



Joint Partnership Response to the publication of the statutory Child Safeguarding Practice Review into Joint Child Protection Investigations

The core partners of the Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership Executive said in a joint statement on the publication of the statutory Child Safeguarding Practice Review into Joint Child Protection Investigations:

“We welcome the publication of this report, its recommendations, and the opportunity to strengthen our understanding of our joint child protection work. We chose to commission this review to enable us as a partnership to focus our work together in improving outcomes for the most vulnerable children in the city. We fully accept the report’s findings and will use the learning from this review to improve how we work together as a partnership and how we deliver services.

“The independent reviewer found evidence of good practice in many of the teams working within Child Protection. However, the system faces challenges which can mean that Child Protection Investigations are not as consistent as we expect them to be.

“Work is already under way or taking place to address many of the findings in this report including the recent launch of a team of specialist health professionals supporting child protection work; new technology for child protection strategy meetings and the development of a Workforce Development Strategy for specialist child protection professionals; and the KBSP Executive are also exploring models for increasing joint working.

“We are working together as a partnership and with relevant national organisations to continue to develop and strengthen our response, ensuring that we best enable children in our city to be protected from harm.”

If you suspect a child is experiencing abuse or neglect our services can support them and you.

If you are currently witnessing a child being harmed or in a situation of immediate risk, contact the police on 999.

You can refer to Bristol’s children services team First Response on 0117 903 6444.

Alternatively, the NSPCC has a helpline for adults concerned about a child on 0808 800 5000 and one for children and young people, Childline on 0800 1111.

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The core partners of the Keeping Bristol Safe Executive are Bristol City Council, the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board and Avon and Somerset Police.