

NOTTINGHAM CITY SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP

ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY 23/24



WHO WE ARE



Three Statutory Partners

- Nottingham City Council
- Nottinghamshire Police
- Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB

We also involve Education and community/voluntary services in our work.



HOW WE WORK

The strategic leaders of the three statutory partners oversee the partnership's business supported by the Business Management Group and partnership subgroups, as listed below.

- Quality Assurance & Audit Subgroup
- Children's Safeguarding Practice Review Subgroup
- Policies & Procedures Subgroup
- Learning & Workforce Development Subgroup
- Cross Authority-Child Death Overview Panel
- Education Subgroup

RAPID REVIEWS IN 23/24

In 2023/2024 the CSPR Subgroup completed two Rapid Review. Both have involved contributions from across the partnership, and the NCSCP has also contributed to a rapid review held by Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Children Partnership involving children with links to Nottingham.

Both NCSCP rapid reviews were for neglect and for children aged 3 and 10. Learning from these Rapid Reviews has been welcomed and action plans have been developed and implemented with reviews of our partnership practice as a result.

SNAPSHOT OF OUR YEAR

Launched a Threshold of Need Toolkit

The updated 'Threshold of Need' document has been launched and made available across the partnership. Awareness raising sessions and training have been rolled out in 23/24.

The Neglect Toolkit and Informational Videos

The NCSCP launched the revised Neglect Toolkit alongside two informational videos on neglect. One for professionals and the other for the public. Neglect continues to feature highly in our work.

NCSCP Partnership Newsletter

We set up our partnership newsletter in 2023 which has been widely received. The three published editions have had close to a thousand views. We have a 'shout out' section to highlight and recognise individuals that have been recommended from within the partnership for the 'shout out'.

Education Subgroup

We established the 'education' subgroup to formally represent education within the work of the partnership. This group has representatives from across the education sector and the partnership working together to champion and lead on safeguarding matters of relevance to the sector and the partnership's business plan.

Early Help Strategy and Website

We worked with young people and families in understanding what good early help looked like and we used that to inform and design our new early help strategy and website funded by Family Hubs. The website is for families and professionals with information, advice, activity details and links for whole family services.

"Safeguarding is everybody's business. All partners in our City - commissioners, providers, employers, our workforce, regulators and government - and all agencies - councils, providers, voluntary, community, the NHS and police - have a role to play. As equal partners in the safeguarding arrangements we are committed to working together to fulfil our responsibilities as outlined in statute, working with everyone to safeguard the children in our City.

We will work actively to protect children from abuse and maltreatment, prevent harm to children's health or development, ensure children grow up being provided with safe and effective care and will take action to enable all children and young people to have the best outcomes."

Rosa Waddingham, Chief Nurse — Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board

Rob Griffin, Assistant Chief Constable of Nottinghamshire Police

Catherine Underwood, Corporate Director of People, Director of Children's Services, Nottingham City Council— NCSCP Chair 2023/2024

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING IN 23/24

Over the past twelve months we have developed and delivered a training programme made available to our colleagues across the partnership. The training we offered in 23/24 included:

- Introduction to Signs of Safety
- Introduction to Safeguarding Children
- How to complete a strong Multi-Agency Referral Form
- Sudden Unexpected Deaths in Infants
- Safeguarding Children and Young People from Sexual Exploitation
- Introduction to Child Criminal Exploitation
- Understanding Neglect
- Modern Slavery
- Working with Children Impacted by Domestic Violence and Abuse
- The Prevent Duty and Radicalisation
- Safeguarding Children and Young People from Sexual Exploitation
- Cyber Crime Awareness
- An Introduction to Trauma
- Working Together to Safeguard Children



Our **Schools and Early Years DSL Network** events included sessions on:

- Knife Crime
- Serious Violence Duty
- Improving Attendance
- Supporting Families
- Education Welfare
- Neglect
- City MASH Referrals & Consent to Share Information
- Early Help



NOTTINGHAM CITY STATS

66,000

children (0-17) live in Nottingham

The total population of Nottingham City is 323,700.

2021 census shows 42.7% of the population as being from Black, Asian or other minority ethnic groups; an increase from 35% in 2011

34.2%

of children in Nottingham City are

Over one-third, 37.8% of the city's pupils, are eligible for free school meals, higher than the England average of 23.5%.

189 permanent school exclusions across primary and secondary aged pupils. Up from 137 in 2022 – 2023.

23,018

contacts to the MASH in 23/24

673 children in our care compared to 721 in 22-23

5,467

Early Help contacts received.

84.6% of MASH assessments completed to time

416 Child Protection Plans in 23/24

as at March 2024

201 Initial Child Protection Conferences held

461 Referrals to the LADO

86.4% Children protection social work visits