

OUR EXPECTATIONS FOR SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

We want every child and young person to grow up happy, healthy and safe, brought up by supportive families and carers and living in caring communities with plenty of opportunities for both learning and other activities.

To achieve this, we want:

- Every family to take responsibility themselves for protecting their children.
- High quality universal services and thriving communities supporting every child and family so they rarely need extra support.
- Parents and carers to be able to get support from integrated early help services and approaches, which respond when concerns first emerge no matter where families access that support from.
- Specialised integrated safeguarding services of the highest quality, using the most up to date practice tools, evidence and management information, so the basics are done extraordinarily well and problems are quickly identified and resolved.
- A workforce which is supported, stable, well qualified, talented, confident, creative and highly regarded.
- Views and experiences of children and families at the heart of service development, practice and strategic thinking.

What success looks like:

- Children regularly reporting:
 - I know who to talk to and I am listened to
 - I feel I am getting the help I need
 - I am protected from harm
 - I am helped by people who know what they are doing
 - My family are getting the help they need
- Performance and children's outcomes are in the top quartile nationally and in the top three against statistical neighbours. We want to be the best we can be.
- Internal and external judgements scoring consistently against the Ofsted "Good" criteria.

To achieve this expectation, we are:

