



Shaping Our Local Priorities

NEL Safeguarding Children
Partnership



Our Vision



Our Partnership's vision is to work together to ensure safeguarding arrangements within place are proactive, robust, effective and clear. We will also offer help and support at the earliest point and to enable children, young people and families to have positive outcomes, where they reach their full potential.



Our Principles



- **We are committed to delivering our vision by applying these principles – they will govern our work**
- 1. Children and young people safe and well is the focus of everything that we do
- 2. We ensure that everyone has a voice, is listened to and respected
- 3. We all take ownership and responsibility for safeguarding and we challenge and support each other, inviting scrutiny from others too
- 4. We all share information and knowledge, learning from each other and so improve our work continuously
- 5. We spot issues early and face them together, with bravery and courage.
- **Focused - Listening - Accountable – Improving - Brave**



Focus



- The lived experience of the child
- This is a whole system approach



Strategic areas of focus



The need for a clear focus on the demand drivers

- Parental Mental Health
- Substance Misuse
- Domestic Abuse
- Exploitation (CCE, CSE, Missing)



Current priorities



There has to be an acceptance that not everything needs to be a priority and that as long as there is assurance of effectiveness a number of areas will be business as usual

- Neglect (Highest issue at CP)
- Domestic Abuse (Due prevalence in community)
- Sexual harm (Assurance processes effective)



How do we identify priority areas focus



The NELC SCP structure supports the identification of safeguarding themes and issues through the strategic delivery groups and working groups

- **The Improving practice Group** – Analyses inter agency safeguarding data and application of thresholds, identified practice and system issues
- **Children's Safeguarding Assurance group** - Identifies emerging safeguarding issues/ threats, sets standards/ measures what's working well against key strategies, CCE, Sexual Harm, Domestic Abuse
- **Safeguarding Review Group** –Identification themes and factors promote good practice and problematic practice and strategies to address these



Identifying priority areas focus- Cont



- **Wider partnerships**– Shared areas focus Safeguarding adults, Community Safety (DA, Transition, Exploitation)
- **Operational partnership groups**- MACE, CHANEL PANEL, MARAC, MATAAC, CP Coordinators forum, safeguarding education group, voluntary sector alliance
- Through single and interagency practice audits
- Through noise in the system
- Through voice children, families, practitioners& community
- Through independent scrutiny, inspections/ peer reviews
- Horizon scanning, national priorities





Safeguarding Children Executive Board
Enables and facilitates partnership working across agencies, sets the strategy for delivery, challenges across the system and receives and provides assurance

DIRECTION

ASSURANCE

Children's Safeguarding Assurance Group

Safeguarding Review Group

Improving Practice Group

Domestic Abuse One System Approach

Criminal Exploitation One System Approach

Operational working groups – these will be established by the Improving Practice Group, overseen by the Children's Safeguarding Assurance Group, with the purpose of improving practice in specific areas. The groups will involve all relevant agencies and some will be time-limited.



Measuring the difference to children & Young people



The success measure of a priority is that things are better for the child. How do we evidence this?

- Triangulation data, audit findings, voice child families practitioners
- Findings from single interagency inspections
- Reduction of children affected by neglect domestic abuse exploitation





How can you contribute to the priorities/ areas focus



What will happen to your contributions today?



All contributions from today will go directly to NEL Safeguarding Children Partnership Executive Board and will be used to inform current priorities and areas of focus.



Any Questions

