Wakefield Safeguarding Children Partnership

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Who are WSCP?

The partnership is a statutory body, led by an Executive (led by Wakefield Metropolitan District Council, NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board, and West Yorkshire Police) and supported by an Independent Scrutineer.

Our Priorities 2025 - 2028

1. Educational neglect is identified and responded to effectively
2. Children who are victims of domestic abuse receive effective support
3. Risks posed outside of the home are well understood, identified and responded to effectively, with particular focus on child exploitation and online harm
4. Strong arrangements are in place to identify/recognise, respond and protect and support children who are victims of intra familial child sexual abuse
5. Children on the cusp of adulthood who require continued support in relation to their risk and vulnerability, experience good transition to services who support adults

How will we know we are successful?

- Children's welfare and best interests is prioritised and acted upon by services who work or volunteer with them
- Single and multi-agency assurance activity tells us we are progressing across our 5 priority areas
- Wakefield has a culture where 'disruption of child exploitation is everybody's business'
- Voice of the child is evident within our assurance activity
- Language in relation to safeguarding is inclusive and promotes participation from all who work or volunteer with children and families
- Services recognise the role of the partnership and their own service contribution in driving forward the partnership's agenda
- Safeguarding campaigns across a range of areas is engaging and impactful

What Does WSCP Do?

The purpose of Wakefield Safeguarding Children Partnership (WSCP) is to support organisations to work together in a system where:

- Children are safeguarded and their welfare is promoted
- Organisations work together, share and have joint ownership to improve outcomes for children
- Organisations challenge appropriately and hold one another to account
- There is early identification and analysis of emerging safeguarding risks
- Learning is promoted in a way that organisations can become more reflective and improve services for children and families.

Our Responsibilities

- Undertake safeguarding reviews following the death or serious injury to a child where abuse or neglect is suspected
- Review all the child deaths in the Wakefield area to identify learning and themes
- Draw on any subsequent learning regionally and nationally by devising and delivering a range of learning for practitioners
- Review safeguarding practice and systems through data analysis and multi-agency quality assurance
- Oversee the districts multi agency arrangements in respect of prevention, intervention, disruption and stopping Child Exploitation
- We ensure all education settings receive up to date and accurate information and training to ensure they can effectively safeguard children in their settings