



2023-24

ANNUAL REPORT



South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership

INTRODUCTION

The Children's Partnership was formed in September 2019, and has been developing and evolving since this point. The original arrangements have so far not changed from the structure that was launched in our published arrangements and you can read this [here](#). However change is now underway following the publication of Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023.

In line with statutory requirements and best practice this annual report and will be shared with:

- Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel
- Foundations
- The Chief Executive, South Gloucestershire Council
- The Police and Crime Commissioner
- The Partnership Against Domestic Abuse
- The Health and Wellbeing Board
- The Safer and Stronger Communities Strategic Partnership
- The Safeguarding Adults Board
- The Youth Justice Board

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STRUCTURE OF THE PARTNERSHIP

The Executive and workstreams have been stable during this year with some changes in chairs and members, but have been working more consistently and effectively this year. The partnership continues to function using predominantly online meetings, with all partners accessing Microsoft Teams. Additional twice yearly development afternoons have been included and these are face to face.

The Executive and Exec Plus meeting which includes workstream chairs and the elected member for children and young people both meet quarterly. This year has seen the inclusion of two Education reps, who are both headteachers, at Exec level.

The structure of the partnership has not changed:

- Best Start for children with Complex Needs – ICB Chair
- Best Start for Vulnerable Children – Police Chair
- Best Start in Life – LA Chair

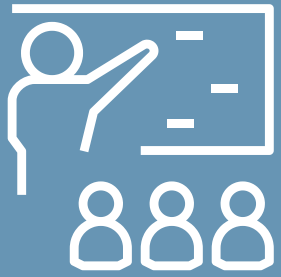
These workstreams meet quarterly and report directly to the Senior Officers Group, and onward to the Executive.

Our arrangements will need to be republished to ensure they are in line with Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023 by December 2024. Work is underway to achieve this.



CHANGES TO STATUTORY GUIDANCE

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023 was published in December 2023 and included changes to children's partnerships. In January 2024 we began a benchmarking exercise to ensure compliance with the new guidance.



In the autumn of 2023, following a recommendation from our independent scrutiny, a process to identify Education representatives for the Executive began, and expressions of interest sought from headteachers. Two headteachers from all-through schools in South Gloucestershire were chosen to become Exec members and they joined the Executive in January 2024.

There was an induction with the business manager prior to joining the first Exec meeting. The business plan for 2024-25 includes education as a priority across all workstreams. School attendance was identified as a priority at our development afternoon on 30th January. A meeting has taken place with Jon Le Fevre (National Safeguarding Facilitator) and a further meeting is planned for later in 2024. A review of education representatives across the partnership has taken place and where necessary additional representatives sought. The Exec reps have briefed all head teachers in South Glos and are building a model to enable greater involvement from local education settings with the partnership going forward.

Working Together Implementation - Key Decisions made in 2023-24:

- Vision statement for partnership reviewed January 2024 - decision made to keep the existing statement
- A new sub group with a focus on Lived Experience has been established to ensure the voices of children and families are captured more effectively
- Agreement to maintain our rotating chair arrangements for Executive with delegated safeguarding partners (DSPs) chairing for a quarter at a time. This is well established and has been in place since creation of the partnership in 2019
- Frequency of Exec (DSP) meetings to remain as is. With flexibility to add an extraordinary meeting if required
- Independent scrutiny arrangements to remain. Commissioning of a scrutineer will take place based on the theme of the scrutiny and a subject expert will be engaged to undertake the work.
- A regional proposal has been made about how lead safeguarding partners (LSPs) will fulfil their duties, agreement will be finalised in Autumn 2024.
- There is a plan in place to ensure further adaptations to the partnership are complete in time to re-publish arrangements in December 2024.



INDEPENDENT SCRUTINY 2023-24



In Spring 2023 the children's partnership engaged Mark Power, an independent consultant to undertake scrutiny of the children's partnership arrangements. This scrutiny included reviewing documents, the annual report, policies structure and processes. He also met with the executive, workstream chairs and members and key stakeholders. His findings were presented to Executive in June 2023, and shared with the wider partnership at the first development afternoon.



The published arrangements are clear and the partnership is well structured to ensure multi agency services are effectively delivered to children. There is good local ownership of issues and clear accountability, with the partnership supported by an excellent business manager. Other than considering the inclusion of an 'education' representative within the executive group, there is no need for any significant change.



The partnership are fortunate to have motivated and committed people working within the partnership. Their quality and commitment are a clear strength.

Mature procedures exist for the conduct of multi-agency audits, with outcomes demonstrated through practitioner learning briefings published on the website



Recommendations

➤ An Education representative should be appointed as a permanent member of the executive group.

Response: This is complete - two education representatives joined the executive in January 2024

➤ A review of the business unit should be undertaken, to ensure that it is sufficiently resourced to lead future change and ensure the continuous improvements of partnership procedures and services.

Response: A review has taken place and proposal accepted in principle, funding options for the police and ICB are being explored.

➤ The way in which the SOG coordinates activity and communications between the executive and workstreams should be reviewed. This should include a review of the meeting calendar to ensure that there is an opportunity to report into the executive and report messages out of it. The role of the executive plus meeting should also be considered, to ensure that this does not confuse the role of the SOG.

Response: A review has taken place and changes made to the role of SOG and Exec Plus. Twice a year there are face to face development afternoons led by Exec to promote understanding of partnership work with all stakeholders. A communications project has begun with funding from the DfE grant, with further improvements to be made later in 2024

➤ A scoping exercise should be completed with all agencies to identify what relevant data is available to the partnership and a SGSCP performance dashboard produced. This should reflect the priorities of the partnership and ensure that it meets the needs of the workstreams.

Response: A scoping exercise has taken place to identify the data requirements for the children's partnership. A data analyst was engaged with funding from the DfE grant, to create a new data dashboard for 2024-25

➤ To develop a vision as to how the views of children, young people, and families may be heard and used by the partnership.

Response: A new 'lived experience' sub group has been created to improve the way the partnership hears the voice of children and families. The first project chosen by young people about care leavers has taken place and was presented to the partnership in January 2024.

➤ To review how the SGSCP commissions and uses independent scrutiny, to ensure that best value is achieved and that maximum benefit is experienced by those working within the partnership.

Response: This has begun, and scrutiny agreed for 2024-25. Proposal to invite Mark Power to review partnership arrangements again in 2025, once the arrangements are republished.

THE WORK OF THE PARTNERSHIP

The Best Start for Vulnerable Children

This workstream had a change of chair in February 2024.

The priorities for this workstream for 2023-24:

- Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)
- The 'front door'
- Vinney Green Secure Children's Home & Eastwood Park Prison Mother & Baby Unit
- Exploitation of children



The Bi-Annual Regulation 45 report from Vinney Green Secure Children's Home is scrutinised by the workstream every 6 months. This included a demonstration by staff of the restraint methods used.

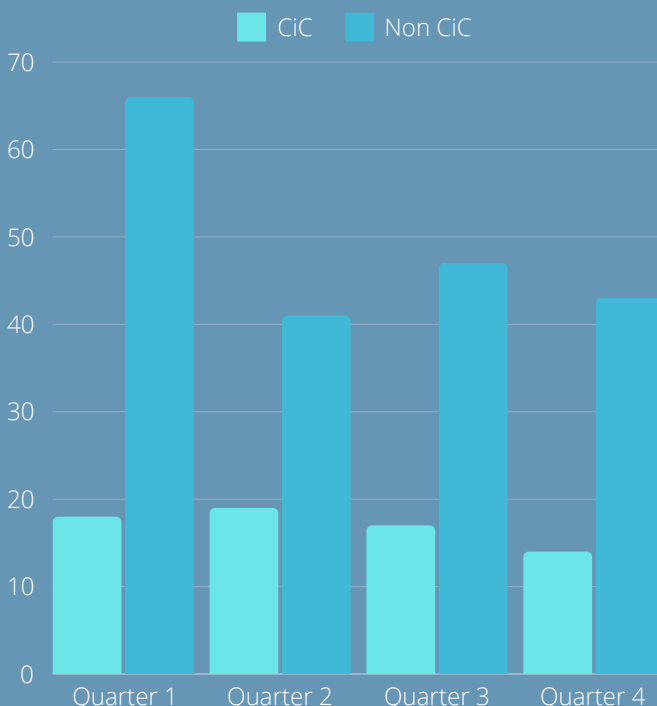
There is a quarterly report about children who are at risk of exploitation and who go missing.



The number of missing episodes over this year rose by 7.3%



77 children had repeat missing episodes, a decrease of 33%



The number of children reported missing who are not children looked after has decreased by 3.5%

Twice a year there are multi agency exploitation audits that are reviewed by this workstream. In December the audit did a benchmarking exercise against the TCE Principles (Tackling Child Exploitation)

Click the Audit Clipboard to read Exploitation audit findings



MARAC DATA

MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) was a theme for independent scrutiny in 2022 for this workstream. The recommendations have all been implemented, although the independent chair is still only in place on a temporary basis, awaiting permanent funding. The workstream monitor MARAC data and have a report every quarter.



26 MARACs held



750 referrals



374 new cases



263 repeat cases



35% repeat victimisation rate



261 victims heard at MARAC



810 children in households



6 victims aged 16-17



In September 2023 Bitesize MARAC workshops began and 80 professionals had attended a session by March 24, there had also been bespoke workshops for school nurses and health visitors and 0-5s Families Plus Team.

Vinney Green Secure Children's Home

Vinney Green is a 24 bedded secure children's home offering places to young people aged 10-18.



The children's partnership scrutiny of the secure children's home happens through the Best Start for Vulnerable Children workstream. This year we linked with another area that also has a secure children's home to identify ways that we can improve our scrutiny and engagement with Vinney Green. As a result of this, in October 2023 the manager and staff from Vinney Green came to a face to face meeting to demonstrate restraint holds and de-escalation techniques for the workstream and explain how and when restraint happens. This has led to greater understanding of the processes in place and brought to life the written reports received by the workstream. The Regulation 45 reports are requested twice a year from Vinney Green to be reviewed by the workstream on behalf of the partnership. One was received by the workstream in August 2023 (Oct 22-March 23) but this was after the meeting had taken place and so was circulated, but it was not possible to provide scrutiny and challenge. In October 2023 there was a report about the physical intervention practices alongside the demonstration detailed above and this did generate questions, challenge and discussion from the workstream. The six monthly report due in January 2024 was not provided until April 2024. This delay was escalated to the senior officer group. During 2023/24, there were a total of 142 restraints at Vinney Green Secure Children's Home. This is a significant decrease (60%) compared to the previous year, bringing it more in line with the levels of restraint during covid and significantly lower than levels of restraint seen before this. The reduction is primarily due to one young person who was restrained for their safety on many occasions during 2022/23, leaving our care in March 2023. This reduction comes despite an increase in our occupancy rate.

The mean average duration of restraint sits at just over 4 minutes, however this is primarily due to a handful of more challenging incidents that required longer restraints to keep children safe and to prevent them from causing themselves or others harm. When these rarer, longer incidents are discounted, the mean average falls to just over two minutes. The modal average offers a greater context and sits at 1 minute.

There is a weekly multi-disciplinary meeting to discuss any restraints although additional after-incident reviews occur as needed, between these meetings to ensure prompt and appropriate analysis and overview of any incidents that may warrant them.

THE WORK OF THE PARTNERSHIP

The Best Start for Children with Complex Needs

This workstream had a change of chair in Sept 2023. The priorities for this workstream for 2023-24:

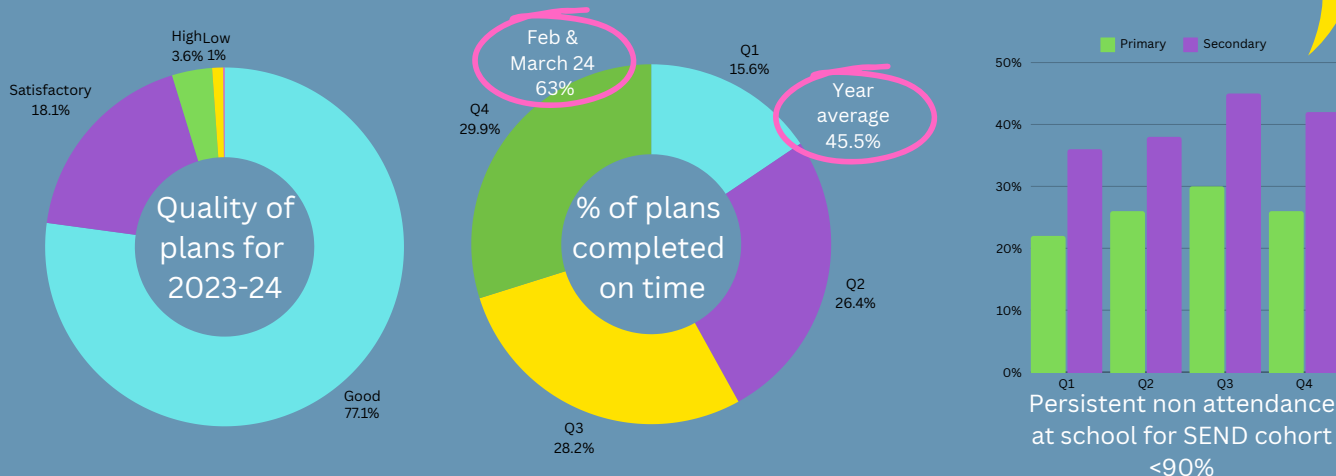
- Strategy for effective arrangements for SEND 23-28
- Developing effective arrangements for understanding child and family feedback
- Improving education involvement
- Improvement plan response
- Preparing for adulthood



The voice of children and families is key for this workstream, there is a standing agenda item at the start of each meeting for the parent/carer forum to give an update - this ensures there is enough time to hear about the work they are doing

From January 2023 the group agreed to meet more regularly to prepare for a future SEND inspection under the new framework.

The workstream now have a data dashboard



Kooth gave a presentation to the workstream. The top presenting issue at Kooth for young people is anxiety/stress (40%). This is prevalent across ethnicity, age and gender. Depression is 6.5%. The online service which allows young people to make contact out of hours is seen as very helpful.

The workstream have also responded to the letter to Partnerships from Gillian Keegan (Dec 2023) on behalf of the partnership and are undertaking a benchmarking exercise for South Glos based on the recommendations for children with disabilities and complex needs living in residential settings. Progress is reviewed at every meeting.

"I feel safe talking about things with the Kooth counsellors. Being anonymous helps me to feel comfortable and it's harder for me to open up to someone in person."

THE WORK OF THE PARTNERSHIP

The Best Start in Life

This workstream is co-chaired and one of the chairs changed this year.

The priorities for this workstream 23-24:

- First 1001 days
- Development of Family Hub model
- School Attendance
- Promote Good Mental Health and Resilience
- Framework to upskill the workforce in Early Help and prevention



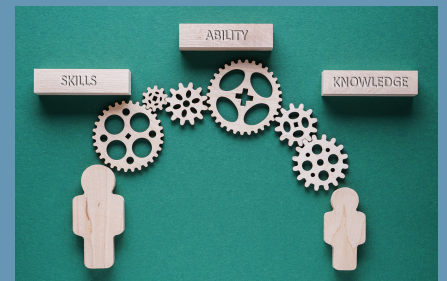
Working with Fathers

The workstream developed a self assessment tool for organisations to use. The outcome of this should lead to a clearer and shared understanding of the current ways of working with fathers within an organisation and what steps need to be taken to progress.

The tool is available [here](#), and there is a film to support this [here](#).

Knowledge & Skills Framework

The workstream launched the Best Start in Life Knowledge and Skills Framework in January 2024. The framework includes a range of development opportunities which are available across the Partnership, to all staff and volunteers. You can access the framework [here](#).



In partnership with the Solihull approach there are now free online courses for families in South Glos available [here](#)



There is now a mapping tool to find out what is available for families in South Gloucestershire. Access the mapping tool [here](#)



Family Hubs have started to be established this year with pilot in Patchway.



Happy Parent, Happy Child resources were launched. They provide support to enable parents and children them to thrive even when times are difficult. More information is available [here](#)



School attendance: specific focus this year on school attendance and the attendance strategy - which included extraordinary meetings with a DfE advisor.

Quality and Effectiveness of Early Help Services

All partners collect feedback from families who use Early Help services and these consistently show that families feel respected and supported by our partners. In South Gloucestershire we see Youth Work as being part of our Early Help Offer and in January 2024 the National Youth Agency carried out a Peer Review of our Youth Work Offer and reported that our model had been successful in attracting additional resource from Town and Parish Councils as well as voluntary and community sector to the extent that for every £1 the Council contributes, our partners attract an additional £2.



Children and families generally receive the right help at the right time in the right way when they receive a service from Preventative services, including the Compass team and the operational case holding teams. Compass provide advice and guidance to parent/ carers/ families within a 5 day period 93% of the time (last 12 months). On the whole, families do not have to wait for a prolonged period before allocation within Preventative services



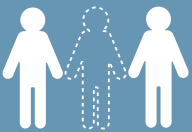
99% of referrals in the last 6 months were allocated to a family support worker within 20 days



94% of children over the last 6 months have been closed to Preventative services within a 9-month period



88% of families scaled 6/10 or higher when asked: 'after our work with you how confident are you that you will be able to cope if something similar happens again'



Young people who go missing and receive a return home interview from Preventative Services have a good quality experience and service, albeit not always within the 72 hour timeframe because of the practicalities and sensitivities of doing so.

Preventative services work with families is focused on improving outcomes and is completed without drift and delay; improved outcomes are sustained and re-referral rates within a 12 month period which lead to another service being required are low; of those families who were re-referred within the last 12 months, where PS support was ended up to 12 months prior to the Contact date, only 11% then needed a further service from either social care or preventative services.

Most importantly, over the last year families have provided positive feedback to indicate that they are extremely satisfied with the service that they have been provided by Preventative Services' staff. This is randomised feedback and the quantity of responses are statistically significant in number. Children and families have provided feedback that Preventative Services workers have made a positive difference to their lives and this is the best outcome that can possibly be achieved.

In 39 (98%) cases the assessment was clear, detailed, identified strengths, risks, and needs and focused on each child with evidence of the use of signs of safety framework

LGA
Review
peer
feedback

There was multi agency partner involvement in 45 (90%) plans, from a wide range of agencies such as education, health, substance misuse services, mental health services, and domestic abuse services. This data demonstrates that there is effective multi agency working between the Preventative Services and other agencies

Auditing found that in 43 (86%) cases Preventative Services' involvement was supporting positive outcomes

In conclusion, this assurance activity highlights positive outcomes for children and families from their involvement with Preventative Services. A wide range of support and interventions are offered to children and families to meet their individual needs. Assessments and plans are thorough and are reviewed. Visits are purposeful, and focused. Cases are allocated and worked in a timely manner, avoiding drift

IMPACT SUMMARY FOR THE PARTNERSHIP

- Escalation to the Executive has led to improved working relationships with Eastwood Park prison who now contribute effectively to the partnership.
- Section 11 report included 'you said, we will' in the section to provide feedback to the partnership, this has led to organisations becoming more involved in the partnership in particular through the Lived Experience sub group.
- Direct feedback to the partnership from a group of care leavers led to a multi agency workshop about what it means to be a care leaver and publication of a short information sheet to help upskill practitioners about the care leaver offer.
- Impact questionnaires were sent to everyone who had attended 'Introduction to Child Protection' and Advanced Child Protection' in quarter four. Impact examples:

In our organisation we do things differently now and all staff are aware of what to look for

We have altered our paperwork when recording concerns

- Newsletter impact:

The newsletter is probably the vehicle that I use the most. I always read it when it comes out and store them away ... if I want to follow up, I'll know where to find it."

I share it with the Community paediatricians & I always put in a comment about what the doctors in training could use to map it to their public health competencies... always stuff that's really relevant

- New sub group established to hear directly from children and families as a result of identified need to increase the child's voice.
- Inclusion of Education representatives on the Executive as a direct result of recommendation in independent scrutiny.
- Feedback given to the independent scrutineer about communication across the partnership has led to bi-annual half day events for all stakeholders.
- ICON training has been rolled out across the region following a recommendation in CSPR Baby M.

Areas of little or no progress:

- We had a scrutiny review in June 2023 highlighting that we do not have sufficient funding to effectively deliver the multi-agency safeguarding arrangements. A proposal to increase funding and the capacity of the business unit was agreed in principle in July 2023. Funding has been agreed for this by the local authority, but no funding has been made available by the ICB or Police.
- Voice of the child work has not been progressed quickly enough and there has not been a strategy of how to ensure the views of children are heard by the partnership - this has been progressed in 2024 and is improving.
- Regional (BNSSG wide) review was not successful and did not identify recommendations for change as expected and the transformation programme has not progressed at pace



Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (CSPR)

One CSPR was published during 2023-24.

This review was called 'Baby M' and was a joint CSPR with Bath & North East Somerset.

You can read the full review [here](#). There is also a practitioner learning brief available [here](#).

An action plan is being monitored by the CSPR sub group.

Learning from this review was included in an event in September 2023.

Training providers for the multi agency safeguarding programme include the learning from local reviews and multi agency audits in their delivery. There is a quarterly meeting with the providers to update them and to ensure consistency and accuracy.

Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP)

The panel's role is to learn from every death to identify changes that may prevent further deaths, share learning across the region, identify trends and target interventions and identify service improvements to ensure families are well supported. Their annual report is available [here](#).



Multi Agency Audits

Four multi agency audits took place during the year. Click on the icons below to read the learning.



Click the picture for the Ethnicity and Child Protection Audit



Click the picture for the Children heard at MARAC Audit



Click the picture for the Children with an EHCP Audit



Click the picture for the MASH Audit



The Section 11 Audit was undertaken with neighbouring partnerships in the Avon & Somerset Area and took the form of a full written audit. You can read the report [here](#)



Impact of Audits: Learning briefs are shared widely across all partner agencies. The multi agency audits have an action tracker to ensure actions identified are followed up and completed.

Learning & Development

The Children's Partnership commissions a range of multi agency training.

During this year there have been some sessions delivered face to face and some online.

Quarterly reports about the training and quality assurance come to the Senior Officer Group. The impact of training is measured by using immediate feedback forms and also delegates are contacted several weeks after the training to gather impact evidence of how delegates have used what they learned in practice.



There has been limited scrutiny of the multi agency training offer and in 2024 we have been working hard to make use of data to increase our understanding of the attendance, partner engagement, funding and quality of the training offer. This has led to targeting organisations who have not accessed multi agency training and the data from audits and reviews has led to bitesize sessions based on themes to increase practitioner expertise.

Some examples of impact of training:

<p>“We have altered our paperwork when recording concerns” (Introduction to Child Protection)</p>	<p>“In our organisation we do things differently now and all staff are aware of what to look for” (Advanced Child Protection)</p>	<p>“I am more thorough and ask more questions” (Advanced Child Protection)</p>	<p>“I have a better understanding of thresholds for referrals” (Introduction to Child Protection)</p>	<p>“I ask more open questions & am more curious” (Domestic Abuse)</p>
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In addition to the full and half day sessions the Bitesize Learning Sessions have continued to be delivered by the Partnership in 2023-24. These last just 45 minutes and are free to access for everyone who works and volunteers with children.



The themes for Bitesize sessions are Understanding Thresholds ; Exploitation; Private Fostering and MARAC. These have all been delivered multiple times and this format is very popular.



In September 2023, the partnership hosted a multi agency learning event in response to the publication of Local CSRs Family A and Baby M. Over 100 practitioners attended from lots of organisations. Key feedback was requesting more information about ICON (33% of responses) - we have now developed a regional bitesize package about ICON with an aim to equip practitioners across the workforce



156 professionals attended

The importance of relationships, transparency, working with the whole family and all professionals involved

I found hearing the lived experience of the mum who is care experienced was really powerful. Made me think a lot about how anxious some families may feel about asking for help



The Children's Partnership also commission safeguarding training for people who volunteer in the community with Children and Young People. These are provided free of charge and in 2023-24 148 people attended one of the sessions delivered. Feedback is consistently good

CHILDREN IN SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE



2406 Referrals



1611 Strategy Discussions



342 Initial Child Protection Conferences



424 Re-Referrals



248 Children with CP Plan



4% have a disability



395 Domestic Abuse Notifications

62,000 Children and Young People under 18



531 Child in Need



33 Domestic Abuse Notifications/referrals Where victim is 16-17



217 Children in Care



2502 Initial EHAPs



696 Child Protection Crimes



810 Children discussed at MARAC



630 Missing Children Episodes



71 referrals to the LADO

IMPROVEMENTS IN PRACTICE

How has information sharing improved practice and outcomes?



The **Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)** was established in September 2023. The MASH is well attended by professionals and audits indicate the right children are heard at MASH. Information is shared in a timely and consistent way. Professionals make shared decisions about next steps for children. The Quality Assurance sub group undertook a multi agency audit of the MASH in March 2024. This found evidence of :



Enhanced pastoral package in school as a result of a child discussed at MASH



Key partners sharing information together at an early stage



GPs not aware of MASH happening for children, and as a result of this finding, information is now provided to GPs about MASH outcomes



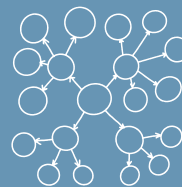
Detailed and curious referral from hospital using a think family approach



The **Partnership Intelligence Management Meeting (PIMM)** is a fortnightly multi agency meeting that is part of the Risk Management Pathway. The primary aim is to share information and intelligence in order that children at risk of exploitation are identified early, support put in place and disruption opportunities are planned. Practice and outcomes are improved through PIMM by:



Sharing of soft intelligence about children at risk, potential perpetrators and locations to plan interventions and keep children safe.



Mapping links between groups of children by collaborative multi agency working to ensure children are identified early and risk is understood.



Developing professional relationships with information shared at a low level to support preventative work



A forum for agencies to share their challenges to help improve practice by working together



Findings from Exploitation audits have seen improvements in flagging of records when there is a child at risk of exploitation.



The Quality Assurance audit about MARAC found good practice of inclusion of the father's voice which is an identification of change in practice.



Working together at partnership development days has led to collaborative identification of priorities and celebration of outcomes from workstreams



Being part of the development days led to one partner reporting that their organisation's safeguarding practice had improved as a result of attending and taking part.

CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP FINANCE 2023-24

There have been no changes to the funding split of the partnership since it began in 2019 and the proportional split between statutory partners was inherited from the LSCB.


A grant of £47,300 was received in January 2024 and this has been used to implement a Data project to improve the performance data dashboard and a Communications project. Both of these are in line with Working Together and Independent scrutiny recommendations. Evidence of impact of these projects will be provided in the 2024-25 Annual Report.

There has been slow progress to identify equal and equitable funding between the three statutory partners. South Glos Children's Partnership is one of 5 across the police footprint and one of 3 across the ICB footprint and is the least resourced partnership. We work hard to make sure we get best value for money and use money in creative ways. We have built good relationships with reviewers and partners to ensure work happens as it should. We fund statutory reviews from our partnership budget, other partnerships in the region request additional funds for this.

South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership 2023-24	
Source of Funds	
2023-24 Safeguarding Contribution	
Police and Crime Commissioner	£ 16,154.30
Police MARAC Chair Contribution	£ 6,000.00
BNSSG ICB	£ 33,560.27
BNSSG ICB MARAC Chair Contribution	£ 6,000.00
People Department South Gloucestershire Council	£ 54,000.00
Sub Total	£ 115,714.57
Additional Funds	
DfE Grant for implementation of Working Together 2023 (one off grant for 23-24 only)	£ 47,300.00
Total Income	£ 163,014.57
Income Generated from training	
Income generated from training	£ 53,798.00
Expenditure generated via training	£ 30,185.50
Total Income	£ 23,612.50
Application of Funds 2023-24	
Pay	
0.5 Business Manager Post (incl.on costs)	£ 37,788.00
MARAC Chair	£ 12,000.00
0.5 MASH IDVA	£ 17,500.00
Sub-Total	£ 67,288.00
Memberships	
SWCPP membership	£ 1,438.64
TASP Annual Membership	£ 750.00
Sub-Total	£ 2,188.64
Scrutiny and Reviews	
CSPR	£ 9,500.00
Independent Scrutiny	£ 10,500.00
Sub-Total	£ 20,000.00
Training and Development	
Community Safeguarding Training	£ 12,500.00
Partnership Development Days	£ 2,067.80
Multi Agency Training	£ 27,255.33
Sub-Total	£ 41,823.13
Grant Funding Projects	
Data Project	£ 18,000.00
Communications Project	£ 29,300.00
Sub-Total	£ 47,300.00
Additional costs	
Travel Expenses	£ 9.18
Total Expenditure	£ 178,608.95
Remaining	£ 8,018.12

PRIORITIES FOR 2024-25

For the year ahead priorities were agreed at a development afternoon at the end of January 2024 which included stakeholders across the partnership. The key note speaker was Sally Shearer from the Child Safeguarding Practice Review panel. Priorities were informed by national and local reviews, independent scrutiny, evidence through data and hearing the views of children and young people.

South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership
2024-2025


Business Plan on a Page

EXECUTIVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data and Information Sharing Voice of the Child Communication Education <p>In addition there will be a focus on republishing our partnership arrangements and publication of an annual report</p>
Overarching Priorities for the Partnership	
BEST START IN LIFE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Security Early Help Voice of the Child Mental Health & Wellbeing Workforce & Strategy Development School Attendance
Workstream chair by Local Authority/Public Health	
BEST START FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic Abuse Exploitation & Missing Secure Estates MASH Serious Youth Violence
Workstream chaired by Police	
BEST START FOR CHILDREN WITH COMPLEX NEEDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication Belonging Early Intervention Preparing for Adulthood Provision of Services for SEND
Workstream chaired by Integrated Care Board (ICB)	
SCRUTINY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent Scrutiny of the Risk Management Pathway - undertaken by the National Working Group (NWG) Quality Assurance Sub Group undertaking multi agency audits to highlight learning and good practice Learning and Development Sub group ensuring the multi agency programme is effective Child Safeguarding Practice Review (CSPR) sub group monitoring implementation of learning and oversight of current reviews
Work to provide quality assurance for the partnership	

IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD CONTACT OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM:



Monday – Friday 9am-5pm 01454 866000
Out of hours and at weekends 01454 615165
If you are deaf or hard of hearing text 'EDT'
followed by your name and message to 60066



IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:

The information about the multi agency training offer is [here](#)



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