



Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership SAFEGUARDING LEADERS ASSEMBLY



November 2022

Chair's Safeguarding Update

Penny welcomed Safeguarding Leaders to the MAC, highlighting how the morning would focus on enhancing how agencies can work together to tackle childhood neglect in Birmingham. The cost-of-living crisis where too many families find themselves on the brink of poverty, provided the context and background to discussion at the Safeguarding Leaders Assembly. The learning from the Serious Case Review into the tragic death of [Hakeem](#) published in September 2022, further reinforced why we need to do more. The Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership had endorsed the joint letter from strategic leaders in Birmingham urging the new Prime Minister to prioritise addressing the cost of the living crisis. The Safeguarding Practitioners' Conference on the 26th September 2022, launched the [Birmingham Neglect Strategy 2022-26](#).



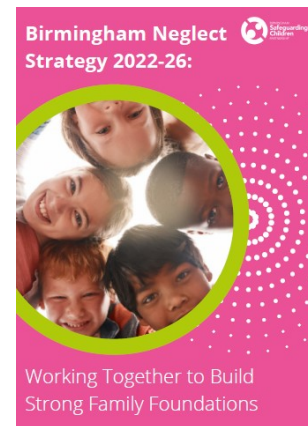
Keynote address: A Lived Experience – Breaking the cycle of Neglect:

Kerry Littleford, Advocate for Children in Care and Public Health Specialty Registrar gave an inspiring and humbling account of her childhood growing up in Birmingham. This was followed by a question-and-answer session, where Safeguarding Leaders asked Kerry about her lived experience and what they could have done differently to protect her and support her mother and siblings.



If you missed the conference, you can watch 'In conversation with Kerry Littleford', [here](#).

Working together to Build Strong Family Foundations



Graham Tilby, Chair of the Neglect Operations Group provided an overview of the [Birmingham Neglect Strategy 2022-26](#) and the four strategic priorities at the heart of the partnership Action Plan.

Graham's presentation can be viewed [here](#).

Working together to implement the Birmingham Neglect Strategy 2022-26



Members of the Neglect Operational Group facilitated a Workshop Session with the City's Safeguarding Leaders exploring how their agency will commit to reducing and preventing childhood neglect in Birmingham. Leaders concentrated on refining and endorsing the content of the neglect action plan. The Neglect Operational Group agreed to reflect on the constructive feedback, which would be used to further enhance the Action Plan. Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership will provide strategic oversight on the implementation of the Neglect Strategy, with the Neglect Operations Group providing regular updates of progress to the Executive Board. We are using the fantastic feedback, to update the action plan, which will be circulated in due course.

Thank you to all who attended the Safeguarding Leaders' Assembly and the contributions made.

**The next Safeguarding Leaders Assembly will be held on
Thursday 27th April 2023 & Thursday 23rd November 2023 at The Midlands Art Centre, Birmingham
Please save the dates!**