA)							
Substance Misuse							
Hate Crime							
Community Tension							
Prevent							
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)							
Environmental Crime							
Neighbourhood Crime							
Organised Crime Groups (OCGs) (inc. Drug Supply)							
Serious Violence							
Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG)							
New Protect Duty							
Barnsley Age Friendly Communities							
Dementia Friendly Communities & Early Support							
Good Food							
Poverty Action Barnsley / More Money In Your Pocket							
Wellbeing Support							
Barnsley Older Peoples Physical Activity Alliance							
Customer Engagement							
Ageing Well							
Reducing Excess Winter Deaths							
ASC Better Lives Programme							
Armed Forces Community							
Community Capacity Building							
Support to Carers							
SYFR Safe & Well Checks							
Skills & Employment							