



Bristol Safeguarding
Children Board

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Bristol Safeguarding Children Board Newsletter

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

Business Plan

Each year the Board creates a Business Plan to set out how it will achieve the aims of the [Strategic Plan](#). The Board received the 2018/19 Business Plan, which was approved by Board Members. Our objectives for 2018/2019 are:

- Strengthen Strategic Safeguarding Arrangements
- Reduce Neglect
- Safeguarding Boys and Young Men
- Responding to Domestic Abuse, Coercive Control and Violence in Families
- Safeguarding Children with Complex Health and Mental Health Needs
- Improving Assessments



Shadow Board

The May Board meeting was the first meeting attended by our Shadow Board members. The Board received some excellent challenge and feedback from the Shadow Board members and we look forward to welcoming them to future meetings.

Escalation Policy

We have reviewed and updated our [Escalation Policy](#) to add timescale guidelines and make the process clearer for professionals.

Serious Case Review (SCR)

The BSCB has published a SCR which concerns the care provided to Becky, a 16 year old female, by local agencies in the years before her death in 2015. Becky's Step-Brother and his partner were convicted of her murder and manslaughter respectively. You can read the SCR and the briefing for professionals [here](#).

Presentations

The Board received a presentation from the CQC to gain a better understanding of the role of the CQC in safeguarding children. The CQC inspect more than just services for adults, they also have a specialist children team who inspect children's homes with high health needs, Hospitals and Primary Medical Services.



Annual Report: Children and Young People in the Secure Estate

The Bristol City Council Youth Offending Team attended the Board to present this annual report and raised concerns about the inadequate provision of welfare secure beds, this is a national issue and the Chair of the Board has written to the Secretary of State for Education about this.

Annual Report: Children Missing from Home and Care

The Board heard about the diagnostic recently carried out in Bristol by the National Working Group in to the response to children who go missing. There will be a report and action plan that comes to the Board to work towards addressing these barriers and increasing the percentage of children who take part in Return Home Interviews.

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.