

Bedford Borough Safeguarding Children Partnership (BBSCP) Strategic Plan 2023 – 2026

This Strategic Plan sets out the BBSCP shared vision and themes that will help keep children, young people and their families at risk safe and protected from abuse and neglect. Excellent practice is the norm. Partners work collaboratively to achieve the same end goals. Partner agencies hold one another to account effectively. There is early identification of 'new' safeguarding issues. Learning is promoted and embedded. Information is shared effectively. Communities in Bedford Borough feel confident that children, young people and their families are protected from harm. BBSCP has agreed the following themes to direct its work for 2023 – 2026:

Safeguarding children and young people



In the home



In the community

Through effective systems and processes



Neglect – Cost of Living -
Early help - Safeguarding
Online - Domestic abuse -
Emotional wellbeing &
mental health - SEND

Contextual safeguarding -
Child Exploitation and Missing
- Safeguarding Education-
Male Violence Against
Women and Girls

Transitional Safeguarding
- Policy & Procedures - Thresholds to
services - Information sharing - Audit,
Reviews, Learning, Development &
Training and Independent scrutiny-
Workforce capacity

Neglect – via Pan Beds Neglect Group and annual conference
Cost of Living – Golden thread
Early Help – addressed through BCSCP/Pan Beds
structure/work streams /assurance reports. This will be a theme
for the BBSCB Strategic Board in April 2023.
Safeguarding online – Golden thread and Pan Beds website
Children impacted by domestic abuse - work with Pan Beds
Strategic Leaders for DA, Bedford Borough Community Safety
Partnership and Local DA Board and assurance reports.
Emotional wellbeing& mental health – via Bedfordshire
children and young people MH & EWB Network and assurance
reports
SEND – a theme for the BBSCP Strategic Board October 2023.
Contextual Safeguarding, Child Exploitation and Missing – via
Pan Beds Exploitation and Missing Strategic Group and
assurance reports.

Safeguarding Education - via Pan Beds Safeguarding Education
Group
Male Violence Against Women and Girls – via assurance reports.
Transitional Safeguarding – via Pan Beds Transitional
Safeguarding Task & Finish Group
Policy and procedures – via Pan Beds Policy and Procedures
Group
Thresholds to services - new Thresholds of Need Guidance will
be launched in February/March 2023. Evaluate in March 2024
Information sharing – Golden thread
Audit, Reviews, Learning, Development & Training - via BBSCP
Case Review Group, Pan Beds Coordination Group, assurance
reports and golden thread.
Independent scrutiny – Throughout this plan, structures, BBSCP
Annual Report and a golden thread
Workforce capacity – Golden thread

Some of the above to be addressed via Pan Bedfordshire groups and work streams.

Pan Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Coordinating Group

Pan Beds Neglect Group
and associated Task & Finish Groups

Pan Beds Safeguarding Education
Group

Pan Beds Policy and Procedures Group
and associated Task & Finish Groups

Pan Beds NAI & Under 2's Task and Finish Group

Pan Beds Trauma Informed Practice Task and Finish Group

Golden threads throughout this structure and plan

Lived
experience
& voice of
children &
young people

Multi- agency and
single agency
training delivery
and evaluation

Cost of Living

Learning from
practice reviews
and multi-
agency
& single agency
audits

engagement
of frontline
practitioners

Independent
scrutiny

Performance &
practice
monitoring and
analysis

Information
Sharing

Links to other Partnerships,
their action plans &
strategies which are
developed, in place &
monitored

Workforce capacity

Cultural
Competency

Safeguarding
Online

Group will report in to the Pan
Beds Neglect Group

Pan Beds Exploitation and Missing Strategic Group
will report into the BBSCP Strategic Board and Pan
Beds Coordinating Group

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