

Luton Safeguarding Children Partnership Strategic Business Plan 2023 - 2026

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 & 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

Pan Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership's Structure 2023 - 2024

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

Bedford Borough Safeguarding Children Partnership:
Strategic Board (X4)
Case Review Group (X6)

Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership:
Strategic Board (x 4)
Case Review Group (x 12)
Performance Group (x 4)

Luton Safeguarding Children Partnership:
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