



KEEPING BRISTOL SAFE PARTNERSHIP

Local Arrangements 2024 updated following Working Together to Safeguard Children 23



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1. Introduction

This document sets out the overarching multi-agency safeguarding and community safety arrangements in Bristol, known locally as the Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership (KBSP).

The KBSP has responsibility to deliver statutory duties to safeguard and promote the wellbeing of children as required by Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023 delivered through the Keeping Children Safe Board; to help and protect adults at risk of neglect and/or abuse by delivering the functions of a Safeguarding Adults Board as required by the Care Act 2014; and to protect our local communities from crime and to help people feel safe by delivering the functions of a Community Safety Partnership Board in accordance with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

Under the KBSP arrangements, agencies work together in a system where:

- › the views and experiences of children, young people, families and adults are at the centre of all we do
- › excellent practice is the norm
- › partner agencies hold one another to account effectively
- › ‘new’ safeguarding issues are identified early
- › learning is promoted and embedded
- › information is shared effectively
- › the public feel confident that Bristol citizens are protected from harm

This multi-agency integrated safeguarding and community safety partnership reflects Bristol’s ambition to work collaboratively across local agencies and organisations, ensuring that contextual, place-based responses are modelled and facilitated by the strategic senior leadership.

With specific regard to promoting the safeguarding and welfare of children these arrangements have been republished and implemented by 31st December 2024 as required by the updated Working Together issued by the Government in 2023. We will be updating the KBSP’s Constitution to reflect these changes in multi-agency governance arrangements, including the role of the KBSP Steering Group.

These arrangements will be reviewed in 2025.

2. Background

2.1 Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership

The Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership was established in 2019 following a review of strategic arrangements across Bristol's safeguarding and community safety system in the context of the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and Working Together to Safeguard Children statutory guidance 2018.

Safeguarding partners in Bristol recognise the changing landscape of safeguarding and the considerable overlaps in the issues of concern to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements for children, Safeguarding Adults Board, and Community Safety Partnership.

We recognise that children live in families; families and adults live in communities. We take a person-centred, place-based approach to safeguarding, one that is not bound by notional or unhelpful divides such as that between vulnerable children and vulnerable adults. We believe that our partnership arrangements enable and support innovative solutions to high-risk complex situations, for example extra-familial and complex safeguarding (the risk in the environment rather than the traditional risk in the home) and facilitate a whole system approach.

The Partnership's structure supports the strategic aims of the Bristol's One City Plan which has the ambition that no one is left behind and everyone can achieve their potential; that we learn from the past and take action to unlock the future; that diversity is recognised as an asset; and that we work in partnership with each other to achieve shared ambitions.

These arrangements enable strength based, aspirational and optimistic approaches for children, adults and communities. The Partnership is focused on enabling and empowering children, young people and adults to be more resilient and safeguarded within their families, peer groups, schools and communities and to find resolutions for themselves.

2.2 Revised arrangements from 2024

In respect of Children, in 2023 the government set out updated responsibilities for the three statutory partners under Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023. We have updated our arrangements to reflect this latest guidance in respect of local Lead Safeguarding Partners, Delegated Safeguarding Partners and chairing arrangements for Bristol's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements for children. We will be updating the KBSP's Constitution to reflect these changes in multi-agency governance arrangements, including the role of the KBSP Steering Group.

3. Strategic Plan

The KBSP has a strategic plan that sets out our shared vision and values for safeguarding as well as our principles and priorities. The KBSP's latest Strategic Plan can be found [here](#).

4. Local Safeguarding Arrangements and Partners in Bristol

The KBSP's arrangements meet each of the individual statutory requirements for Children, Adults and Community safety in respect of representation and leadership.

Children: Working Together 2023 requires Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements for children. It identifies statutory Lead Safeguarding Partners for children from the local authority, the Integrated Care Board in the local authority's area, and the police in the local authority's area. It also identifies the need for Delegated Safeguarding Partners, specific chairing arrangements for the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements for children, scrutiny arrangements and the identification of local relevant agencies.

Adults: The Care Act 2014 requires a Local Authority to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board and identifies that the following organisations must be represented: the local authority, the Integrated Care Board in the local authority's area, and the police in the local authority's area.

Communities: The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 established community safety partnerships and this Act together with more recent changes identify "responsible authorities" as the Police, Local Authority, Fire and Rescue Service, the Probation Service, and Health.

4.1 Lead Safeguarding Partners and Delegated Safeguarding Partners

Working Together 2023 identifies Lead Safeguarding Partners roles (LSPs) from each of the three statutory safeguarding partners for children: the Chief Executive of the Local Authority, the Chief Executive of the Integrated Care Board, and the Chief Officer of the Police.

For Bristol, the Lead Safeguarding Partners are:

- › Bristol City Council
 - Chief Executive Officer
- › Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board
 - Chief Executive Officer
- › Avon and Somerset Constabulary
 - Chief Constable

Under Working Together 2023, Lead Safeguarding Partners should delegate the operational delivery for children's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements. In Bristol, the lead representatives have identified the following as Delegated Safeguarding Partners (DSPs):

- › Bristol City Council

- Executive Director – Children and Education and Director of Children’s Services
- › Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board
 - Deputy Chief Nursing Officer
- › Avon and Somerset Constabulary
 - Chief Superintendent

4.2 Geographical Boundary and Regional Collaboration

These arrangements cover the local authority, Bristol City Council.

Some named statutory partners, including Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board and Avon and Somerset Constabulary, are also responsible for working collaboratively with neighbouring local authorities and across a wider geographical footprint. The KBSP is committed to participating in regional working where it is appropriate to do so. Meeting arrangements for Lead Safeguarding Partners have been agreed collaboratively across the region served by Avon and Somerset Constabulary to support and enable local safeguarding arrangements.

4.3 Relevant Agencies

The strength of local partnership working is predicated on safeguarding partners working together with relevant agencies whose involvement is required to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, families and adults in the partnership area. The KBSP recognises the importance of maintaining the existing strong partnerships in Bristol. A full list of relevant agencies identified by the KBSP can be found in Appendix 1.

In line with statutory guidance, the KBSP retains the option to request representatives from other agencies or organisations as the need arises from a particular area of partnership work. Where a relevant agency has a national remit, the safeguarding partners will collaborate and take account of the agency’s individual responsibilities and potential contributions towards a number of local safeguarding arrangements.

The KBSP carries out activity to enable partners to remain connected, engaged, and able to influence the work of the Partnership. The KBSP holds an annual partnership-wide consultation and development event. Throughout the year, the KBSP engages partners through regular communication and by circulating any new Task and Finish Project Groups and project work to partners to enable them to commit resources and time to projects as appropriate.

4.4 Early Years Settings, Schools, and other Educational Establishments

Early years providers play an important role in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children as defined by their duties under Section 40 of the Childcare Act 2006. There are robust arrangements in place at a strategic and operational level to engage with early years providers to ensure they are fulfilling their safeguarding responsibilities. This includes the support commissioned by Bristol City Council through BAND (Bristol Association for Neighbourhood Daycare) for supporting and developing childcare provision in Bristol.

The KBSP recognises the crucial role schools, colleges and other education providers play in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people as detailed in the statutory guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024 and in Working Together 2023. There are established collaborative relationships with education providers in the city and established forums to build engagement in the KBSP's arrangements, specifically through the Keeping Children Safe Board. The Education Reference Group, involving representatives from across the sector, brings an important perspective to the work of the partnership and the chair of this group works closely with the Delegated Safeguarding Partners (DSPs) to ensure clear communication and dialogue across the education sector to safeguard children. This work is further supported by the annual audits conducted as part of fulfilling our duties under Section 175 of the 2002 Education Act, coordinated and supported by the Bristol City Council Safeguarding in Education Team.

The expert perspective of the education sector is brought directly into the decision-making of the KBSP through the sector representative role. This role is fulfilled by a Bristol Head Teacher or Academy Director who can identify opportunities for working collaboratively with the education sector and shape the strategic plans and decisions appropriately for that work.

4.5 Residential Homes and Care Providers

All residential homes for children and adults within Bristol, including those provided by Bristol City Council and private, voluntary and charitable sector organisations are identified by the safeguarding partners as relevant agencies. There are mechanisms in place to engage providers in local arrangements, with the Bristol City Council Placement and Quality Teams providing performance reports to the Keeping Children Safe and Keeping Adults Safe Boards. Bristol City Council regularly engages Adult Care Providers, including through Provider Forums, and there are routes for escalating concerns from providers about issues of safeguarding and safety, as well as for the KBSP to share information and learning.

The KBSP is committed to developing and maintaining strong links with NHS England's local Quality Surveillance Group. There is an expectation that the Quality Surveillance Group will inform the KBSP Steering Group of organisational or systemic quality issues which may impact the safety or safeguarding of children and adults.

4.6 Youth Custody

The Youth Justice Service, which includes supervision of children subject to detention in youth custody, has been identified as a relevant agency and as such forms an integral part of the wider partnership arrangements. It has senior representation on the Keeping Children Safe Board and the KBSP Steering Group through the Executive Director for Children and Education.

There are no youth custody settings in Bristol however the KBSP are alive to the risks posed to the small number of Bristol children in custodial settings out of area. The KBSP works with the Youth Justice Service Board to ensure the processes to oversee these children's safety are effective.

4.7 Finance and Resourcing

The KBSP's arrangements are supported by the KBSP Business Unit which consists of a manager, policy and projects officer, training officer, statutory review officer, and business support administrators. The KBSP Business Unit is hosted by Bristol City Council who provide their line-management, HR, finance, and employee support as part of their in-kind contributions to the KBSP. There is also a range of participation activity involving public engagement which is funded by the KBSP. The Safeguarding Adult Reviews, Domestic Homicide Reviews and Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews that are commissioned by the Partnership are funded through a pooled budget, with contributions from the Local Authority, Health, the Police, Fire and Rescue, and Probation Service.

The statutory partner organisations share responsibility for determining the level of contributions required from each agency and the discharge of those resources. Lead Safeguarding Partners and the KBSP Steering Group will review contributions required from named partners to share the financial responsibilities; agency contributions are to be agreed no later than October in the preceding year. The details of the financial split will be documented in the Annual Report.

Legal advice for the Partnership is provided by Bristol City Council's legal team as part of Bristol City Council's in-kind contributions to the KBSP. This is separate to any legal advice sought by individual agencies. In the event that specialist legal advice is required by the Partnership or that the Bristol City Council legal team is unable to provide the Partnership legal advice without there being a conflict of interest, legal advice will be funded through three equal contributions by the three core partners.

Communications advice and coordination of partnership communications is provided by Bristol City Council's communications team to the KBSP as part of Bristol City Council's in-kind contributions to the KBSP. This is separate to any communications advice sought by individual agencies. In the event that specialist communications advice is required by the

partnership above and beyond the in-kind offer, this will be agreed and funded through equal contributions by the core partners.

5. KBSP Structure and Business Delivery

The structure of the Partnership is outlined below, with a structure chart at the end of the section. Detailed roles and responsibilities for each meeting will be outlined in Terms of Reference documents maintained by the KBSP Business Unit.

5.1 Lead Safeguarding Partners

The KBSP's Lead Safeguarding Partners provide strategic leadership and accountability. They will meet three times a year from 2025; once as a single partnership meeting and twice as part of a regional LSP meeting. Their responsibilities are set out in paragraphs 47-55 of Working Together 2023.

5.2 KBSP Steering Group

The KBSP Steering Group is responsible for overseeing the Partnership's operational delivery, providing strategic direction to the Boards and drawing out themes from statutory reviews.

The KBSP has representation at the Steering Group from the following partners:

- › Independent Chair
- › Avon and Somerset Constabulary
- › Avon Fire and Rescue
- › Bristol City Council Children's Services and Education
- › Bristol City Council Adults and Communities
- › Bristol City Council Legal Services
- › Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board
- › Education Sector (through a nominated Head Teacher or Academy Director)
- › Probation Service

5.3 Boards

The KBSP's governance arrangements have been revised to ensure the KBSP is compliant with the multi-agency governance arrangement requirements set out in Working Together 2023 and to ensure that statutory responsibilities are fully met. From December 2024, the three groups below will act as the Boards to deliver the KBSP's statutory duties with regards to safeguarding children, safeguarding adults, and community safety. These responsibilities will be reflected in the updated Constitution to be published in 2025.

- › **Keeping Children Safe – Children's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements Board.** Keeping Children Safe is responsible for the delivery of Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements for children, encompassing statutory duties to safeguard and promote

the wellbeing of children and including responsibility for rapid reviews, commissioning and oversight of child safeguarding practice reviews in consultation with the National Panel. In line with Working Together 2023, this Board is chaired by Bristol City Council's Delegated Safeguarding Partner, the Executive Director for Children and Education and Director of Children's Service. All Delegated Safeguarding Partners (DSP) and the Chair of the safeguarding in education reference group are members of this Board.

- › **Keeping Adults Safe – Safeguarding Adults Board.** Keeping Adults Safe delivers the functions of the KBSP's Safeguarding Adults Board as required by the Care Act 2014, to help and protect adults at risk of neglect and/or abuse including the decision to undertake commission and oversee safeguarding adult reviews. This Board is chaired by an independent person.
- › **Keeping Communities Safe – Community Safety Partnership Board.** Keeping Communities Safe delivers the functions of the KBSP's Community Safety Partnership Board in accordance with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to protect our local communities from crime and to help people feel safe. This includes commissioning and oversight of Domestic Homicide reviews. This Board is chaired by Avon and Somerset Constabulary's Superintendent.

5.4 Sub-Groups

Overseen by the Boards, there are several ongoing sub-groups including the Education Reference Group and the statutory review sub-groups.

5.5 Task and Finish Project Groups

Working to the Boards there are also short-life groups set up to deliver certain projects or pieces of work as needed by the Partnership. These multi-agency Task and Finish Project groups will be established from the wider partnership and draw on the expertise of specialist roles and participation groups across the city.

5.6 KBSP Structure



6. Scrutiny and Assurance

For these arrangements there are a range of ways that scrutiny and assurance are achieved, which are set out below.

6.1 Partnership Oversight and Scrutiny Arrangements

As the democratic body with statutory duty, Bristol City Council is required to report to its relevant Committees and the Partnership recognises this as an opportunity for Council scrutiny to act as a 'critical friend' to ensure decisions taken by the Partnership reflect the opinions, wishes and priorities of the people of Bristol.

The elected Chairs of Bristol City Council's Children and Young People Committee, Adult Social Care Committee, and Public Health and Communities Committee will be invited to relevant Partnership Board meetings and will meet regularly with the chair of the relevant Board to maintain oversight of the effectiveness of the arrangements.

The three Lead Safeguarding Partners provide shared oversight of learning from independent scrutiny, serious incidents, local statutory reviews, and national reviews, ensuring recommendations are implemented and have a demonstrable impact on practice, as set out in the Annual Report.

The Partnership takes account of the recommendations of a range of single agency statutory and thematic inspections such as those undertaken by Ofsted, CQC, HMICFRS and HMIP into safeguarding arrangements, and joint inspections such as Joint Targeted Area Inspections.

6.2 Independent Scrutiny

Working Together 2023 states that the role of independent scrutiny of the Board and arrangements for children provides 'assurance to the whole system in judging the effectiveness of the multi-agency safeguarding arrangements' and it functions to 'provide safeguarding partners and relevant agencies with independent, rigorous, and effective support and challenge at both a strategic and operational level'.

The Keeping Children Safe Board has an appointed Independent Scrutineer for children. The role is primarily focused on how well the statutory safeguarding partners are working together and with other agencies and organisations, to ensure that children and families of Bristol are safeguarded, and their welfare promoted.

6.3 Quality Assurance Framework

The KBSP undertakes quality assurance activities to ensure that the quality of work is continuously improved through shared learning. A robust, mixed methodology approach enables the Partnership and other agencies to be held to account.

Quality assurance activities include:

- › multi-agency data analysis
- › self-assessment audits
- › statutory safeguarding audits, including Section 11 and Section 175 audits
- › multi-agency thematic audits
- › inspection findings e.g. Ofsted, CQC
- › assurance reporting by partner agencies
- › Service User feedback
- › Shadow Board mystery shopper exercise
- › evaluation of multi-agency training

The KBSP agrees on an annual basis Quality Assessment Frameworks for children and young people and for adults, with outcomes delivered through multi-agency action plans. Updates on the Quality Assurance Frameworks are included in the KBSP's Annual Report.

From 2025 there will be an ongoing quality assurance sub-group to oversee and further strengthen the KBSP's quality assurance work.

6.4 Participation and Engagement

Voice, engagement activity, co-production and working collaboratively with children, families, adults, victims of crime, survivors of interpersonal violence and domestic abuse is a key priority for the KBSP.

The KBSP has an established Children's Shadow Board, a forum for youth engagement with direct lines into the KBSP's decision-making groups to hear the voices of young people. The Shadow Board informs the Partnership of children and young people's safeguarding issues and concerns, influencing and sharpening the Partnership's work. The Shadow Board also take an active role in the Partnership's quality assurance and scrutiny activities, helping to hold the Partnership to account.

The KBSP also ensures opportunities for adults in Bristol to challenge, engage with and contribute to safeguarding work. The Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Survivors' Forum is a forum for the Partnership to hear the voices of survivors and place lived experience at centre of designing and developing policies, strategies, and services.

There is an expectation that KBSP partner agencies also capture the voices of children and adults in their daily work, and this is shared through section 11 statutory audits and other quality assurance activities undertaken annually by the KBSP.

We will continue to ask our relevant agencies and other partners how they ensure they have captured the voices of children, young people and families, adults and communities and how it influences their work as well as identifying other innovative ways to gather this feedback through the Partnership.

6.5 Policy and Procedure

To enable effective peer quality assurance activity there is a need for a consistent view of what 'good' looks like. The KBSP has active representation on the regional procedures groups for adults (ADASS Policy Group) and Children (South West Child Protection Procedures).

6.6 Dispute Resolution, Escalation of Concerns and Whistleblowing

Working collaboratively to safeguard, promote welfare and increase safety in our communities is at the heart of our arrangements. Through effective leadership, openness, transparency and effective professional challenge, there is a commitment to resolving any disputes locally between the core partners, relevant agencies and wider partnership members in a timely fashion.

The KBSP expects and supports organisations and agencies to hold one another to account and to challenge appropriately when concerns or disputes arise.

The KBSP has multi-agency processes for the resolution of professional disagreements relating to safeguarding adults and children:

- > [Escalation of professional disagreements - safeguarding children](#)
- > [Escalation of professional disagreements - safeguarding adults](#)

Partners should use their whistleblowing procedures where appropriate.

7. Statutory Reviews

The KBSP is responsible for commissioning and responding to the findings of three types of statutory reviews:

1. Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews (CSPRs) under the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and Working Together 2023
2. Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) under the Care Act 2014 and Care Act 2014 Statutory Guidance.
3. Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004.

The responsibilities for these statutory reviews are largely similar:

1. Members of the safeguarding partners or wider relevant agencies will notify the KBSP Business Unit of any serious incident they feel may meet the criteria for review. In the case of CSPRs the Local Authority has an additional responsibility to make an Ofsted Serious Incident Notification for cases which meet this threshold. The Local Authority will share that notification with the other safeguarding partners via the Business Unit. Safeguarding partners may challenge the Local Authority on their decision not to make an Ofsted Serious Incident Notification by making a CSPR referral to the Business Unit.
2. In CSPRs there is an additional responsibility to hold Rapid Reviews. Therefore, a meeting with representatives from the CSPR sub-group, whose agencies had involvement with the case, will be held at the latest 10 working days after notification providing agencies time to pull together information for the Rapid Review process but also time for the report to be written, signed off and submitted to the National Panel within 15 working days.
3. A Safeguarding Adults and Domestic Homicide Review sub-group chaired by a representative of one of the KBSP Partners will be convened with membership made up of safeguarding or community safety senior operational professionals from across the partnership with expertise in the relevant review area. It is their responsibility to review the evidence provided in the referral and supported where appropriate by other agencies' information. They will make a recommendation to the relevant Board as to whether, in their professional opinion, the criteria for the statutory review is met and set out the justification for this recommendation.
4. Rapid Review reports, CSPR, DHR, and SAR recommendations will be signed off by the respective Boards with themes captured for review at the KBSP Steering Group.

If a statutory review is to be commissioned, this will be done via the Bristol statutory review process.

Decisions to publish any report will be made by the KBSP Boards in consultation with legal and other relevant advisors, and any published reports will be placed on the KBSP website. On publication, the KBSP Business Unit will produce a learning briefing and disseminate this across the KBSP network to ensure that key messages and learning reaches and is embedded within workforces across Bristol. Further opportunities to promote the learning from statutory reviews include targeted learning events, conferences and via the KBSP newsletter. Rapid Review reports are not published but an anonymised learning briefing will be developed for each review, shared widely across the Partnership, and published on the KBSP website.

The relevant statutory review sub-group will have oversight of the review process, the quality and timeliness of reviews being delivered, manage the convened statutory review panels, and delivery against the review's action plans.

8. Data and Intelligence

The KBSP uses data and intelligence to assess the effectiveness of the help being provided to children, adults and communities across the safeguarding and community safety system.

A wide range of performance, activity and compliance data is regularly used across the workforce to aid ongoing management oversight and ensure best practice. This is a key feature of the KBSP's scrutiny and quality assurance framework, which also incorporates case audit, quality assurance, practice observations and service user feedback and views. Performance data and intelligence is routinely collated and fed into key partnership arrangements through the Boards.

A culture of continuous learning and improvement, with both challenge and support for leaders at all levels, has set high standards and expectations for systems leaders, safeguarding and service leaders and practice leaders, safeguarding partner organisations and selected relevant agencies/other agencies included in our arrangements. At the same time, it enables the workforce to be confident that decisions and 'risks' are shared and helps to ensure that high quality and safe practice, based on achieving the most positive outcomes for children, young people, families and adults as the norm.

There is a flexible approach to monitoring performance and intelligence to ensure that the information collated relates to current need and any new and emerging threats and concerns to inform decision-making and strategic direction leading to better outcomes.

We will be exploring opportunities to further develop our performance data and intelligence across the partnership with a focus on measuring outcomes and impact. We will use the principles of Outcomes Based Accountability, which identifies key questions to inform our monitoring, evaluation and next step planning:

- › what is the story behind the baseline?
- › what outcomes do we want to see in Bristol?
- › what does success look like?
- › how much did we do, how well did we do it and is anyone better off (performance measures)?
- › are we making a difference (indicators)?

9. Effective Support and Indicators of Need

Our vision in Bristol is that we will effectively work together to prevent and protect all children, young people and adults from harm. We believe in proportionate interventions which reduce the need of individuals having professional intervention in their lives and promote and maximise independence. We are firmly committed to the principles of Making Safeguarding Personal and contextual safeguarding and our practitioners are skilled in risk enablement, recognising that taking risks can enable individuals and help improve their wellbeing. We are committed to having conversations about safeguarding and safety and work to a goal of individuals and families receiving the Right Help, at the Right Time, for the Right Duration for them whilst fulfilling our statutory requirements.

In Bristol the language of ‘thresholds’ has been reduced. We should see evidence of practitioners discussing what is needed for this individual in each case whilst making defensible decisions within statutory frameworks.

To support these professional discussions the KBSP has adopted the following key documents:

1. [Effective Support for Children and Families in Bristol and Indicators of Need](#)
2. [Regional Safeguarding Adults Policy](#)

10. Annual Report

The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements for children (under Working Together 2023) and the Safeguarding Adults Board (under the Care Act 2014) require the Partnership to publish an annual report, also referred to as the yearly report. The KBSP publish a joint annual report including details of delivery against the Community Safety Partnership functions it holds.

Under Working Together 2023, the report should be published by the end of September covering the previous year (April – March). From 2025, the report will be signed-off by the KBSP's Lead Safeguarding Partners.

The report will be submitted to:

- › Bristol City Council's Children and Young People Committee
- › Bristol City Council's Adult Social Care Committee
- › Bristol City Council's Public Health and Communities Committee
- › The Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon & Somerset
- › Chief Executive Officer, Bristol City Council
- › Chief Constable, Avon and Somerset Constabulary
- › Chief Executive, Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board
- › Bristol Health and Wellbeing Board Chairs
- › Healthwatch Bristol

The Annual Report will also be submitted, within 7 days of publication, to the National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel and the What Works Centre of Children's Social Care.

The Annual Report is made widely available and published on the KBSP website [here](#).

11. Commissioning Multi-Agency Training

As outlined in the guidance frameworks for all three functions of the KBSP, multi-agency training is important for supporting the collective understanding of local need and for practitioners to be effective in universal services and across the safeguarding system.

To be effective, practitioners need to continue to build their knowledge and skills and be aware of the new and emerging threats. Individual organisations and agencies are required to ensure that their workforce is sufficiently trained and competent in safeguarding children, young people and adults. The premise of multi-agency training is that it is 'added value' and 'better together' to provide a collective understanding of the local needs.

Locally and regionally there is a commitment to developing a consistent approach to multi-agency training, which is underpinned by robust evaluation processes to ensure that the training programme is clearly focused on the needs of partners to deliver effective services. The KBSP collaborates with other local safeguarding boards to review training offers, standardising where possible and analysing demand for different courses across the different areas.

The KBSP funds a multi-agency training service who lead on the delivery of learning and development event in line with the partnership's needs analysis. This includes multi-agency training for both children's and adult's safeguarding and is open to all relevant partners across Bristol.

In addition to more traditional training activities, the KBSP is committed to exploring development opportunities focused around information sessions, briefings, practice forums and conferences. KBSP partners have the opportunity to engage a wide range of their workforce in partnership activities such as task and finish groups, policy development, and peer regional scrutiny. These development activities promote putting theory and research into practice, developing evidence-based practice and expertise, sharing perspectives and learning and enhancing confidence in helping and protecting people in Bristol.

Appendix 1

List of selected relevant agencies and other agencies included in the Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership

Education and Childcare

Early Years Settings

All early years settings

Schools, Academies, Alternative Provision and other Educational Settings

All schools and academies in Bristol

All Alternative Provision providers in Bristol

Governing Bodies

All governing bodies (of maintained schools, maintained nursery schools, pupil referral units, further education providers and higher education providers)

Childcare

All childcare providers in Bristol

Children's Centres

All Children's Centres in Bristol

Health and Social Care

NHS England

NHS England and NHS Improvement South West

NHS (*Foundation) Trusts

Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust (Mental Health)

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Recovery Orientated Alcohol & Drugs Service

North Bristol NHS Trust (Acute)

Bristol Royal Infirmary

South Western Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust (Ambulance)

University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust (Acute)

Southmead Hospital

Health Providers

Bristol Community Health General Practitioners Sirona Care & Health (CIC)

Adoption Services

Adoption West

Fostering Services

Bristol City Council Fostering Service

Independent, Charity and Voluntary Sector Fostering Providers

All providers commissioned by Bristol City Council for Bristol children and young people in care

Residential Homes and Care Providers

Bristol City Council Children's Homes

All Bristol City Council Children's Homes

Independent, Charity and Voluntary Sector Children's Home Providers

All Children's Home providers commissioned by Bristol City Council, BNSSG, Youth Justice Board for Bristol children and young people

Bristol City Council Care Homes

All Bristol City Council Care Homes

Independent, Charity and Voluntary Sector Care Home Providers

All providers commissioned by Bristol City Council and BNSSG ICB for adults in Bristol

Criminal Justice

Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service

Bristol, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire Community Rehabilitation Company

HMP Bristol

Probation Service

Youth Justice Service (Bristol City Council)

Police and Immigration

British Transport Police

Port Police Force operational in the area

Fire and Rescue Service

Avon Fire and Rescue Service

Private, Charities and Voluntary Sector Organisations

All relevant private, charity and voluntary sector organisations who provide activities, support and services to children, young people, adults and communities

Sport and Leisure Providers

All sport and leisure providers

Religious and Faith based organisations

Bristol Multi Faith Forum

All faith based organisations

All religious organisations as set out in the schools admissions regulation 2012

Others

Bristol Mental Health HealthWatch

Community Children's Health Partnership

Office of Police and Crime Commissioner

End of document.