

Terms of Reference of the BSCB

1. Monitoring the effectiveness of organisations' implementation of their duties under s11 of the Children Act 2004
2. Ensure that information is available to children to know who they can contact when they have concerns about their own safety and welfare
3. Developing policies and procedures for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area of the authority
4. Develop and implement strategies to safeguard and promote the welfare of groups of children who are potentially more vulnerable than the general population, e.g. children living away from home, children who have run away from home, or children with disabilities
5. Ensure that systems are in place to identify and support the safety and welfare of children who are privately fostered
6. Develop and implement a training strategy to meet the training needs of staff across all agencies to work effectively together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children who may be at risk of significant harm
7. Develop standards for the recruitment and supervision of persons who work with children and monitor their implementation and compliance
8. Ensure that systems are in place for all agencies for the investigation of allegations of breaches of safeguarding practices concerning persons working with children and monitor compliance with the procedures
9. Establish a child death review group to review all child deaths in Buckinghamshire
10. Undertake serious case reviews as required by Working Together to Safeguard Children
11. Establish means of communication with the communities in Buckinghamshire to ensure that issues of safeguarding are understood by all communities and to provide the opportunity for those communities' issues to be addressed by BSCB
12. Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of what is done by the LA and Board partners individually and collectively to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and advise them on ways to improve
13. Participate in the local planning and commissioning of children's services to ensure that they take safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children into account