



Bristol Safeguarding
Children Board

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Bristol Safeguarding Children Board Newsletter

Welcome to our newsletter, the next three pages set out the key items that have been discussed and agreed at our recent Board meetings.

Policies and Procedures

The BSCB has recently approved the following policies, guidance and protocols, which you can find on our website:

[Safeguarding children, young people and young adults with disabilities](#)

[Good practice guide for Transitions between services for 16-25 year olds](#)

[Protocol: Children who display harmful sexual behaviour](#)

[A guide to Child Protection and Adult Safeguarding for Faith Based Establishments](#)

[Leaflet: Keeping children safe outside school](#)

New Training Strategy

The BSCB approved the new [Training Strategy](#), which includes a refresher of all BSCB Training. You can view the [Training Programme](#) for 2018/19 and book your places now.



Threshold Document

Our Policy and Projects Officer has been hard at work meeting and consulting with our partners in the City to draft the new Threshold Document. Keep an eye out for this being uploaded to the website soon!

Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI)

In October, the Board took part in a JTAI on the theme of Neglect. In response to this, the Board has developed an [action plan](#), which includes the implementation of a [Neglect Strategy](#) and the adoption of the Graded Care Profile 2 tool, which has been developed by the NSPCC and will help professionals measure the quality of care being given to a child. Practitioners should expect to hear more about the training and roll out for this in the coming months. In addition the Board partners will each undertake an audit on the quality of referrals in their agencies and submit their findings to the BSCB. A report on the findings from the audit will be presented at a future Board.

Serious Case Reviews (SCR)

We've recently approved and published an SCR which concerns the death of Aya, a six month old baby who died after suffering non-accidental head injuries whilst in the care of her father. You can read the SCR and access our briefing for professionals [here](#).



Strategic Plan

The BSCB approved the [Strategic Plan](#) for April 2018 – June 2019. This will inform the Business Plan for the year ahead, which will be delivered with the help of the Board Sub Groups.

Annual Reports

The BSCB receives annual reports from services in the City, which report on topics that are priorities for the Board; this also gives them the opportunity to ask questions of the Board on how we can contribute to their effective multiagency working. The Board recently received the annual report from the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO), who provided an update on the work carried out this year, which included involvement in drafting the guide for faith based establishments and the leaflet for parents following concerns raised in the previous LADO annual report.

S11 Walkabout

In 2016, Bristol, BANES, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset LSCBs undertook a joint audit, which was completed by partners. Action plans were provided to partners on areas for improvement and it was agreed that a series of themed 'walkabout' audits would be undertaken on information sharing and interagency working. The Board received a report on the outcomes of this and heard that the agencies who had participated had found this to be a helpful process for them to quality assure and review their practice.



Data

Data is really important for the Board to be able to benchmark how we are performing as a City. In the last few months the Board has recruited a Data Analyst and the Board received a newly designed data report card. A key issue highlighted was a need to improve school attendance, which will be supported by an Attendance Strategy. The number of boys identified as at risk of sexual exploitation has reduced, the Board feels this is of concern and is working with the Police on why this might be. The BSCB has a range of policies and resources on CSE on our website, which you can view [here](#).

Further information

You can find lots more information about the BSCB on our website and twitter:

www.bristolsafeguarding.org

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If you have a safeguarding concern about a child in Bristol, please [click here](#) to find out how you can report your concerns.

