



Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Partnership (NCSCP) Business Plan 2023-26

This Business Plan sets out the key strategic priorities for the partnership and is informed by national learning including the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel's themed reviews, local learning from Rapid Reviews and audits, the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse and, most importantly the views of Children and Young People in the City. To support the strategic Business Plan, are more detailed work plans delivered by the Business Management Group (BMG) and its sub groups.

Vision of the partnership

- Children and young people are safe from harm, inside their home, outside their home and on-line.
- Children and young people have access to the right help at the right time.
- There is effective partnership working to improve safeguarding outcomes for children, young people and their families

Overarching Priorities that guide the work of the NCSCP

- To promote, monitor, coordinate and evaluate multi agency effectiveness in safeguarding children across the child's journey
- To strengthen and support a competent and equipped workforce that is committed to learning and developing safeguarding practice with the assurance that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility
- To evidence the impact of the Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Partnership.

In deciding our priorities, we have taken into consideration the National Practice Review annual report 2021 which identified six key practice themes for improving the safeguarding system to provide a framework.

Priorities for 2023-26

Please note that over the next year we will need to respond to any emerging significant issue of concern so our priorities may need to adapt to the new challenges arising from this.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority One – Exploitation
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Aim: To improve the effectiveness of multi-agency practice in response to the exploitation of vulnerable children and young people. including: child sexual exploitation, child criminal exploitation, County Lines, Children affected by gangs and youth violence, modern slavery and trafficking, honour-based violence, radicalisation and female genital mutilation.
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Key activities

1. NCSCP to have a good understanding of the prevalence of all forms of child exploitation in the City by receiving regular updates.
2. NCSCP to receive assurance that agencies are working well together to identify and address the safeguarding priorities for children and young people in the City and to evaluate the impact of services on them.
3. NCSCP to receive assurance that agencies are working well together to identify the perpetrators of crime towards children and young people and to ensure they are dealt with appropriately through the criminal justice system.
4. NCSCP to ensure that information sharing arrangements, policies, and procedures for Child Exploitation

remain up-to date and are informed by best practice and an evidence base.

5. NCSCP be assured on the delivery of an awareness raising campaign, training and capacity-building programs for professionals working with children, such as social workers, teachers, healthcare professionals, and law enforcement officers. This training should focus on recognising signs of exploitation, appropriate interventions, and cultural competency to ensure a holistic and sensitive approach.
6. NCSCP to be apprised on the effectiveness of transition from exploited child to exploited adult.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority Two – Making the System Work
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Aim: To improve partnership response and working practices, and ensuring the child and family are our central focus.
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Key activities

1. NCSCP to receive assurance on the impact and effectiveness of the neglect strategy and the neglect strategy toolkit.
2. NCSCP to be assured on effective information sharing and joint working protocols
3. NCSCP to be assured that chronology's remain up to date with current information and the child's lived experience is captured within partnership agencies systems, through assessment work and one to one engagement with the child/family.
4. Through multi agency audit processes the NCSCP receives assurance that those working with children and young people are seeking and responding to their voices and lived experience.
5. NCSCP to be assured and updated on the use of the 'Threshold of Need' and journey of the child and family.
6. NCSCP to ensure that learning from National, Regional and Local Reviews is disseminated to frontline

practitioners.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority Three – Enhancing cultural competency and confidence.

Aim: Improving partnership focus on the work we do in the context of equity, inclusion and diversity
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Key activities

1. The voices and experience of young people influence the development of NCSCP safeguarding policies and procedures
2. NCSCP be assured that partners are actively engaging with diverse communities to understand their specific needs and cultural contexts, involving building trust, fostering dialogue, and tailoring interventions to the cultural backgrounds and beliefs of our communities, thereby ensuring that services are accessible, non-discriminatory, and effective.
3. NCSCP strengthens its links with young people who receive services e.g. Children in Care Council and those groups who seek to represent young people in the City e.g. Youth Cabinet.
4. NSCSP to receive assurance of partners use of 'co-production' with young people including their involvement with service delivery and design.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority Number 4 – Domestic Abuse

Aim: To be assured of a coordinated and coherent inter-agency response to children impacted by domestic abuse and violence in families.

Key Activities

1. NCSCP to receive assurance that children and young people living with domestic violence are identified at an early stage and receive the required services. Also, that agencies are familiar with the DASH Risk assessment form and use it appropriately.
2. NCSCP to be updated on the effectiveness of partnership intervention to tackle Domestic Abuse.
3. NCSCP to support delivery of Domestic Abuse training module to promote the use of the DASH assessment form
4. NCSCP to embed learning and practice improvements emerging from CSPR's and audit activity through series of training and bulletins.
5. NCSCP to receive assurance of the effectiveness of MARAC and MAPPA arrangements in reducing risk to victims and children living in violent households.