

Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Children's Partnership

Strategic Plan 2019 - 2022

Our vision is that children in the Rochdale Borough feel safe and are free from abuse and neglect.

Our mission is to work effectively together and put the children at the centre of everything we do



Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Children's Partnership - **Who we are**

The Safeguarding Children's Partnership (SCP) is a multi-agency partnership which has statutory functions under Working Together 2018. The RBSCP has a statutory responsibility to ensure that agencies work together to safeguard and promote the well-being of children and young people. Its core functions are set out in regulations.

What we plan to do

Nothing is more important than children's welfare. Children who need help and protection deserve high quality and effective support as soon as a need is identified. Local authorities, working with partner organisations and agencies, have specific duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in their area.

How are we going to do this?

We are going to work on three areas of equal importance, which will be our priorities. We will continue to work with our partners to make sure that by 2022 these priorities will be achieved.

How will we know if we have achieved our priorities?

We will measure our progress and achievements through our Business Plan which will be regularly updated and reviewed at every Partnership meeting as a standing item.

The structure of the Safeguarding

- *Partnership with an Independent Chair
- *Quality Assurance/Excellence in Practice and Engagement Sub-group
- *Policy and Procedures Sub-group
- *Complex Safeguarding Sub-group
- *Learning, Development and Communications Sub-group
- *Practice Review Sub-group
- *Community Safeguarding Forum
- *Task Groups (working groups)

What do we want?

What will we do?

How will we do it?

How will we know we have done it?

How will we know that we have improved a Child's life?

Key Objectives

Eradicating Child Neglect

PRIORITY 1

Ensure there are systems in place to raise awareness of, and respond to, child neglect. That these are comprehensive and robust and result in children and families being better supported

Demonstrate implementation of neglect strategy across agencies and consistent use of neglect competencies matrix. Review and update as appropriate.

The Neglect strategy and competencies matrix will continue to be incorporated into multi-agency safeguarding training and delivered to partner agencies. Regular reviews will be undertaken. Recourses and Toolkits will be available on the RBSCP website.

We will seek feedback from practitioners and bi-annual reports will be provided to the Complex Safeguarding Sub-Group for oversight.

Children will be safe and protected



Complex Safeguarding

PRIORITY 2

Raise awareness and understanding of the complex nature of all facets of exploitation, including recognition of risk factors and effective multi agency response

Continue to work pro-actively with all our partner agencies on a wide range of working groups covering the different elements of complex safeguarding to effect real change in the Rochdale borough.

Staff are enabled to plan and respond effectively ensuring safe and supportive transition for all young people, particularly those at additional risk. We will work with the Safeguarding Adults Board to assess and learn from complex needs and complex safeguarding concerns to improve practice.

We will use audits, surveys, questionnaires, focus groups and case file audits to evaluate our progress to ensure we are achieving progress in each of the different work-streams.

The Child will feel safer and happy with the actions taken to keepsafe



Impact of domestic abuse on children

PRIORITY 3

Children affected by domestic abuse and associated risks; including drugs, alcohol and mental ill health are identified and they and their families receive support to ensure risk is reduced .

Ensure early identification and intervention and access to high quality services. Raise awareness of the issue and provide specialist training across agencies.

We will work with partner agencies to identify areas of good practice, and areas of development, ensure continual learning through multi-agency training, utilise publicity campaigns and always be informed by those with lived experience of domestic abuse (including children).

We will use Performance Scorecards, learning from DHRs, SARs and CPRs, critical friend and peer reviews, settings to evaluate the effectiveness of our strategy.

Children and families will feel better informed, engaged, and supported to feel safe

