

Pan Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership's Structure 2025/2026

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

chaired by Delegated Safeguarding Partners (DSPs)

The Lead Safeguarding Partners (LSPs) attend twice year to agree priorities and funding, sign off Annual Reports

Bedford Borough Safeguarding Children Partnership.
MASA meeting (x4) and Strategic Board (x4) chaired by DSPs.
Case Review Group (x 6), Performance (x4) chaired by Independent Scrutineer.

Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership.
MASA meeting (x 4) and Strategic Board (x 4) chaired by DSPs.
Performance (x 4) and Case Review Group (x 12) chaired by Independent Scrutineer.

Luton Safeguarding Children Partnership.
SPCSA (MASA) Meeting (x 4) chaired by LSP.
Strategic Board (x 4) chaired by DSPs.
Joint Case Review Group (x 6)
Joint Quality Assurance & Learning (x6)

Pan Bedfordshire Children's Assurance & Improvement Group (4 x year)

Chaired by Independent Scrutineer and responsible for scrutinising safeguarding effectiveness and the coordination of improvement activities.

Pan Bedfordshire webinars to share the learning from Reviews and audits.

(Frequency to be agreed)

Pan Bedfordshire Neglect Group (4 x year)

Chaired by Andrew Skea (NSPCC). 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.

Pan Beds Safeguarding Education Group (4 x year)

Chaired by LA Chief Officer Education. Themes: (TBC) S175, Safeguarding Boards in Schools, Safeguarding/Exclusions, Child on Child Abuse, Radicalisation. There may also be some task and finish groups to address themes and work streams.

Pan Bedfordshire Policy and Procedures Group (2 x year)

Chaired by Sally Stocker. Task and Finish Groups will undertake the work as appropriate.

Pan Bedfordshire Exploitation and Missing Group (4 x year)

Chaired by Jonathan Churchill. The purpose of the Group is to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the strategic and operational multi-agency response to Exploitation and Missing across Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire, and Luton. There may also be some task and finish groups to address themes and work streams.

Pan Bedfordshire Voice of the Child Group (4 x year)

Chaired by Sarah Mortimer. The voice of children and young people is a golden thread throughout our work,. The Group actively seeks to ensure that our partner agencies are seeking the voice and lived experiences of children and young people when they are developing their services through a range of approaches including an annual conference. There may also be some task and finish groups to address themes and work streams.

Golden threads throughout the individual Partnership's and Pan Bedfordshire Groups:

Voice & engagement of children young people and their families

Child Exploitation and Missing

Cultural Competency

Data monitoring and analysis

Effective application of thresholds and alignment of place-based MASH/IFD interface

Impact of Domestic Abuse on children and young people

Impact of emotional wellbeing and mental health on young people

Impact of Neglect on children and young people

Learning from practice reviews

Legal Literacy

Links to other Partnerships action plans & strategies

Multi-agency & single agency audits

Preparing for Adulthood

Safeguarding aspect of attendance and exclusions

Stable Homes Built on Love and the Family Help model

Voice & engagement of frontline practitioners including the voluntary, community or social enterprise organisations.