



The SBNI vision is that all children and young people are seen, heard and feel protected in order that they thrive, grow up in safety, and fulfil their individual potential.

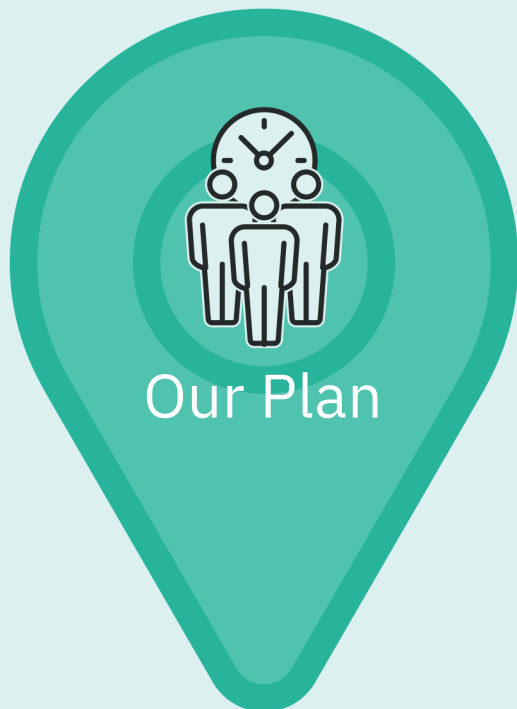


We are responsible for keeping children and young people safe from harm.
Our members are different organisations that work to keep you safe. Our job is:

- ✚ To make sure that everyone understands how important it is to keep children and young people safe.
- ✚ To make sure that all the organisations who work with the Safeguarding Board are doing the best job possible.
- ✚ To report to the Government about what we do.
- ✚ To look into cases where children have been badly hurt or have died.
- ✚ To keep a check on information about child deaths.
- ✚ To give advice to all agencies.
- ✚ To listen to the views and ideas of children and young people.
- ✚ To hold discussions and find out what people think.

Our plan will help guide the work we do over the next four years and it sets out:

- 🕒 What we will do to keep children and young people safe from harm.
- 🕒 How we plan on doing this and who will help us
- 🕒 How we will make sure we are doing what we have promised to do.



We will concentrate on three main issues:



Child
Exploitation



Domestic
Violence
and Abuse



Online
Safety

We will also:



Work in a way that
considers children's
mental health,
disability, and living in
poverty.



Continue to make sure
that children are
treated with respect
and be aware of
trauma they may have
suffered.



The most important things we need to do over the next four years are:



To show leadership in keeping
children & young people safe

How?

- ✓ Make sure that all of our safeguarding panels and committees meet and fulfil their duties, to help keep us safe
- ✓ We will take part in all relevant meetings about safeguarding issues.



To support children and young
people to use their rights to enjoy
the benefits of the online world free
from harm, fear and abuse.

How?

- 🗣️ Work with everyone to help improve the safety of the online world for children to enjoy.
- 🗣️ Provide information and support to children, young people & their families to educate them on keeping themselves safe online.
- 🗣️ Involve you in helping develop and improve the way in which we tell people to use the online world safely.



To hear and respond to the voices
of children and young people affected
by domestic violence and abuse (DVA).

How?

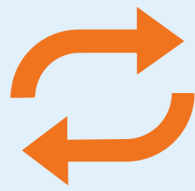
- 🗣️ Work with organisations who help to stop domestic violence and abuse from happening.
- 🗣️ Help raise awareness among parents/carers and professionals of the effect of DVA on children and young people.
- 🗣️ Make sure people who work with children and young people and their families affected by domestic and sexual violence know more about it, know how to recognise it is happening and what to do to stop it.



To hear and respond to the voices
of children and young people
affected by exploitation

How?

- 🗣️ Work with organisations to prevent children and young people being exploited.
- 🗣️ Help raise awareness about the different ways that children and young people can be exploited.
- 🗣️ Provide information that helps everyone recognise when a child or young person is being exploited.



We will keep reflecting on what we are doing and respond to any new safety concerns.



We will report what's happening to the Department of Health and the Northern Ireland Assembly.



We will continue to ask and respond to what children, young people and their families say will help.



We will make sure everyone is working together to make a positive change in how we keep you safe in Northern Ireland.



Safeguarding: Actions that help keep children and young people safe and also helping children and young people if they get harmed.

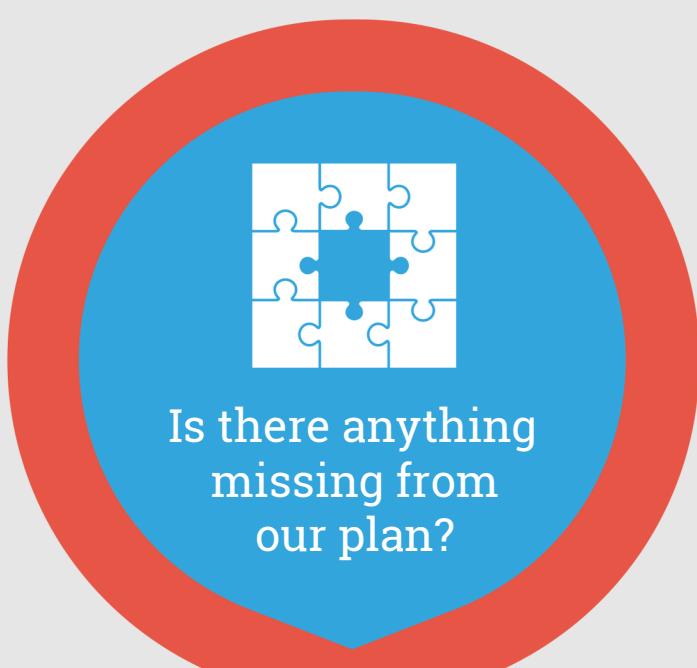
Domestic Violence & Abuse (DVA): Domestic violence, also called domestic abuse, includes physical, emotional and sexual abuse in couple relationships or between family members. It can happen to anyone, and anybody can be an abuser.

Online Safety: Refers to the act of staying safe online. It is also commonly known as internet safety and cyber safety.

Child Exploitation: This is when someone uses a child to get money, power, or something they want, instead of caring for the child's needs and rights.



What do you think?



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