



Practitioners' Forum



Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership

Safeguarding Update: Penny Thompson CBE, BSCP Independent Chair

Click on the links below for more information.

- [BSCP Winter Newsletter](#) – 06.02.2024
- [National Panel Annual Report Press Release](#) and [National Panel Annual Report 2022-23](#)
- [Independent Chair's Blog](#) – 20.03.2024
- Penny attended the Birmingham Children & Young People's Partnership meeting on 6th March and was reassured by the collaborative spirit of the partners, who are committed to supporting each other during the financial challenges faced by the council.
- Penny discussed the development session, which was held at West Midlands Police Head Quarters on Wednesday 20th March. The session focused on how the Partnership would implement the changes set out in [Working Together 2023](#), and was immediately followed by the Executive Board's standing meeting. Thank you to West Midlands Police for their warm hospitality.
- The West Midlands MASA Network held a Regional Development Workshop on 26th March 2024 on the implementation of [Working Together 2023](#).
- The Safeguarding Leaders' Assembly are scheduled to meet in April 2024, this meeting will focus on 'Safeguarding Children from Domestic Abuse'.

The National Referral Mechanism - What? Why? When? How?

Karen Laing from NWG delivered an insightful [presentation](#) on the NRM process. The NRM is used for identifying & referring potential victims of Modern Slavery. Karen explained why the NRM was created, under what circumstances it should be used, and the process for making referrals.

Serious Case Review BSCB2018-19-01: The importance of early planning and continuity of care for children with complex needs (published 21st February 2024)

- This [report](#) highlighted how agencies worked together around early planning and continuity of care for a child with significant and complex needs. It was noted there have been substantial positive changes since this Serious Case Review was undertaken in 2019.
- To support dissemination of learning a [one page briefing note](#) for practitioners has been produced alongside a [PowerPoint presentation](#). Furthermore, in March 2024, the Partnership delivered a [webinar](#), which explored in more detail the emerging learning from this Serious Case Review for improving safeguarding practice.

Training opportunities

Commissioning for the period April – July 2024 is now underway and courses will be added to the booking system over the next few weeks.

Check out our [multi-agency training courses!](#) 



Practitioners Forum - Evaluation
March 2024



Please complete the [evaluation](#) which aims to ensure that we are meeting the needs of practitioners and to ascertain topics for future forums.

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