



Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Partnership (NCSCP) Business Plan 2024-26

This Business Plan sets out the priority areas 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 multi-agency audits, QA Performance reporting and, most importantly the views of Children and Young People in the City. The BMG and SLG reviewed the Business Plan 2023 – 2026 in May 2024 and agreed the updated Business Plan priorities for 2024 – 2025¹.

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

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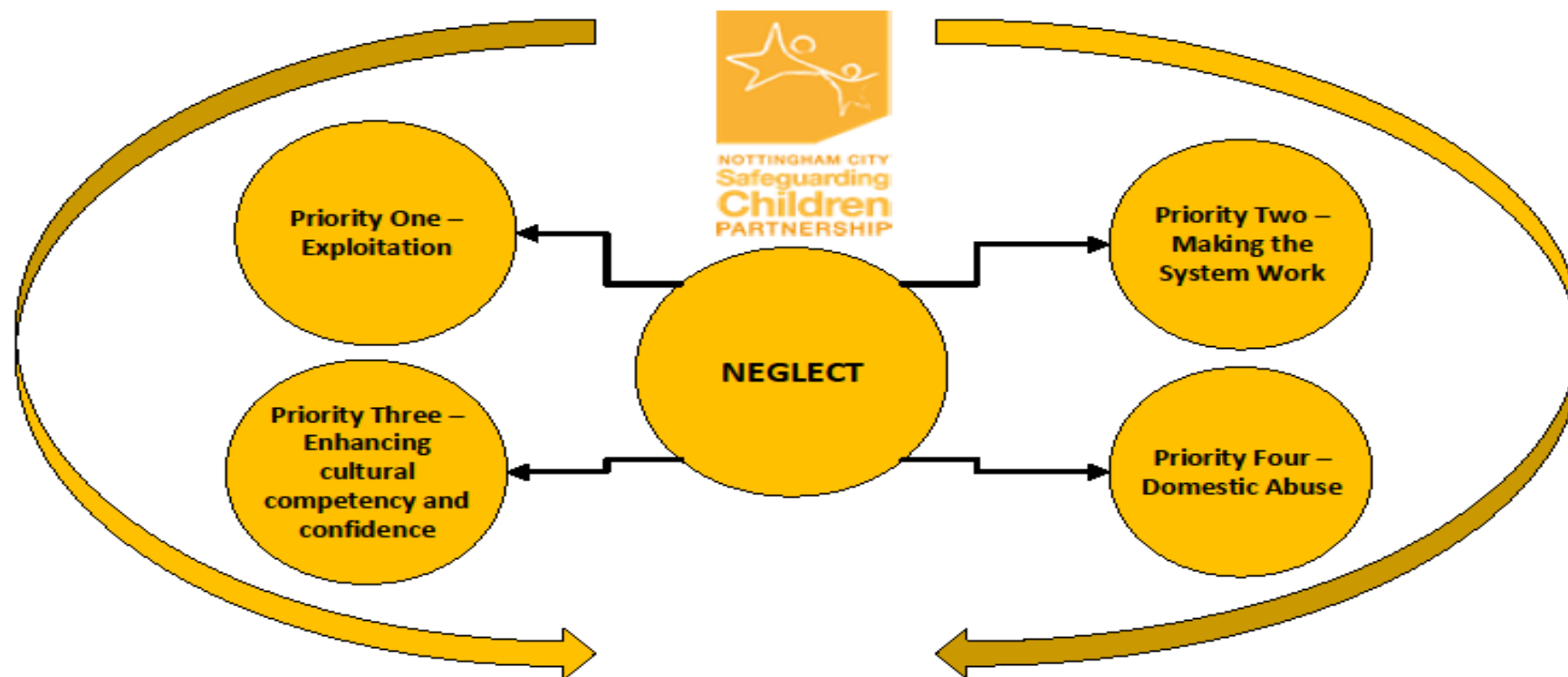
Overarching Priorities that guide the work of the NCSCP

- 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.

***The partnership recognizes the cross-cutting theme of 'Neglect' which feeds into all four priorities.**

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Priorities for 2024-26



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• Priority One – Exploitation

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.

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 at risk of exploitation 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 albeit to also be mindful of children and young people who offend to ensure the appropriate process/system is in place.
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, youth justice practitioners 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.

• **Priority Two – Making the System Work**

Aim: To improve partnership response and working practices, and ensuring the child and family are our central focus. Recognising pervasive issues such as ‘neglect’ that keep recurring.

Key activities

1. NCSCP to receive assurance on the impact and effectiveness of the neglect strategy and use of the neglect 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 consistent application of the ‘Threshold of Need’ and how this supports the journey of the child and family.
6. NCSCP to ensure that learning from National, Regional and Local Reviews is disseminated to frontline practitioners.
7. NCSCP to receive assurance of partners use of ‘co-production’ with young people including their involvement with service delivery and design.
8. NCSCP to embed learning and practice improvements emerging from CSCR’s and audit activity through series of training and bulletins.

- **Priority Three – Enhancing cultural competency and confidence.**

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

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 custody; Children in Care/Leaving Care etc. and those groups who seek to represent young people in the city e.g., Youth Cabinet, Children in Care Council etc.
4. NSCSP to further develop its understanding of 'Participation' by young people including their involvement in recruitment to key safeguarding posts within the city.

- **Priority Four – 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
NCSCP to receive assurance of the effectiveness of MARAC and MAPPA arrangements in reducing risk to victims and children living in violent households.

ⁱ 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.