

Business Plan 2024-2026

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Partnership



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Introduction

KRSCP arrangements are led by the statutory safeguarding Partners: Local authority, Police, and Integrated Care Board, alongside relevant partners from statutory organisations, schools and the voluntary sector to work in close collaboration to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children and young people in Kingston and Richmond.

They, through the executive group, coordinate safeguarding activities, act as a strategic leadership group in supporting and engaging others, and implement local and national learning, including from serious child safeguarding incidents (Working Together 2023).

This business plan sets out the strategic priorities that the partnership has identified and will be the primary focus across 2024 to 2026. The plan will support the involvement of services with children and young people in the local area, with the aspiration of supporting each child to reach their full potential.

Our Vision and Values

Our vision is that children and young people in Kingston & Richmond live a life free from fear, harm, abuse and exploitation, enabling every child to achieve their potential. Our vision is underpinned by our core value of working together to keep children's safety and wellbeing at the heart of everything we do.

We aim to do this by:

1) Supporting Children

Robust and timely identification of need to support children and their families/carers across the multi-agency partnership.

2) Protecting Children

Children are protected through effective multi agency arrangements which are child centred.

3) Understanding the Child's World

Value all aspects of children's identity and understand the links to vulnerability from all harm including discrimination and harassment.

Priority 1: Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation

What will we do?	How will we know?
<p>Undertake and implement recommendations from the Deep Dive into Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) & Exploitation.</p> <p>The multi-agency partnership training offer will include CSA and Exploitation.</p>	<p>Evidence of use of CSA resources.</p> <p>There will be an increase in the number and range of professionals undertaking available eLearning and taught training opportunities including learning events.</p> <p>Course evaluations will establish increased confidence in practice.</p>
<p>KRSCP's Vulnerable Child and Adolescent Subgroup to monitor partnership data and response to contextual safeguarding and ensure effective identification and support to vulnerable children.</p> <p>Dissemination of learning from local and national child safeguarding practice reviews and rapid reviews relevant to this priority.</p>	<p>Scrutiny at subgroup meetings/extracting trends/sharing across partnerships to influence practice.</p> <p>Local training and pathways reflect learning and there is evidence of an impact on practice.</p>
<p>KRSCP Child Sexual Abuse Pathway to be kept updated with best practice and commissioning arrangements and regularly promoted to partners.</p>	<p>Partnership data set and audit outcomes provide assurance that appropriate health input to strategy meetings and CP medicals where CSA is suspected.</p>

Priority 2: Neglect

What will we do?	How will we know?
<p>Review and refresh neglect strategy & toolkit.</p>	<p>A joint neglect strategy is developed across South West London and disseminated.</p> <p>Monitor the adoption and use of the neglect toolkit across various settings.</p> <p>Implement iterative improvements to the neglect toolkit based on user experiences and suggestions.</p> <p>Increased referrals for neglect from a wider range of professionals.</p> <p>Wide range of learning opportunities on neglect organised for the partnership and the impact on practice.</p>
<p>Extend Think Space programme to offer consultations to multi-agency practitioners on neglect.</p>	<p>Sessions completed for Think Space under the theme of neglect.</p>
<p>KRSCP to review and relaunch the Was Not Brought (WNB) Policy.</p>	<p>Partners can evidence the adoption & embedding of the revised WNB policy.</p>

Priority 3: Adolescent/Transitional Safeguarding & Serious Youth Violence

What will we do?	How will we know?
<p>KRSCP to ensure effective linkages to parallel plans and partnerships to promote transitional safeguarding. To include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AfC Youth Justice Plan. Serious Youth Violence Duty Plans for Kingston & Richmond. Interface meetings with the respective Safeguarding Adult Boards. 	<p>Serious Violence Duty explained to schools.</p> <p>Vulnerable Child and Adolescent (VCA) subgroup to monitor linkages to related forums for example VASA panels.</p> <p>Local learning is effectively disseminated with all relevant partnerships and there is evidence of impact on practice.</p>
<p>Raising awareness of Transitional Safeguarding and promotion of best practice.</p>	<p>Increased engagement by partners with transitional safeguarding by evidencing its prominence and the range of forums.</p>

Priority 4: Implementation of Working Together 2023

What will we do?	How will we know?
Create a fixed term post using the Department for Education (DfE) grant funding to implement the changes required by Working Together 2023 and embed across KRSCP.	Grant funding utilised to enable resource to implement required changes.
Create an action plan to ensure alignment with Working Together 2023 Statutory guidance.	Updated local safeguarding arrangements are consistent with statutory guidance and reviewed by our Independent Scrutineer.
