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BSCP Annual Report

The BSCP annual report 2023 is now available [here](#), covering the work undertaken by the Partnership in 2022/23. It includes information on Partnership priorities, progress being made in safeguarding in Barnsley, and data showing the local safeguarding landscape.

Barnsley's Anti-Bullying Commitment

In June 2023, BSCP re-launched our [anti-bullying commitment](#) and asked schools to refresh their pledge for 2023/24.

Barnsley's youth groups (The Youth Council, Inclusive Youth Voice and Care4Us) have created this [anti-bullying video](#); it explains different types of bullying, the effects of being bullied, and introduces the commitment pledge.

We've created two toolkits for staff training on online harms and anti-bullying, along with surveys for primary and secondary schools, to be led by youth councillors and Designated Safeguarding Leads. If you'd like a copy of these materials, please email us: barnsleysafeguardingchildrenspartnership@barnsley.gov.uk.

Anti-Bullying Week:
13 – 17 November 2023



Neglect Strategy 2023-26

The BSCP Neglect Strategy has been refreshed and agreed. It includes information and advice on all types of child neglect and can be found [here](#).

Step up/down protocol- Children's Social Care

A new protocol has been issued relating to families moving up or down the gradient of help in Social Care (from Universal Services to Targeted Early Help and Statutory Services). It is in line with the new Thresholds for Intervention guidance. The protocol is available on our website and can also be found here [link](#).

South Yorkshire Health and Care Partners Support ICON 2023 campaign



Health and care partners across South Yorkshire are working together to support parents and carers to cope with their baby's crying to help prevent traumatic head injuries.

NHS South Yorkshire will be continuing to support and promote the ICON approach to infant crying after ICON Week, which ran from 25-29 September. They aim to raise awareness of infant crying and how parents and carers can cope with it, to help prevent serious injury, illness and even death which can result from adults not knowing how to soothe or otherwise safely attend to crying babies.

For more information, visit South Yorkshire ICB's website, [here](#) or ICON's website at www.iconcope.org



NHS South Yorkshire #DryPregnancy

During September, NHS South Yorkshire supported #DryPregnancy to highlight the risks of drinking alcohol during pregnancy and raise awareness of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD).

FASD are a range of conditions that can be caused by drinking alcohol during pregnancy. Even a small amount can cause lifelong harm to a baby; the safest option is to have none at all.

To find out more, visit www.drymester.org.uk

Professionals Online Safety Helpline

The UK Safer Internet Centre's Professionals Online Safety Helpline has introduced new guidance to aid educators and professionals working with young people. The guidance aims to answer frequently asked queries on topics including reporting content of concern on social media, impersonation on social media platforms, and responding to incidents of young people sharing nude images online.

Read/Download the resources: [New resources available from the Professionals Online Safety Helpline](#)

Kooth in Barnsley: Digital Service for Young People Aged 11 - 25

Kooth is a British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy accredited service, providing a free, safe and non-judgemental place for young people to connect with others and know they are not alone. They have instant access to self-help materials, live moderated discussion forums and tools such as online journals and goal trackers. Young people can also contribute written pieces of work reflecting their own experiences, as well as accessing drop-in or booked sessions with professional counsellors.

To find out more, or to access the service, visit www.kooth.com



The Online Safety Bill – Update

The Online Safety Bill, which will make companies legally responsible for ensuring that their websites are safe for children, has passed through Parliament and will soon become law.

Gov.uk states that “The bill takes a zero-tolerance approach to protecting children and makes sure social media platforms are held responsible for the content they host. If they do not act rapidly to prevent and remove illegal content and stop children seeing material that is harmful to them, such as bullying, they will face significant fines that could reach billions of pounds. In some cases, their bosses may even face prison.” After years of campaigning, the NSPCC celebrated “a momentous day for children”. To find out more, visit their website by clicking this [link](#).

Safeguarding Awareness Week: 20 - 24 November 2023

Preparations are well underway for South Yorkshire’s Safeguarding Awareness Week 2023. Our Themes this year include Online Harms, Children Missing from Education, The First Year of Life, Trans Awareness and Domestic Abuse. We are keen to promote and activities planned at your service, centre or school, so drop us a line at BarnsleySafeguardingChildrensPartnership@barnsley.gov.uk

Colleagues will be on hand at the market hall all week, to provide information about services across the Partnership, for children and their families. Youth groups will hold an extra Saturday morning session

We have a full week of multi-agency training for professionals working with children in the borough. See our website for details ([click here](#)). Key highlights include:

Domestic Abuse Masterclass

Tuesday 21 November 2023, Barnsley Town Hall, 9.30am – 12.30pm.

The masterclass is led by retired South Yorkshire Police Detective Inspector Adrienne Sheekey, formerly of the Barnsley Domestic Abuse Team. It will examine the impact of Domestic Abuse on children and young people, and how to support and safeguard them as survivors and witnesses of abuse.

Online Harms: Beyond Contextual Safeguarding Conference

Friday 24 November 2023, Shaw Lane Sports Club, 9am – 4.30pm.

This full-day conference will be led by keynote speaker and international technology expert Cath Knibbs, providing practical advice and information about online harms. In the afternoon, attendees will choose two of the following four available workshops, split in two sessions:

- Session 1: either *Cyber Crime* with Natalie Garrett from South Yorkshire Police, or *The Dark Web* with CEOP Education Ambassadors Ceri Higgs and Sharron O’Rourke.
- Session 2: either *Sex Offenders who use Technology to Groom* with Jane Laing, a former Program Lead for Social Work at Sheffield University, or *Gaming and Gambling Related Harms* with YGAM Program Lead, Sam Starsmore.

Both the Domestic Abuse Masterclass and the Online Harms Conference are free to attend, but places are limited. Book your place via POD or by emailing marionproudfoot@barnsley.gov.uk. To book a stall for your service, or to let us know of any activities you are planning for #SAW23, email barnsleysafeguardingchildrenspartnership@barnsley.gov.uk

Links to book on POD:-

Domestic Abuse Masterclass: <https://barnsley.learningpool.com/course/view.php?id=914>

Online Harms Conference: <https://barnsley.learningpool.com/course/view.php?id=2355>