



**SGSCB STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND BUSINESS PLAN 2017-2018**

Our vision for safeguarding in South Gloucestershire is that children and adults thrive, reach their full potential and live their lives safe from harm (violence, abuse, neglect, exploitation). To achieve this vision we will work together and with local communities to improve outcomes and to ensure South Gloucestershire is a place where safeguarding is everybody's business

**SGSCB statutory responsibilities identified in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015', include:**

Co-ordination & Effectiveness	Performance and Quality Assurance
Serious and Child Death Review	Learning and Improvement
Training	

**Ongoing activity of SGSCB is undertaken by the following Sub-Groups**

Executive	On-Line Safety	Child Death Overview Panel
Training	Serious Case Review	Education
Policy & Procedures	Missing from Home, Care and School	
Communications	Child Sexual Abuse/Sexual Exploitation	
Quality Assurance		

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1:**

**To ensure there is effective multi agency action to identify, assess and reduce the risk of child sexual exploitation**

1. To ensure the seraf is a useful tool to assist practitioners in identifying the risk of CSE
2. To rewrite and relaunch the multi-agency CSE guidance
3. To ensure the South Gloucestershire workforce is appropriately trained in CSE
4. Develop performance reports, both data based and qualitative, to enable multi-agency oversight of CSE in South Gloucestershire
5. Undertake a LSCB mapping exercise in order to assess the understanding of the local response to CSE
6. Develop and implement a risk assessment model/pathway for all high risk children, to include those at risk of CSE
7. To work towards the merging of the missing from home, care and school and CSE sub groups.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2**

**To actively seek to capture and act upon the voice of those affected by safeguarding concerns**

1. To undertake a focussed piece of work to look at how the board can ensure the 'voice of the child' impacts on board business and effectiveness
2. To actively pursue how the Quality Sub Group can seek feedback from family members, including the child/young person on each case subject to multi-agency audit

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3**

**To ensure that children within the 0-25 service receive an appropriate and timely response in relation to safeguarding concerns**

1. To develop a disabled children safeguarding plan in line with national research and guidance recommendations
2. To review the LSCB training offer to ensure disabled children are integrated into all training courses
3. To establish a regular reporting process of improvement actions taken and progress made
4. To establish a performance data set that would enable the Board to provide oversight and scrutiny of the 0-25 service and its practice

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4**

**To challenge and assure the quality of safeguarding practice in South Gloucestershire**

1. To actively participate in the Avon and Somerset wide Section 11 thematic audits
2. To ensure the effectiveness of early help services is properly evaluated
3. Establish links with Eastwood Park Prison mother and baby unit to ensure that these babies are safeguarded and that their welfare is promoted
4. Increase challenge and scrutiny of practice relating to children who are privately fostered
5. Scrutinise multi agency understanding of Female Genital Mutilation including how agencies should respond in cases where it is suspected and to ensure that advice and expertise is available
6. To strengthen the remit of and response to the Quality Assurance Sub Group and their findings
7. To continue to have oversight and scrutiny of:
  - Corporate parenting
  - FGM/honour based violence/forced marriage
  - Vinney Green Secure Unit
  - EDT
  - Elective home education/missing from education
  - CDOP
  - ART/MASH (and the application of the threshold matrix)
  - Children in detention after charge
  - Marac
  - Lado
  - Complaints
  - Children in secure and custody

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY 5**

**To ensure that the processes of the Board are rigorous and effective and are evaluated for their impact on outcomes for children**

1. To take full account of the findings of the Alan Wood Review of LSCBs on behalf of the DfE and how these are represented in the Children's Bill
2. To build on the strategic relationships with other boards/committees to share the key priorities for safeguarding children and young people in South Gloucestershire.
3. To enable the Board to work in an efficient and purposeful way where there is shared responsibility and challenge and understanding of the member role
4. Further review the multi-agency data set to ensure that it contains sufficient information to judge the effectiveness of services, particularly in relation to child protection practice
5. Strengthen the usefulness of the annual report by more closely evaluating what the Board has achieved against its key priorities
6. To ensure the Board is a 'learning Board' that demonstrates professional curiosity
7. To consider how the board can consult with and receive feedback from member organisations' frontline practitioners