

# Warwickshire Safeguarding Strategic Plan 2023-2026



Working in partnership to safeguard our children, young people, families and adults

# Our Commitment

Warwickshire Safeguarding has now been operating under its new partnership model for safeguarding which has allowed it to develop a family focused approach to working across the wider policy and partnership landscape since September 2019. The new model and governance structure has enabled the partnership to reduce duplication and allow for crosscutting, cross-functional safeguarding practices impacting on children, young people and adults to be considered and improvement in practice to be progressed. This approach has been harnessed within the governance of each of the newly formed subgroups and the engagement of all statutory partner agencies within these structures has helped to ensure improved accountability and ownership of safeguarding working towards achieving improved outcomes for children, young people and adults across the safeguarding pathway.

The involvement of wider partner groups within the joint Warwickshire Safeguarding Partnership Group has provided opportunities to embed Warwickshire Safeguarding's new quality assurance framework and support the partnership to identify good practice, as well as highlighting areas needing further focus.

The partnership arrangements enable partners to support and challenge from within the multi-agency system and operate from within an environment where effective multi-agency practice can flourish.

The production of a Strategic Plan is a statutory requirement. The Strategic Plan sets out our shared vision and actions that will help keep children, young people and adults at risk safe and protected from abuse and neglect.

This Strategic Plan sets out our strategic priority areas of focus for 2023-2026 and will be reviewed annually



# **Our Responsibility**

To support and enable local agencies to work together in a system where:

- 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; and
- The public can feel confident that children and adults are protected from harm

# Our Governance

- Executive Board with an Independent Chair and Scrutineer
- Warwickshire Safeguarding Partnership Group, Adults & Children
- Safeguarding Reviews Subgroup
- Education Subgroup
- Exploitation Subgroup
- Policy and Procedure Subgroup



## Our Priorities...

### **Effective Safeguarding**

Ensuring that those who need safeguarding and their families are given every chance to have their voices heard

### **Prevention & Early Intervention**

Enabling partners to work together to act early to protect those at risk of abuse or neglect

### **Exploitation**

Ensuring Effective multi-agency practice to protect those at risk of exploitation, in all its forms

Our work will also include focus on

- Neglect
- Self-neglect
- Children Missing

# Our Learning Journey ...



### Our Assurance Work...

### **SELF-EVALUATIONS**

To understand how well partners understand their respective roles and responsibilities towards safeguarding children, young people, families and adults

### **MULTI-AGENCY AUDITS**

To assess the compliance of case files and quality of safeguarding outcomes for children, young people, families and adults

### **CONVERSATIONS & SURVEYS**

To gain knowledge to assess thoughts, opinions and insight to safeguarding practice from professionals working directly with children, young people, families and adults

### SERVICE USER ENGAGEMENT

To Work with children, young people, families and adults to understand their experience of safeguarding practice

#### **DATA & ANALYSIS**

To identify patterns and trends and measure safeguarding performance

We will use information gathered through our assurance activities to:

- Celebrate and share good safeguarding practices
- Inform changes in Policy, Procedures and Practice Guidance
- Drive continuous improvement in safeguarding practice
- Promote learning from reviews work
- Create multi-agency training opportunities

