

## **Neglect Partnership Subgroup**

### **Role and Function Subgroup**

In working to safeguard children and young people the Barnsley Safeguarding Children Partnership (BSCP) is striving to ensure all children are protected from violence, abuse and/or neglect. Neglect is one of the most common categories of abuse for child protection plans nationally and locally. Neglect has been identified as one of the continuing strategic priorities the partnership for 2024-25.

### **2030 themes and ambitions**

In Barnsley, we want everyone to have a good life. This means everything from a quality place to call home, to good physical and mental wellbeing and a sense of self-worth through diverse and secure employment opportunities. It's also about having access to the best possible local facilities in a community that values our people and our place. There are four themes which underpin the 2030 programme all of which have four ambitions. The Neglect Partnership subgroup can positively influence and contribute to these specific ambitions

#### **Healthy Barnsley**

- Fewer people live in poverty and everyone has the resources they need to look after themselves and their families
- People can access the right support, at the right time and place and are able to tackle problems early

#### **Learning Barnsley**

- Children and young people aim high and achieve their full potential with improved educational achievement and attainment

#### **Growing Barnsley**

- People have a wider choice of quality, affordable and sustainable housing, to suit their needs and lifestyle

#### **Sustainable Barnsley**

- People are proud of and look after their local environment

A multi-agency approach has been taken to the development of the Neglect Strategy and an outline delivery plan has been formulated 2023/2024

The Neglect Partnership Subgroup will provide the necessary leadership and co-ordination to oversee the continued implementation and development Neglect Strategy across Barnsley.

This will be achieved by

- Securing a collective commitment to addressing and responding to neglect across all partner agencies, including those who do not work directly with children
- Driving effective leadership in improving the appropriate systems, culture, and process changes in relation to neglect.
- Increasing the awareness and understanding of neglect in Barnsley for children and their families
- Developing a common working definition of difference between poverty and neglect for all partners which includes older children

- Develop cross partnership data dashboard of the available information and performance data information is available to support the understanding of neglect across Barnsley and the lived experience of children where neglect is an issue
- Consider the development of a Neglect Champions network to share examples of good practice and identify barriers to effective multi-agency working
- Continue to develop and Improve recognition, assessment and response to children and young people living in potentially neglectful situations
- Ensure that the Graded Care Profile (GCP2) tool is being utilised effectively and consistently by practitioners across the partnership
- Ensuring that all agencies have identified training and support for their practitioners so that they have the necessary knowledge and skills to support their practice.
- Practitioners from all agencies are encouraged to attend bespoke and specialist training delivered by the BSCP.

## **Accountability**

The Neglect Partnership Subgroup is accountable to and reports to the BSCP O&BG.

The Neglect Steering Group will be responsible for producing a quarterly highlight report to each BSCP O&BG meeting to include an overview of what is going well and identification of any barriers to the effective implementation of the Neglect Strategy within Barnsley.

## **Administration**

The Subgroup will be serviced in terms of administration by the Barnsley Safeguarding Childrens Partnership Business Support Team (BSCP BST). This will include arrangement of meeting dates, collation and circulation of information, agendas and minutes.

Agendas and papers for the meeting will be distributed by the BSCP BST 5 working days before the meeting

The Chair and the BSCP Business Manager will jointly prepare the agenda and minute taking will be undertaken by the BSCP BST.

## **Role of Chair**

The Chair of the Neglect Subgroup Group will be the Head of Service Integrated Front Door Childrens Social Care

The Chair of the group will work closely with the BSCP Business Manager to prepare for meetings and set agendas.

The Chair will hold group members to account for attendance, engagement, and the delivery of specific tasks.

The Chair will actively monitor individual attendance by group members and will report on this by exception to the BSCP O&BG

The Chair will provide progress update reports to the BSCP O&BG and will identify and report on any barriers to the delivery of the work plan and escalate identified risks.

## **Role of Group Members**

Neglect subgroup ToRs updated December 2024. Review due 2025

Each member of the Subgroup is responsible for both working on behalf of the Barnsley Safeguarding Children Partnership to support the implementation of the Neglect Strategy and for holding their own agency to account for its response to embedding the Strategy into single agency practice.

Group members will make a commitment and prioritise attendance at meetings, and, on the occasions, they are unable to attend, they should identify an appropriate deputy who is authorised to act on behalf of the agency's representative and meet their responsibilities.

Group members will have the seniority to make decisions on behalf of their area of responsibility and to ensure the delivery and implementation of the local arrangements.

Group members will be able to access and share the information necessary to inform collective action

Group members will prepare for meetings and come ready to actively engage with discussions. They will be critically reflective, strengths-based, solution-focused and child-centred, to shape and influence practice.

Group members will positively support with the completion of tasks between meetings including lead and/or participate in work streams. They will take responsibility for identified actions and see them through to completion.

### Frequency of meetings

Quarterly with additional task and finish groups as and when

### Membership

Barnsley CSC	Adult Mental Health
Targeted Early Help	Adult Social Care
Early Help and Prevention/Family Hub	Voluntary Sector – Barnsley CSV
Early Years	Parks and Green Spaces
Primary education	Neighbourhood Wardens
Secondary education	
College/further Ed.	
Housing (Private)	
Housing Berneslai homes/Homeless team	
Anti Social Behaviour team	
SYP	
South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue	
Barnsley Hospital	
O-19 Services	
ICB	
CAHMS	

### Quoracy

Meetings will not be considered to be quorate unless there is representation from all three named safeguarding partners: local authority, police and health.

## Proposed regular agenda items

- **Data analysis:** Developing a relevant dashboard, the analysis of provided information and performance data to identify impact as well as areas for future development and focus of work
- **Family hubs:** How are we utilising these - link into community assets
- **Training:** Identifying and delivering training opportunities, e.g. the Neglect Graded Care Profile 2
- **Early identification:** Promoting early identification and response to neglect -practice developments  
Ensuring that frontline practitioners identify signs of neglect early on
- **Graded Care Profile:** Ensuring that the Graded Care Profile is completed before a referral is accepted if neglect is identified What are we learning from this
- **Development of Case studies:** Developing good practice case studies
- **Ongoing Audit work**