



BUSINESS PLAN 2017-2018

Priority 1

Sheffield to continue to have effective safeguarding arrangements across all partners which promotes a culture of accountability, challenge, and shared learning

Key activities

- Prepare for the changes in safeguarding arrangements and ensure that there remains a strong structure during the change period
- Review the funding arrangements for the Board in light of the new arrangements and changing agency structures to ensure any new arrangements are appropriately resourced
- Review how we build in effective scrutiny and challenge in the new structure
- Explore greater collaboration across both local and regional working
- Review the current structures and processes, including the sub-group/reference structure

Priority 2

That the SSCB is visible and influential through effective engagement with agencies, partnerships, practitioners, the voluntary and community sector, children, young people and their families and the wider community

Key activities

- Joint NSPCC/SSCB campaign 'It's not ok' to be launched in May 2017 for professionals, children and young people, parents and carers
- Undertake work with a leading research university into Harmful Sexual Behaviour
- Ensure safeguarding training for the licensed trade is embedded into routine training delivery and develop an advanced training package for the licenced trade
- Deliver on an effective partnership with children and young people to ensure the voice of young people influences the strategic direction of the Board
- The SSCB to influence the national safeguarding agenda through its work with specific emphasis on Hidden Harm, Licensing and CSE

Priority 3

To ensure that Sheffield has effective and robust partnership arrangements to support the identification, delivery and management of risk to children and young people

Key activities

- During 17/18 the Sheffield Safeguarding Hub (SSH) will become functional – the SSCB will lead an independent audit and evaluation of arrangements
- Provide oversight of future development of the SSH
- The launch of the SSH will also embed the M-A Confirmation of Contact Form– the SSCB will lead on an audit and quality assurance programme
- Review the Learning and Practice Improvement Framework to ensure it includes feedback on single agency audits, single agency inspection outcomes and audits of action plans following SCR/CR
- Further develop the data dashboard to ensure it identifies key themes and trends and informs the evaluation and audit programme
- Evaluate the impact of advocacy and the use of MoMo (Mind of My Own) to ensure meaningful participation of children and young people in meetings and plans concerning their care

Priority 4

The SSCB will equip Sheffield practitioners across all organisations to have the skills, confidence and resources to recognise and respond to safeguarding concerns and provide effective challenge to others where required

Key activities

- Development of the new SSCB website to deliver guidance, resources and tools to practitioners
- Review the current workforce development programme including training pathways and further develop bite size learning sessions and master classes
- Produce guidance for Board members on their roles, remit and responsibilities to strengthen accountability and governance through the change programme
- Develop a culture of challenge to ensure all workers at whatever level and across organisations have the skills, confidence and support to challenge others in the best interest of children and young people

Priority 5

To develop robust responses to emerging safeguarding issues whilst at the same time ensuring we maintain an effective response to all areas of abuse and neglect

Key activities

- Ensure an effective safeguarding response into Teenage Partner Abuse in light of the findings in the OPCC report
- Review and refresh the Sexual Exploitation Strategy and action plan continuing to ensure an effective response across the city
- Review all strategies focussing on the safeguarding of young people to ensure they are providing an effective response and have clear linkages and action plans
- Embed the Suicide Prevention Pathway and ensure young people get access to the right resources at the right time from a workforce equipped with the skills and resources to respond
- Continue to prioritise the key areas of;
 - Transitions
 - Hidden Harm
 - Parental Mental Ill Health
 - Neglect

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