



Penny's Welcoming Address

The [Tackling Exploitation of Children and Young People Strategy 2023-2026](#) has been published and the Contextual Safeguarding Board will oversee the effective implementation.

The [Autumn 2023 edition of the Safeguarding Newsletter](#) focusing on childhood neglect has been published. Please do [sign up to receive the quarterly newsletter](#), packed with safeguarding news, resources, and important insights from a range of contributors across multi-agency organisations. An Independent Chair's blog will also be coming soon.

We have recently published the [Child A Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review](#) and hosted a [webinar](#) to cascade learning to practitioners. The Lead Reviewer, Joanna Nicolas, and Jahnine Davis, a Leading Specialist in Adulthood, facilitated the webinar, concentrating on improving understanding and practice around Adulthood and Intersectionality.

The National Panel held a Regional Round Table event in November to share their future work programme and next National review which focus on Childhood Neglect and Race, Cultural Competency and Anti-Discriminatory Practice.

Nicole Jacobs, Domestic Abuse Commissioner opened the 'Working as Partners to Safeguard Children from Domestic Abuse' Conference on the 16th November 2023, which was well attended. Please share the [conference resources](#) which are available to download.

New Request for Support Form

On Wednesday 29th November 2023 the Children's Advice and Support Service launched the new online 'Request for Support Form'

A helpful [tutorial video and guidance](#) is available for practitioners on how to complete the Request for Support Form.



Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy 2024 -2029

The Assembly discussed the draft Birmingham Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy 2024 -2029, which is built around six key priorities. A series of workshops have been held across the city and targeted conversations with key stakeholders and survivors to help develop the strategy.

This wider consultation began 25th October 2023, and runs for 6 weeks until 6th December 2023. The final strategy will be launched in Spring 2024.

Safeguarding 'Children Out of Sight'

The Co-Chairs of the 'Children Out of Sight' Group provided an overview of the preliminary work they have been undertaking, exploring the reasons, risks and vulnerability of different cohorts of children who are 'Out of Sight' of services. The session included a Facilitated Workshop focusing on developing integrated solutions that will keep children in view and at the centre of practice.

Four groups each reviewed a different case study on: Professional Avoidance, Elective Home Education, Out of Sight and Private Fostering.

The workshop recommended the creation of a pathway that enables frontline practitioners to access advice and support from a Panel of Safeguarding Experts on complex cases where children are out of sight. The Children Out of Sight Group will develop proposals for the partnership to endorse which complement the Child Advice Support Service.

