



Pan Berkshire Online Children Partnership Policies and Procedures Newsletter March 2026

The Pan Berkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Policies and Procedure Manual sets out the responsibilities, guidance, and processes for all agencies to follow to safeguard children and promote effective inter agency working as set out in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2026 and other safeguarding guidance including Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025. These procedures can be found [here](#)

This newsletter relates to important information and updates to these Berkshire wide Policies and Procedures.

In addition to these Safeguarding Children Partnership Policies and Procedures, there are local authority-based Children's Services Manuals, which are managed by each local authority. In these specific manuals, they set out the responsibilities, guidance, and processes for Children's Services to follow in their role. This covers from the point of referral, children in need, child protection, children coming into care, children leaving care, fostering and adoption as well as a range of other responsibilities set out in the Children Act 1989 and other areas of legislation and statutory guidance. Links to those manuals can be found at the bottom of page 2.

Updated Core Procedures – March 2026

Children and Families Moving Across Local Authority Boundaries or Abroad - In March 2026, this chapter was updated and should be reread. A new Section 8, Guidance on Determining Which Local Authority is Responsible for a Child and Children and Families Moving Across Local Authority Boundaries was added. See full procedure [here](#)

Updated Safeguarding Practice Guidance – March 2026

Child Criminal Exploitation - In March 2026, information was added into Section 2, What is County Lines Offending? See full procedures [here](#)

Children Missing Education and Children in Education Other Than in Registered Schools - In March 2026, this chapter was revised throughout and should be reread. See full procedure [here](#)

Children with Disabilities/Complex Needs - In March 2026, this chapter was revised throughout and should be reread. See full procedure [here](#)

Online Safety - In March 2026, this chapter was updated throughout and should be reread. See full procedure [here](#)

Transitional Safeguarding - In March 2026, this chapter was refreshed and should be read. In Further Information a link was added to the Transitional Safeguarding Briefing for Sector Leaders: Strategic Briefing (Research in Practice). See full procedure [here](#)



[Safeguarding Partnership Arrangements \(Roles and Responsibilities\) – March 2026](#)

Resolving Professional Difference of Opinion and Escalation - In March 2026, this chapter was updated through and should be reread. The Berkshire Escalation Process for Professionals with Safeguarding Concerns was also updated. See full procedure [here](#)

Whistleblowing or Raising Concerns at Work - In March 2026, this chapter was revised throughout and should be reread. See full procedure [here](#)

[Additional Information](#)

Safeguarding Children Partnership Websites:

- [Berkshire West Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)
- [Bracknell Forest Safeguarding Board](#)
- [Slough Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- [Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Safeguarding Partnership](#)

Local Authority Children's Services Procedure Manuals:

- [Achieving for Children \(Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead\)](#)
- [Bracknell Forest Council](#)
- [Reading Borough Council](#)
- [Slough Children First](#)
- [West Berkshire Council](#)
- [Wokingham Borough Council](#)