Luton Safeguarding Children Partnership
Strategic Business Plan 2023 - 2024

The Luton Safeguarding Children Partnership is driven by the following guiding principles:

- Strong, effective multi-agency safeguarding arrangements do not just happen. They demand an active commitment to collaboration and common purpose.
- Effective protection of children and the promotion of their well-being can only be secured through working together well.
- That safeguarding arrangements for children and young people are robust and are continuously tested and improved.
- Partners provide a focus on priorities, learning from reviews and emerging themes to improve outcomes for children
- Partner agencies value the role of independent scrutiny, hold one another to account effectively and retain are accountable for delivering on the partnership priorities, learning from experience and making practice improvements from reviews

Our vision is that:

- Children and young people are safe at home, in the community and are supported by effective safeguarding systems and processes so that our unborn babies, children and young people grow up in a child friendly town that supports them to be happy, healthy and prepared for adulthood.
- We listen to and support our children, young people and their families and communities to share their lived experiences in order to make the right decisions on our safeguarding system with them.
- Taking a whole family approach we will support our families to be strong, providing adults and children with the tools they need to work together to keep children safe, support each other's goals and achieve long-term change and stability.
- Communities in Luton are engaged and feel confident that children, young people and their families are protected from harm.
- Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and young people is consistent and maintains a focus on the needs of all children and young people living in Luton Borough.

Luton Safeguarding Children Partnership has agreed the following themes to direct its work for 2023 to 2026:

Safe at Home	Neglect	• Pan Beds Neglect Subgroup, Neglect Strategy and Action Plan, upscaling of GCP2 and annual Neglect Conference
	Cost of Living	• Golden thread within Pan Beds Neglect Subgroup addressed through Pan Beds structures and work streams and partner assurance reports.
	Safeguarding children online and in the digital environment	• Golden thread throughout work plans and visible presence within the Pan Beds website
	Children impacted by domestic abuse	• Pan Beds Strategic Leaders for Domestic Abuse, Luton Community Safety Partnership and Local Domestic Abuse Board and partner assurance reports.
	Emotional wellbeing and mental health	• Bedfordshire children and young people Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Network and assurance reports
	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities	• Thematic Strategic Board – partnership assurance report
Safe in the Community	Extrafamilial Harm	• Contextual Safeguarding, Child Exploitation and Missing, Serious Violence • Via Pan Beds Exploitation and Missing Strategic Group and assurance reports.
	Safeguarding in Education	• Via Pan Beds Safeguarding Education Group and Safeguarding Education strategy - formal arrangements to work together with education providers through meeting existing education networks at place.
	Male Violence Against Women and Girls	• Via Pan Beds VAWG Group, scrutiny and performance, assurance reports.
	Transitional Safeguarding	• Via Pan Beds Transitional Safeguarding Steering Group
Safe governance, structures and processes	Policy and procedures	• Via Pan Beds Policy and Procedures Group
	Application of Thresholds	• Evaluation and review of the Luton Effective Support Strategy in November 2023. Review and evaluation of Escalation processes. Scrutiny and performance reports.
	Information sharing	• Via Pan Beds Tier 2 Information Sharing Agreement
	Effective Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements	• Via Revised Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements document, Joint Delivery Group, LSCP Scrutiny & Performance Group assurance reports.
	Learning, development and improvement	• Via the golden threads of assurance reports, audit, reviews, learning, development, practice improvement and provision of training. Joint Case Review Group, Joint Quality Assurance and Learning Group. Pan Beds Coordination Group.
	Independent scrutiny	• Golden thread throughout strategic plans and structures. LSCP Annual Report and Pan Beds Risk Register. Independent Scrutineer and Lay Members.

Annual Partnership Safeguarding Reports:
Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP)
Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO)
Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)
Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)
Private Fostering Overview

Assurance Reports:
Child Exploitation
Domestic Abuse
LSCP Scorecard
Safeguarding in Education,
Section 11 Audit
Voice of Child and Lived experience

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Pan Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership's Structure 2023 - 2024

Pan Bedfordshire Strategic Leaders of Children's Services Group (4 x year)

Luton Safeguarding Children Partnership:
Statutory Partners Chairs Safeguarding Assurance x 4
Strategic Board (x4)
Joint Delivery Group (x 4)
Quality Assurance & Learning Group (x 6)
Joint Case Review Group (x 6)
Additional Case Review Group (x6)

Pan Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Coordinating Group (6 x year)
Themes: Domestic Abuse, EWB and Mental Health, Section 11, Child Exploitation and Missing, Transitional Safeguarding, training.

Golden threads throughout the Pan Bedfordshire Coordinating Group

| Lived experience & voice of children and young people | Learning from reviews, multi-agency & single agency audits | Voice & engagement of frontline practitioners | Data monitoring and analysis | Links to other Partnerships action plans & strategies | Domestic Abuse | Child Exploitation | Cultural Competency |

Safeguarding Education

Pan Bedfordshire Neglect Group (6 x year)
Themes; Physical neglect - Educational neglect - Emotional neglect - Medical neglect - Supervisory neglect - Environmental Neglect. There may also be some task and finish groups to address themes and work streams.

Golden threads throughout the Pan Bedfordshire Neglect Group

| Lived experience & voice of children and young people | Learning from practice reviews, multi-agency & single | Voice & engagement of frontline practitioner | Data monitoring and analysis | Links to other Partnerships action plans & strategies | Embedding & improving use of GCP2 | Domestic Abuse | Child Exploitation | Cultural Competency |

Safeguarding Education

Working towards an annual Pan Bedfordshire Neglect Conference

Pan Beds Safeguarding Education (6 x year)
Themes (TBC) S175, Safeguarding Boards in Schools, Safeguarding/Exclusions, Child on Child Abuse, Radicalisation.

Golden threads throughout the Pan Bedfordshire Safeguarding Education Group

| Lived experience & voice of children and young people | Learning from practice reviews, multi-agency & single agency audits | Voice & engagement of frontline practitioners | Links to other Partnerships action plans & strategies | Safeguarding aspect of attendance and exclusions | Domestic Abuse | Neglect | Child Exploitation | Cultural Competency |

Pan Bedfordshire Policy and Procedures Group (2 x year)
Task and Finish Groups to undertake the work as appropriate

The following will report into the Pan Beds Coordinating Group as required;
Pan Beds Transitional Safeguarding Task & Finish Group
Pan Beds Trauma Informed Practice Task and Finish Group
Pan Beds Exploitation and Missing Strategic Group
Pan Beds Trauma Informed Practice Task and Finish Group
Pan Beds NAI & Under 2's Task and Finish Group
Pan Beds Training Delivery Group
Pan Beds Voice of the Child Conference Task and Finish Group
Pan Beds Safeguarding Children Boards in School Pilot
Pan Beds Strategic Leaders for Domestic Abuse Group

Pan Beds Body Worn Video Group and the Annual ICON conversation will report in to the Pan Beds Neglect Group

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