

Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board Business Plan 2017 - 18



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Safeguarding
Children Board

Participate &
Engage

Communicate

Monitor
Effectiveness

Review
Progress

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Better
outcomes

Strategic Priorities

Strategic Objective

Impact for Children

Priority One: Diversity and equality

To understand where and why there are differences in the people accessing services and, where required, put in place interventions to ensure all children in Warwickshire are safeguarded equally.

- A) Understand reasons why children from black, Asian and non-English speaking families and children with disabilities are underrepresented in safeguarding interventions.
- B) Ensure services are accessed on the same level across Warwickshire.
- C) Multi-agencies can effectively identify and respond to concerns

All Warwickshire children are equally safeguarded. Levels of safeguarding are understood and multi-agency staff are equipped with an effective tool for identifying early what services are required.

Access to early help delivered via CAF Assessment and family support plan is available to all children who need this.



Priority Two: Neglect

We want our services to be able to identify and respond to neglect at an earlier stage. Providing early help and support to children and families, preventing a situation worsening.

- A) All staff understand neglect and its impact on children.
- B) Children of parents experiencing domestic abuse, mental ill-health, substance misuse, routinely have their needs considered
- C) Assessment and interventions involve all relevant agencies, are well co-ordinated by a lead professional.
- D) Safeguard Children missing education

Multi-agency professionals are equipped with skills and knowledge to be able to identify neglect earlier and offer appropriate intervention.

Children and families are receiving the right help and support early.

Children from higher risk families are identified and offered targeted interventions.



Priority Three: Child Sexual Exploitation

To continue to build on the progress we have made in our response to concerns and the provision of services. As well as continuing the work to further raise awareness of CSE across Warwickshire, improving our evidence base and prosecution procedures.

- A) Effective procedure which supports strong Inter-agency practice.
- B) Clear information pathways to assess the effectiveness of our progress.
- C) Communities and families understand what CSE is, and how to get help / alert authorities when needed.
- D) Licencing used as a tool to prevent and disrupt perpetrators.

Multi-agency staff know what CSE is and know what to do when they have concerns about a child. Services have sound structures in place to respond to concerns.

Inter-agency procedure is well understood and used consistently.

Young people and their parents/carers are knowledgeable about CSE and empowered to protect themselves.



Priority Four: Early Help

We want to professionals in Warwickshire to have a shared understanding of what Early Help is, and for staff across the partnership to feel confident about playing their part in providing good quality early help to children of all ages.

- A) Children, including pre-school children, receive co-ordinated early help swiftly when the need is identified,
- B) Early help is recorded on proportionate plans that enable progress to be monitored,
- C) Fewer children require intervention at 'child in need' and 'child protection'

Children and their carers get the right help at the first opportunity, from professionals who are skilled and confident.

The effectiveness of help is regularly reviewed so that the plan can be changed if it is not working.

