

Reading Safeguarding Children Board Business Plan Priorities 2014 - 2015



Domestic Abuse

Reading has a high prevalence of domestic abuse and this is also one of the key areas resulting in children being subject to a Child protection Plan. The Board needs to scrutinise partner agencies responses to domestic abuse advising agencies when change is required to improve safeguarding of children and young people.



Strengthening the Child's Journey and Voice

To evaluate the effectiveness of different aspects of the child's journey into help and services, the quality of the decisions made by individual agencies and the quality of multi-agency processes.



CSE and other Particularly Vulnerable Groups

To ensure that those children and young people who are particularly vulnerable or likely to be exploited can be identified and supported appropriately.



Neglect

Neglect is the highest category for children and young people in Reading on a Child Protection Plan. There are many forms and reasons for neglect and the children's workforce must be able to recognise the early signs to ensure support is provided as soon as possible.



Effectiveness and Impact of Reading LSCB

To ensure the Board has a stronger focus on scrutiny and challenge of partner agencies services and its own effectiveness, to ensure it meets local and national priorities and is able to evidence impact on outcomes.