



## London Borough of Enfield

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| <b>Report Title</b>                  | Enfield Safeguarding Children's Partnership Annual Report 2022/23  |
| <b>Report to</b>                     | <i>Children, Young People &amp; Education Scrutiny Panel</i>   |
| <b>Date of Meeting</b>               | <i>30th October 2023</i>   |
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## Purpose of Report

1. The report is being presented to the Children Young People & Education Scrutiny Panel to note the Safeguarding Partnership's activity to protect children in 2022-2023. It highlights the positive actions taken by the Partnership to prevent neglect, abuse and exploitation against children and families, includes data to demonstrate the impact of these actions, and states the priorities of the partnership for the 2023-2024 period.

## Recommendations

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. To note the Annual Report. Noting the report at Cabinet, Scrutiny and Council enables Enfield Council to demonstrate its commitment to safeguarding children and young people throughout the organisation. The report is a partnership document and as such is agreed at the Safeguarding Children Partnership Executive Group.</li> <li>II. To commend the report to the November Council meeting for noting.</li> </ol> |
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## Main Considerations for the Panel

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  - **Multi- agency partnership workshops-** Workshops were delivered by partnership managers on Child Protection Medicals, Information Sharing, Strategy Meetings and Early Help which had over 200 practitioners attend in total.
  - **Exploitation Event- Enfield's response** – This partnership event was held to raise awareness of the support available to practitioners local to Enfield with an additional spotlight on how Adultification bias can impact upon a practitioner's response to exploitation. This event had 120 practitioners attend.
  - **Forced Marriage Partnership event-** The Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review (LCSPR) on Nadya was published and a partnership event was held to raise awareness of how to identify concerns for Forced Marriage and how to respond. This event had 80 participants attend.
  - **Andre Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review (LCSPR) published** – Review into the death of Andre, a 17-year-old, has been published - [Learning from reviews | Safeguarding Enfield](#)

- **Multi- agency audits completed** – There were two multi- agency audits completed which identified key areas of good practice to improve upon and areas where learning and development of practitioners should be focussed.
- **Enfield Trauma Informed Practice (ETIPs)**- the Virtual School working in partnership with Educational Psychology Services commissioned training for Children Services, the Early Years' Service, HEART Health and CAMHs team and associated partners to ensure that professionals are using a common approach and language when supporting Enfield's vulnerable children, young people, and families.
- **Safeguarding ambassadors**- the Ambassadors met with the Detective Superintendent of the North Area BCU (Basic Command Unit) three times and discussed their experiences of the police. This led to the Police asking the Ambassadors to create a video outlining their experiences, so that it could be shared more widely across the force. This video will be made in 2023- 2024.

Important areas of work for 2023-24:

- Ensure that our learning and development courses we offer to practitioners is wider, focussing on the strategic priorities of physical abuse, child on child abuse and anti- racist practice.
- Complete LCSPR on a child with additional needs and at risk of significant harm in the community. Implementing all associated actions to improve practice.
- Complete multi- agency audits on Serious Youth Violence, the voice of the child and pre- birth assessments.
- Complete the making of a video on the experience of young people being stop and searched by police and participating in an event to host this.
- Recruitment of an independent chair/ scrutineer.

## Background and Options

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- There are statutory duties for publishing an annual Safeguarding Children Partnership report. These duties apply to the Safeguarding Children's Partnership. The duties require specific information to be provided. The specific actions taken to address the requirements are in italics.
- For Safeguarding Children, Working Together requires that the report include: what the Safeguarding Partnership have done as a result of the arrangements, including on child safeguarding practice reviews, and how

effective these arrangements have been in practice (*the arrangements are highlighted in the report, as are the safeguarding practice reviews*).

- The report should also include the ways in which the partners have sought and utilised feedback from children and families to inform their work and influence service provision (*for example Safeguarding Ambassador feedback on police and health intervention*).
- Safeguarding partners should make sure that the report is widely available, and the published safeguarding arrangements should set out where the reports will be published. (*The report will be published on website: [www.safeguardingenfield.org](http://www.safeguardingenfield.org)*).
- A copy of all published reports should be sent to the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel and the What Works Centre for Children's Social Care within seven days of being published.
- The three safeguarding partners should report any updates to the published arrangements in their yearly report and the proposed timescale for implementation (*section on Children's safeguarding arrangements will cover this when necessary*).
- The What Works Centre for Children's Social Care and National Panel conducted an analysis on annual reports across the country in 2021 and they stated *yearly reports for partnerships are intended to be shorter, more focused on impact, with more scope for local variation in terms of structure and publication format*.
- The following paragraphs present some of the highlights of the Children's Safeguarding Enfield Annual Report 2022/23:
  - Across the Partnership, our primary responsibility is to provide a way for the local agencies to work together to safeguard those at risk, and to ensure that the arrangements in place are working effectively.
  - 2022-23 was a year to receive effective scrutiny on the partnership arrangements that are currently in place for Enfield. The scrutiny was to provide helpful feedback to the partnership on areas of good practice, so that this could be built upon whilst also providing helpful challenge on how the partnership arrangements could be improved. The independent organisation used to provide the scrutiny was Red Quadrant, and their report states:
    - *"The Red Quadrant team are able to confirm with confidence and assurance, that the Multi-agency Safeguarding Arrangements for Enfield Safeguarding Children Partnership are compliant with Working Together 2018. The arrangements ensure that children in Enfield are safeguarded and their welfare promoted. The annual report that this forms part of was also scrutinised and can confirm that this is compliant with the requirements of Working Together 2018."*

- This year we took the opportunity to set strategic priorities for the partnership to consider in all their direct work with children, young people, and families. These priorities helped to set the framework of the targeted areas of concern and where all areas of practice improvement should be focussed.

## **Relevance to Council Plans and Strategies**

4. Thriving children and young people
  - a. The work of the Safeguarding Enfield Partnership meets the Council's priority of "Thriving children and young people".
  - b. The purpose of safeguarding work is to protect children and young people, and families so that they can all thrive in the borough. The Partnership's approach to safeguarding focusses on well-trained staff who can effectively engage and manage the risks that may be present.
  - c. There is an emphasis on improving services for those children, young people and families that require prevention and intervention from safeguarding services across a broad spectrum, from early help to statutory interventions.

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## **Appendices**

The Childrens Safeguarding Enfield Annual Report for 2022/2023 (formatted).