



# Practitioners Forum

## Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership

**Penny Thompson CBE, welcomed Practitioners to the forum and provided the safeguarding update:**

- The **Independent Chair's Accountability Report 2022-23** has been published.
- The **Business Improvement Plan 2023-25** is available to download from the BSCP website. The Safeguarding Partners have identified four priorities for the next two years, which the Executive Board will oversee the effective implementation through the Business Improvement Plan.

**Priority 1:** Ensuring effective implementation of 'Working together to Build Strong Family Foundations'. (Childhood Neglect Strategy 2022-2026)

**Priority 2:** Assuring a coordinated and coherent inter-agency response to children impacted by domestic abuse and violence in families

**Priority 3:** Developing a joint approach to understanding and responding to children who are, and who become, invisible to services

**Priority 4:** Enhancing anti-discriminatory practice, by improving partnership focus on the work we do, in the context of equity, equality, diversity and inclusion.

- Tri-Ministerial Letter 'Stable Homes; Built on Love' – 24.03.2023
- **Lost and not Found** – CSJ Report – March 2023
- Childrens Commissioner – **Strip Search of children in England and Wales analysis** – 27.03.2023
- Public Health Annual Report - "**Everything's at your fingertips**" – April 2023
- Publication of **Ofsted ILACS** - 18.04.2023
- Safeguarding Leaders' Assembly – 27.04.2023
- Launch of **BSCP website** – 27.04.2023
- Working Together is currently out for **consultation** and the DfE want your views!

### Private Fostering – Getting it right for privately fostered children in Birmingham

Kim Smith, Assistant Head of Fostering SGO & CP, Birmingham Children's Trust delivered an informative presentation on Private Fostering and what action you should take if you identify/suspect a private fostering arrangement.

**If someone who isn't a close relative cares for a child for more than 28 days, this could be a Private Fostering arrangement and Birmingham Children's Trust must be notified.**

If practitioners are not sure about a situation or wish to report a Private Fostering Arrangement they should contact Childrens Advice & Support Service: [cass@birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk](mailto:cass@birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk) or 0121 303 1888.

Resources on Private Fostering are available to **download**.



### Training opportunities in July 2023:

- **Child Exploitation: Tackling CE Together in Birmingham** -17.07.23
- **Graded Care Profile 2 (GCP2) for Practitioners** - 13.07.23

**Book your place now**

**Thank you to those who attended this Practitioner's Forum and for your continued hard work!**

The date of the next Forum is Wednesday 27th September 2023, 14:00 - 15:30.

Details of the Practitioner Conference on Thursday 16th November 2023 will be circulated shortly.