



## **Bury Safeguarding Children Board**

### **Business Plan 2017/2018**

#### **The purpose of Bury Safeguarding Children Board is**

- a) To Coordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the Board for the purpose of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area and
- b) To ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such purpose or body

This plan outlines the key priorities for Bury Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB) over the next three years. The plan has been informed by the BSCB Annual Development Day, the learning from local research & audits, Serious Case Reviews, BSCB Chair dialogue and annual structured sessions with partner agency leads. This has enabled us to identify vulnerable priority groups warranting higher priority over the next three years.

The Business Plan for 2017-18 has clear outcomes for the BSCB and for children and families in Bury. Each of the sub-groups of the BSCB will draw up their (SMART) work plans based upon the outcomes and milestones in this plan. The plan will be reviewed at every BSCB meeting.

This year the BSCB will focus its activities and achieve its aims by focusing on the identified key areas;

- children & young people impacted by domestic violence,
- safeguarding adolescents in the context of technology & social media,
- young people in transition,
- mental health / emotional well-being needs;
- safeguarding from abusive relationships
- complex safeguarding issues including CSE, FGM & radicalization

BSCB will also take into account local and national emerging issues including the government review of LSCBs and Greater Manchester devolution.

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

### 1. Bury Local Safeguarding Context

**BSCB will ensure that it has effective and robust partnership arrangements to support the identification, delivery and management of risk to children and young people.**

	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Responsible person or sub group</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>RAG rating</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
1.1	Embed the BSCB Neglect Strategy and monitor actions	BSCB via themed reports to BSCB from partnership Boards & sub groups	Themed reports throughout 2017/18			BSCB will ensure that it has effective and robust partnership arrangements to support the identification, delivery and management of risk to children and young people.
1.2	Develop effective relationships with Bury Adult Safeguarding Partnership	BSCB via themed reports to BSCB from partnership Boards & sub groups	Themed reports throughout 2017/18			Provide assurance that effective safeguarding services are in place for young people in transition. Areas include Domestic Abuse, Mental Health, Substance Misuse and Sexual Exploitation

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1.3	Seek commitment of the CSP to undertake a scoping exercise in relation to the provision of domestic violence services in Bury	BSCB via themed reports to BSCB from partnership Boards & sub groups	Themed reports throughout 2017/18			Provide assurance that effective safeguarding services are in place for children and families experiencing or at risk of sexual abuse.
1.4	To evaluate the effectiveness of early help arrangements across Bury through a multi-agency audit of practice	BSCB via themed reports to BSCB from partnership Boards & sub groups	Themed reports throughout 2017/18			To monitor performance and identify learning to improve outcomes and performance.
1.5	To seek assurance from Partners that effective strategies are in place to safeguard vulnerable adolescents including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• safeguarding in the context of technology and social media (sexting and cyberbullying)</li> <li>• effective early support and appropriate interventions when mental health / emotional well-being needs are identified and/or problems arise</li> <li>• seeking assurance that effective services to target abusive relationships are in</li> </ul>	BSCB via themed reports to BSCB from partnership Boards & sub groups	Themed reports throughout 2017/18			As above

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1.6	To ensure that an effective strategies are in place in Bury to tackle complex safeguarding issues, including CSE, radicalisation and FGM		Themed reports throughout 2017/18			As above

## 2. Strengthening the voice of the child in all BSCB core activity

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2.1	BSCB to receive performance information regarding the extent to which children and young people's views are evidenced in case records –to be included in all multi-agency audits.	BSCB & sub groups	Quarterly reports			Strengthening the voice of the child in all BSCB core activity
2.2	BSCB to ensure participation with children and young people is central to all the work delivered by the Board and that the voice of young people informs the business planning going forward	BSCB & sub groups	BSCB & sub groups			As above

### 3. Strengthening the BSCB Quality Assurance function

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3.1	To ensure that the data set is used to enable board members to effectively scrutinise performance data across partners and that BSCB are measuring the impact of the boards work	BSCB & sub groups	Quarterly reports to Business Group exception reported quarterly to BSCB			Data provided will promote an understanding of safeguarding activity and performance in Bury.
3.2	To scrutinise single agency audit activity.	BSCB & sub groups	Quarterly			As above
3.3	Undertake Section 11 audit (bi-annual)	BSCB & QA sub group, lead person Quality Assurance & Performance Officer.	2 yearly cycle			Ensure that partners are compliant with their statutory responsibilities under section 11 CA 2004.
3.4	To implement a series of multi-agency audits of practice in respect of priority groups.	All sub groups	Annual schedule of audit activity undertaken by QA sub group			To monitor performance and identify learning to improve outcomes and performance.
3.5	To keep under review, the multi-agency workforce development programme by developing a robust understanding of the impact of the training programme	Case Review & Learning sub group	Quarterly			Evidence how the local Learning & Improvement Framework is leading to improvements in practice.

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3.6	To oversee actions arising from Partnership Inspections	BSCB and sub groups	As arising throughout the year			Ensure that the BCSB is aware of issues to address.
3.7	Review and revise the constitution including the Terms of Reference for the Board and its sub groups	Business Manager, BSCB and all sub groups	Annually			Ensure that governance arrangements enable BSCB partners to fulfill their statutory responsibilities.
3.8	Maintain a risk register and areas of action and challenge.	Business Manager, BSCB and all sub groups	Reports to the Business Group 6 weekly and BSCB quarterly			Ensure that the BCSB is aware of issues to address.
3.9	Ensure that the BSCB prioritises its work taking into account local and national emerging issues (including the government review of LSCBs and GM devolution)	Business Manager, BSCB and all sub groups	Ongoing			As above