

# South Gloucestershire Child Injury Prevention Group Terms of Reference – September 2019

## **Purpose of the group**

To contribute to the reduction of unintentional injury and injury related deaths in South Gloucestershire among children and young people aged 0-19. Also to co-ordinate raising awareness of unintentional injury among families and practitioners working with children, young people and their families through communication and training.

### **Aims**

Our aim is to reduce the risk of injury and injury related death to children in South Gloucestershire whilst encouraging them to have active and fulfilling lives. This is to be achieved by encouraging the improvement of children's safety within their environment and by encouraging safe behaviours. Also by contributing to the reduction of injuries in and around the home and on the roads for example as well as among those children and young people in the most vulnerable groups and disadvantaged areas.

The focus of this work does not include intentional injury whether self-inflicted or inflicted by others.

## **Responsibility**

- To develop and monitor the Child Injury Prevention Group (CHIP) action plan, responding to South Gloucestershire needs
- Use a variety of communication methods to raise awareness of the causes and settings of unintentional childhood injury with families and practitioners
- Working in partnership to provide leadership and strategic direction in this area
- Provide a life-course approach to reducing injury amongst all children and young people aged 0-19 with a particular focus on the most vulnerable children and those who are known to be at the greatest risk of injury
- Be compliant with NICE guidance
- Use evidence and intelligence to inform priorities and illustrate the prevalence and incidence of injury in South Gloucestershire

## **Membership**

Preventative Services – Children's Centres

Avon Fire & Rescue Service

Local Authority Partners – Safeguarding, Trading Standards, Road Safety, Environment and Community Services, Public Health & Wellbeing, Strategic Communications, Early Years Team, Housing

Public Health Nursing (Health Visiting)

Paediatric Burns Outreach Team (University Hospital Bristol, NHS)

Injury Prevention Education Provider (Lifeskills)

Other partners from local authority, statutory services, voluntary sector that can contribute to this work, with the agreement of the Chair.

## **Meetings**

The meetings will be held quarterly with an agenda contributed to by all members of the group.

- **Chair**

The meetings will be chaired by South Gloucestershire Councils Strategic Safeguarding Service Manager

- **Secretary**

The Injury prevention lead from the Public Health & Wellbeing Division will organise and circulate the agenda, and record and circulate the minutes. All papers will be circulated at least a week in advance of each meeting.

## **Accountability**

Each member will report to the group at quarterly meetings and bi-annually through the monitoring of the CHIP action plan. They will also report the work of the group to their management and organisation as well as disseminating reports and resources within their networks as required by the group.

## **Governance**

Reports to: Best Start in Life of the Children's partnership and the Senior Leadership Team of the Public Health and Wellbeing Division.

Date of Review: October 2021