

Work Plan And Activities: Contextual Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Task Group

Meeting 1: Overview of Contextual Safeguarding and Children's Social Care

Themes

Understanding the contextual safeguarding model

Practice of contextual safeguarding

Role of the Contextual Safeguarding Network

National and local guidance

Existing safeguarding system and multi-agency working

Risks to adolescent children in Brent outside the family e.g. gangs, county lines, extremism and radicalisation

Contextual safeguarding and looked after children

Attendees

Operational Director Safeguarding, Partnerships and Strategy

Operational Director Integration and Improved Outcomes

Strategic Director Children and Young People

Cabinet Member Safeguarding, Early Help and Social Care

Meeting 2: Implementing Contextual Safeguarding in Brent

Themes

Projects to put contextual safeguarding in place

Assessments and an adolescent child's environment

Examples of contextual safeguarding approaches to make public places safer

Mapping risks in public places

Developing knowledge of contextual safeguarding in children's services

Best practice and learning from other boroughs or nationally

Governance and working groups in the council

Role of officers in departments across the council to evaluate risk in public spaces

Partnerships with transport providers, businesses, fast food restaurants

Attendees

Operational Director Safeguarding, Partnerships and Strategy

Head of Community Protection

Head of Early Help

Head of Planning, Transport and Licensing

Cabinet Member Children's Safeguarding, Early Help and Social Care

Meeting 3: Contextual Safeguarding and Working with the Community

Themes

Working with the community to identify risks to adolescent children

Partnership with the Local Safeguarding Children Board; Violence, Vulnerability and Exploitation Priority Group

The role of parents

Engaging with schools, educational institutions

Learning events with the community on particular risks

Multi-agency working with partners in health and the police

Particular risks associated with schools, peer groups, the wider community, or online

Attendees

Brent LSCB Independent Chair,

Senior leadership representatives from Capital City Academy, and Newman Catholic College, Brent River College

Operational Director Safeguarding, Partnerships and Strategy

Meeting 4: Contextual Safeguarding and Brent's Strategic Priorities

Themes

Budgets for children's services and implementing contextual safeguarding

How contextual safeguarding meets strategic priorities

Commitments in the Borough Plan

Partnership with other local authorities

Partnership with police and other safeguarding partners

Task group recommendations to Cabinet

Attendees

Strategic Director Children and Young People

Cabinet Member Children's Safeguarding, Early Help and Social Care

TBC: Members' Visit to London Borough of Hackney

February 2019

Task Group Membership

Councillor Hylton (chair)

Councillor Patterson

Councillor Donnelly-Jackson

Terms of Reference

- a) Understand the model of contextual safeguarding and the applicability of its implementation in Brent.
- b) Challenge the council's Cabinet in how they are supporting contextual safeguarding as a cross-cutting local authority initiative and as part of an improvement to children's services.
- c) Review the extent to which contextual safeguarding will help address priorities in the new borough plan.
- d) Understand contextual safeguarding from the perspective of front-line practitioners and those working in children's services.
- e) Understand Brent's particular social demographics and the scale of the risks for adolescent children in Brent.
- f) Develop recommendations for the council's Cabinet which are focused on the development of contextual safeguarding by the council and its partners.

Timescale for Task Group

30 January 2019, Feedback report to Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

18 March 2019, Full report to Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

April/ May 2019, Presentation of report and recommendations to Cabinet.