



THE KEEPING BRISTOL SAFE PARTNERSHIP

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KBSP Data Subgroup

The Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership is starting a Data subgroup where it will aim to collate and analyse data which will support the decision making for both the safeguarding children board and the safeguarding adults board within Bristol.

Anyone that has access to data can join this group.

Interested in joining? Please email KBSP@bristol.gov.uk.

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Bristol City Council - Adult Social Care CQC Assessment

Following a comprehensive assessment by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), Bristol City Council's Adult Social Care function has been officially rated as 'Good'.

The CQC inspection team spoke with many of our colleagues in different teams and in different roles, as well as partners across the council and externally.

Individuals and carers with lived experience of Adult Social Care in Bristol also shared their experiences through interviews and focus groups.

Take a look at a [summary of our CQC report](#) to find out more.



First Response our Children's Front Door is making some changes

As of the 23rd July 2025, all safeguarding referrals will be taken by phone at the Front Door, using exactly the same phone number we have now, 0117 903 6444.

Our webform will still take referrals for Targeted support services, formally known as Early Help/FIF.

The shift is to improve relations between agencies, and to ensure improved quality of information is obtained at the earliest point

This change will be trialled over the summer holidays and if it goes well then we will adopt the change permanently.

The webform will have a banner which will highlight the change when people go to access it

**Any questions, please send to
sonia.gingell@bristol.gov.uk**



The [Bristol Healthy Schools](#) team supports schools in Bristol with contextual safeguarding, helping them take a whole-school approach to areas such as mental health, substance use, healthy relationships, and more.

This is a great time for schools to start exploring new initiatives for the upcoming academic year - especially free ones that can help support the whole school community!

Here's how the Healthy Schools team can support your school:

- **Monthly newsletter:** Includes free resources and training opportunities.
[Sign up to the newsletter here.](#)
- **School network meetings:** Sign up for the next one (15th July, 3:30pm) at healthy.schools@bristol.gov.uk.
- **School health data**, including:
 - o The Bristol Pupil Voice Survey. [Read the 2024 report here](#). Sign up to the 2026 survey [here](#)! If you're not in a school setting, we'd love to hear how partners are using the data – you can [share examples here](#).
 - o **School Community Health Profiles:** Coming out this month, providing an overview of your school population's health. Get in touch to ensure we have the right contact details for your school.
- **[Award scheme](#)** - frameworks and guidance for implementing a whole-school approach to health and wellbeing.

For any questions or to start a conversation with the Healthy Schools team, email healthy.schools@bristol.gov.uk.



ETHICS DISCUSSION ON PROTEST



The Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership shadow board are working with Avon & Somerset Police and seeking other young people to participate.

Monday 7th July 5:30-7pm - (Central Bristol location)

Snacks and drinks provided.

Policing has a vital role to facilitate peaceful protest, allowing individuals to express their views in line with the Human Rights Act "freedom of expression".

This is also an important opportunity to engage with members of the public on personal issues and to build trust and confidence with communities.

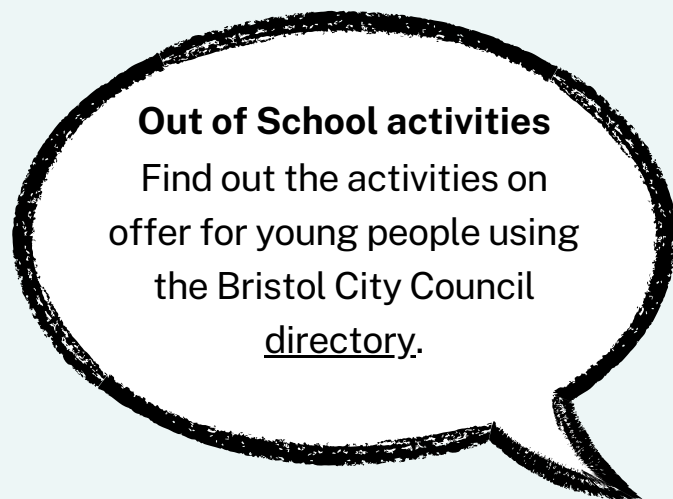
The ethical questions we can explore?

- Is protest a vital tool in British democracy to raise awareness of views the public are passionate about and increase visibility?
- Should the restrictions placed on protest be more stringent to prevent any conflict between rival groups, in doing so, limiting the visibility and impact of protest?
- The impact of peaceful protest turning violent has a big impact on the public confidence in the ability of the police to maintain the King's peace. Is this sufficient reason to increase policing powers to restrict protests?

email: Michael.sealy@bristol.gov.uk to express interest in the session or ask any questions

SET Keeping Safe Outside School resources

The Safeguarding in Education Team have developed a [page of resources](#) to assist children, young people and their parents/carers to have conversations about staying safe whilst when out of school.



Bristol Horn Youth Concern (BHYC) activities and clubs



BHYC offer sport sessions like football and basketball in well known places in East Central Bristol with trusted staff members. Find out [more!](#)

Out of School activities

The Children and Young People's Network have [collated activities](#) which are on offer to children and young people.

Statutory Reviews

Domestic Abuse-Related Death Review publication

The Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership have published a Domestic Abuse-Related Death Review (DHR) which was commissioned following the suicide of Lauren (pseudonym) in March 2022. The primary purpose for undertaking DHRs is to enable lessons to be learned from a homicide or suicide where a person has died as a result of domestic abuse, violence or neglect from a person they were in a relationship with, related to, or were a member of the same household. This review examines the agency responses and support given to Lauren prior to her death in March 2022.

The full Report, Executive Summary, and learning brief can be found on our [website](#).

Families First Programme

In Bristol, we are committed to continually improving the support we provide to children and families. To do this, we know that we need to regularly review our services and implement changes that adapt to the needs of our communities. We have launched our Families First Programme, which will provide the right support to families at the right time and will improve outcomes for children.

What is the Bristol Families First programme?

Bristol City Council children's senior leadership team has developed a 12-month programme to respond to the local and national changes that are required. The programme is service-led, with seven of our Bristol Children's Services workforce seconded - each responsible for delivering one of the areas of focus. We are delivering Families First alongside our workforce and co-designing the programme with children, families, and our carers to ensure it reflects lived experiences.

The programme is working to prioritise earlier help and support for children, families and carers to ensure our children remain in their families and communities whenever possible. Where children are not able to safely remain in their family network, the Families First programme also includes projects focused on ensuring children are able to live in stable homes, which are best suited to their needs and which support them maintaining relationships in their networks, and accessing education.

If you have any thoughts, feedback of questions please get in touch with familiesfirst@bristol.gov.uk.

We would love to pick up a conversation around the programme.

What happens if we get this right?

For our children

- We will provide our children with the right support at the right time so that more of our children remain at home with their families
- When children do have to enter care more will remain in or closer to Bristol, their families, networks and communities
- Our children and their wider family network will have a greater voice in decisions made about their care

For our partners

- We will create the conditions for earlier, more planned work with families — reducing the need for crisis responses and giving you more time to focus on what matters most.
- We will reduce pressure on your services by targeting support earlier and more effectively — helping families before challenges escalate.
- We will strengthen joint working by embedding shared practice approaches — so when you encounter a crisis, you're equipped to respond in ways that mirror our own.

For our workforce

- We get involved with children and families earlier enabling more children to remain at home.
- We can make informed decisions that drive improved outcomes for children because we have better data.
- Less children enter care because we are able to intervene earlier.
- If we get all this right we will have the capacity to work with children and families more pro-actively.

Bristol Night Light

Night Light is a collaboration between Barnardo's, Avon and Somerset Police and Bristol City Council and is an innovative way of safeguarding children and young people at risk of sexual exploitation and other harms.

Night Light operates from 10pm – 4am and works alongside adult street sex workers to identify children at risk and perpetrators. Jo Ritchie, from Barnardo's and Rose Brown from Avon and Somerset Police have been working on this project since its inception during Covid, building trust with the women and enabling this project to excel.

It continues to safeguard some of our city's most vulnerable children and young people. A great documentary about this service was created by the BBC. You can watch the documentary on iplayer, [here](#) or listen to [BBC Radio 4 Woman's Hour](#).

Data Sharing Agreements

The KBSP's Information and Data Sharing Agreements enable professionals in Bristol to share the right information, at the right time, with the right people.

You should consult your organisation's Information Governance or Data Protection Lead and you will need to have permission from the suitable post holder who will be signatory for your organisation before signing up.

Tier 1 - [KBSP Tier 1 Safeguarding and Community Safety Information and Data Sharing Agreement](#). We welcome and encourage all relevant agencies working in Bristol or neighbouring areas to become [additional signatories](#).

Tier 2 - [Tier 2 Preventing Crime and Disorder Information and Data Sharing Agreement](#). We welcome and encourage all relevant agencies working in Bristol or neighbouring areas to become [additional signatories](#).



To book any of the following multi-agency training courses, please visit the [KBSP training booking page](#). Bespoke courses may be considered, so please contact KBSP.Training@bristol.gov.uk for more information.

KBSP Safeguarding Adults Training

Suitable for working groups: B-D

NHS Level: 3

Course length: Whole day (09:15-15:30)

Cost: £100.00 | Colleagues from core statutory partner organisations of the KBSP receive funded places

Course Aim: Develop knowledge and understanding of safeguarding procedures and multi-agency working to effectively safeguard vulnerable adults.

Dates & Venues:

8th July - Greenway Centre; 12th November - Virtual

KBSP Working Together: Our Shared Responsibility

Suitable for working groups: B & C

NHS level: This is a level 3 course suitable for those without specific safeguarding responsibility, or those who are new to their safeguarding role.

Course length: One full-day session (09:15-15:30)

Cost: Non-funded places £100.00 | Funded places free

Course Aim: To develop knowledge and skills gained from Group A single agency training and increase understanding of the roles of other agencies in child protection, and the importance of working together to keep children safe.

Dates & Venues:

3rd July - Virtual; 8th September - Venue TBC

KBSP Child Protection for Managers

Suitable for working group: D

NHS Level: Level 4

Course length: One full-day session

Cost: Non-funded places £100.00 | Funded places free

Prerequisite: Staff who have never attended KBSP training previously must attend the KBSP Working Together: Our Shared Responsibility training and the Advanced Child Protection training for Safeguarding Leads and Specialist Practitioners as prerequisites.

Dates & Venues:

2nd October - Virtual

KBSP Advanced Child Protection Training for Safeguarding Leads and Specialist Practitioners

Suitable for working groups: C & D

NHS Level: Level 3 specialist practitioner

Course length: One full-day session (09:15-15:30)

Cost: Non-funded places £100.00 | Funded places free

Prerequisite: Staff who have never attended KBSP training previously must attend the KBSP Working Together: Our Shared Responsibility training.

Dates & Venues:

16th July - Vassal Centre

KBSP Safer Recruitment

NHS Level: Level 3

Course length: A full day training, split over two half day sessions - Participants must complete the course in full.

Cost: £100.00 | Colleagues from core statutory partner organisations of the KBSP receive funded places

Course Description

Please note this course is for managers and recruiters working with either Adults or Children.

Dates & Venues:

17th & 18th September - Virtual

KBSP Reducing Parental Conflict

Suitable for working groups: B & C

NHS Level: 2

Course length: 09:15-15:45
(Full day)

Cost: Free for all delegates (due to secured funding) - however, if you do not attend on the day or fail to cancel your place within 5 working days of the course date, you will be charged a £100 non-attendance fee.

Dates & Venues:

16th October - Virtual

KBSP Raising Awareness of Child Exploitation: A Contextual Safeguarding Approach

This training is part of the KBSP training programme and delivered by partnering organisation Safe in Your Hands.

Suitable for working groups: B & C

NHS Level: 2

Course length: 09:00 - 13:00

Cost: £50.00 | Colleagues from core statutory partner organisations of the KBSP receive funded places

Dates & Venues:

25th November - Virtual

KBSP Child Sexual Abuse Safeguarding Training

Suitable for working groups: B, C & D

NHS Level: 3

Course length: 09:30-13:00
(Half day)

Cost: Non-funded places £50.00 | Colleagues from core statutory partner organisations of the KBSP receive some funded places

Dates & Venues:

18th November - Greenway Centre

KBSP Domestic Abuse and Safeguarding

Suitable for working group: B, C & D

NHS Level: Level 3

Course length: Full whole day session (note: this course will take place in person due to the sensitive content.)

Cost: £100.00 | Colleagues from core statutory partner organisations of the KBSP receive funded places

Dates & Venues:

21st July - Greenway Centre; 9th December - Virtual

Next Link Groupwork Lunch 'n' Learn sessions for Professionals

Next Link are holding a meeting on Wednesday 6th August at 12-12.45pm for professionals to learn about what groups Next Link are currently facilitating for adult victim/survivors of Domestic Abuse. The session will cover:

- Overview of The Freedom Programme
- Overview of The Recovery Toolkit
- Overview of Hope2Recovery
- Referral criteria and how to refer clients to groups at Next Link
- Waitlist times

To register for the webinar, please email groupwork@nextlinkhousing.co.uk

Coming up...

July 2025



Islamic and Jewish holidays begin at sundown on the evening before.

4th
US Independence Day.

5th
Ashura – Islam,
Birthday of Guru Hargobind – Sikh.

6th
Omnisexual Visibility Day.

9th
Martyrdom of the Báb – Baha'i.

10th
Asalha Puja (Dharma Day)
– Buddhist.

11th
World Population Day.

12th
Orangemen's Day.

14th
International Non-Binary People's
Day,
Bank Holiday – Northern Ireland.

15th
Saint Vladimir the Great Day
– Orthodox Christian,
World Youth Skills Day.

17th
World Day for International Justice.

18th
Nelson Mandela International Day,
South Asian Heritage Month begins.

22nd
Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene
– Christian.

23rd
Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie
– Rastafari,
Birthday of Guru Har Krishan – Sikh.

24th
Pioneer Day – Mormonism.

25th
Saint James the Great Day
– Christian.

28th
World Hepatitis Day.

30th
International Day of Friendship,
World Day against Trafficking
Persons.

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