

# Our plan to keep children safe 2026- 2030



**A 4 year plan to keep children  
safe in Northern Ireland**

# Who we are



**Safeguarding** means keeping children safe from abuse, neglect, and harm.

It helps children grow up safely with good care and support.



The Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland works to keep children and young people safe.

We started in 2011 because of a law.



We have 21 member organisations that are supported by a small staff team.

Members come from health, education, Police, councils, and charities.



Our jobs include

- Helping members work well together.



- Making guidance to keep children safe.



- Telling people about ways to stay safe.



- Checking how services protect children.



- Learning from bad things that happen.



- Listening to children and families.

# About this plan



This is our plan to help keep children and young people safe for the next 4 years.



To make this plan we listened to children, young people, parents, carers, and partner organisations.

They told us what matters most to them.



We focus on 3 big areas

## 1. Online Safety

Keeping children safe when they use the internet, computers, tablets, or phones.



## 2. Domestic Violence and Abuse

Helping children when someone at home hurts or controls them. This can be physical, emotional, sexual, or financial.



## 3. Child Exploitation

Helping children when adults take advantage of them.

**Child exploitation** is when an adult tricks a child or puts pressure on them to do something unsafe or wrong.

# Our mission, vision, and values

## Mission – what we do



We work together to keep children and young people safe from harm.

## Vision – what we want



We want all children and young people to be listened to and feel safe so they can grow and do well.

## Values – what guides our work



We protect children and young people. Especially those most at risk of being hurt.



We listen to children and young people to understand what they want.

We put them at the centre of our work.



We work together to keep children and young people safe and support their rights.



We respect and support everyone who works with us and aim to do our best.



We are honest, kind, and clear with everyone.

We respect differences and treat everyone fairly.



# Our Strategic Priorities

## What we will focus on



### Priority 1.

**We lead and guide how to keep children and young people safe and well.**



Make sure **Case Reviews** and **Panels** follow the law.

Make sure they do everything they need to.

**Case reviews** are meetings to look at a person's situation and decide the best care or support.

**Panels** are groups of people who meet to discuss cases and make decisions or give advice.



Make sure groups that give advice or help make decisions do what they said they would.



Take part in **safeguarding** meetings across Northern Ireland.

**Safeguarding** means keeping children safe from abuse, neglect, and harm.



## Priority 2.

### Listen to children affected by domestic violence and abuse and respond.

**Domestic violence and abuse** is when someone at home hurts or controls you.



Work with government groups to help children, young people, and adults learn about

- healthy relationships and
- stopping domestic violence and abuse.



Help parents, carers, and workers understand domestic violence and abuse.

Share how to keep children safe and recover from it.



Support children to report domestic violence and abuse safely.





### **Priority 3.**

**Help children and young people use the internet safely and without harm.**



Work with government to improve online safety.



Teach children, families, and workers how to stay safe online.



## Priority 4.

**Protect children and young people from all types of exploitation.**

**Child exploitation** is when adults take advantage of children.



Work with the government to stop children and young people being exploited.



Help children, parents, carers, and professionals understand child exploitation and how to stop it.



We work with partners to create tools to help spot signs of child exploitation.

# How we work

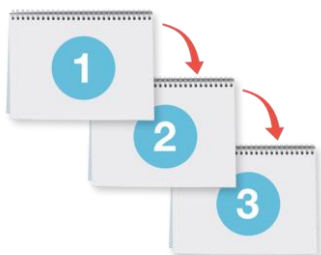


We will finish our work from the last plan.

We will continue to do the things we said were important.



We will look at our new plan every year to see if any changes need to be made.



Local Safeguarding Panels will put this plan into action in their areas.

They will talk to children, young people, parents, and carers.

Their feedback will help us make good changes to our plan each year.