

# Buckinghamshire Safeguarding Boards



# BSCB Annual Report 2014-15 Context

- **Summer 2014:** Inadequate Ofsted rating
- **Nov 2014:** New Independent Chair appointed & Board membership reviewed
- **Jan 2015:** Board sets new 2 year Improvement & Development Plan focusing on the following priority areas
  1. Accessing the Right Support: Early Help & Thresholds
  2. Child Sexual Exploitation
  3. Child's Voice & Journey
  4. Neglect
  5. Increasing the Effectiveness and Impact of the LSCB

# BSCB Annual Report 2014-15

- Published Autumn 2015
- Highlights key issues around safeguarding children in Bucks and how the BSCB is working with partners to improve outcomes for children & young people.

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# 2014-15 Key achievements & challenges

## Key achievements 2014/15

- **Early Help:** Revised Thresholds document; agreed Early Help assessment tool across partners (Outcomes Star)
- **CSE:** Success of Chelsea's Choice; training & awareness raising for professionals
- **Voice of child:** Engagement with Youth Voice Steering Group
- **Neglect:** Guidance for professionals; agreed assessment tool across partners (Graded Care Profile)
- **Effectiveness of the BSCB:** Secured additional resources & capacity from partners; significant increase in challenge

## Key challenges 2014/15

Embedding practice and evidencing the impact we are having on children and young people.

## 2015/16 – Where we are now

By Dec 2015 (end of first year of our 2 year plan)

- 60% of actions = green (completed)
- 23% of actions = amber (in progress)
- 16% of actions = red (not started / delayed)

Jan 2016: Refreshed priorities for year 2 of the Improvement & Development Plan

1. Early Help, Thresholds & Neglect
2. Child Exploitation
3. Voice & Journey of the Child
4. Workforce
5. Increasing the Impact & Effectiveness of the Board

**AIM: Achieve 'good' rating when Ofsted return**

# BSAB Report 2013-15



- Published Spring 2015
- Highlights key issues around safeguarding adults in Bucks and how the BSAB is working with partners to improve outcomes for all adults
- 2015/16 report will be published June 2016

**Available via our website: [www.bsab.org.uk](http://www.bsab.org.uk)  
[or www.buckinghamshirepartnership.gov.uk](http://www.buckinghamshirepartnership.gov.uk)**

# BSAB Report 2015-16: Context

## Developments 2015/16

- April 2015: The Care Act (2014) came into force putting SABs on a statutory footing with core duties
- Statutory Executive established with partners
- July 2015: New Independent Chair appointed
- March 2016: New Independent Chair appointed, SAB membership to be reviewed
- Service user and carer representation – established (SAFE)
- Joint (SCB + SAB) Safer Employment sub-committee established

## Key challenges 2015/16

- Embedding Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) agenda into practice
- Evidencing the experience of adults of safeguarding
- Budgetary challenges
- PVI Sector engagement

# Key achievements 2015/16



## Care Act (2014)

- Developed multi-agency **'interactive'** Policy & Procedure document
- Embedding Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)
- Strategic Plan 2016-18

## Addressing SAR (Safeguarding Adult Review) outcomes

SAR Finding	Outcome
Self-neglect and complex cases	Developed policy
Large scale incidents, unplanned closures and provider failure	Developing multi-agency strategy



# Key achievements 2015/16



## **Championing the Domestic abuse agenda**

- Working with the police to promote 'Operation Delegation' (problem-solving to reduce repeat victimisation)
- Working with the DA Forum

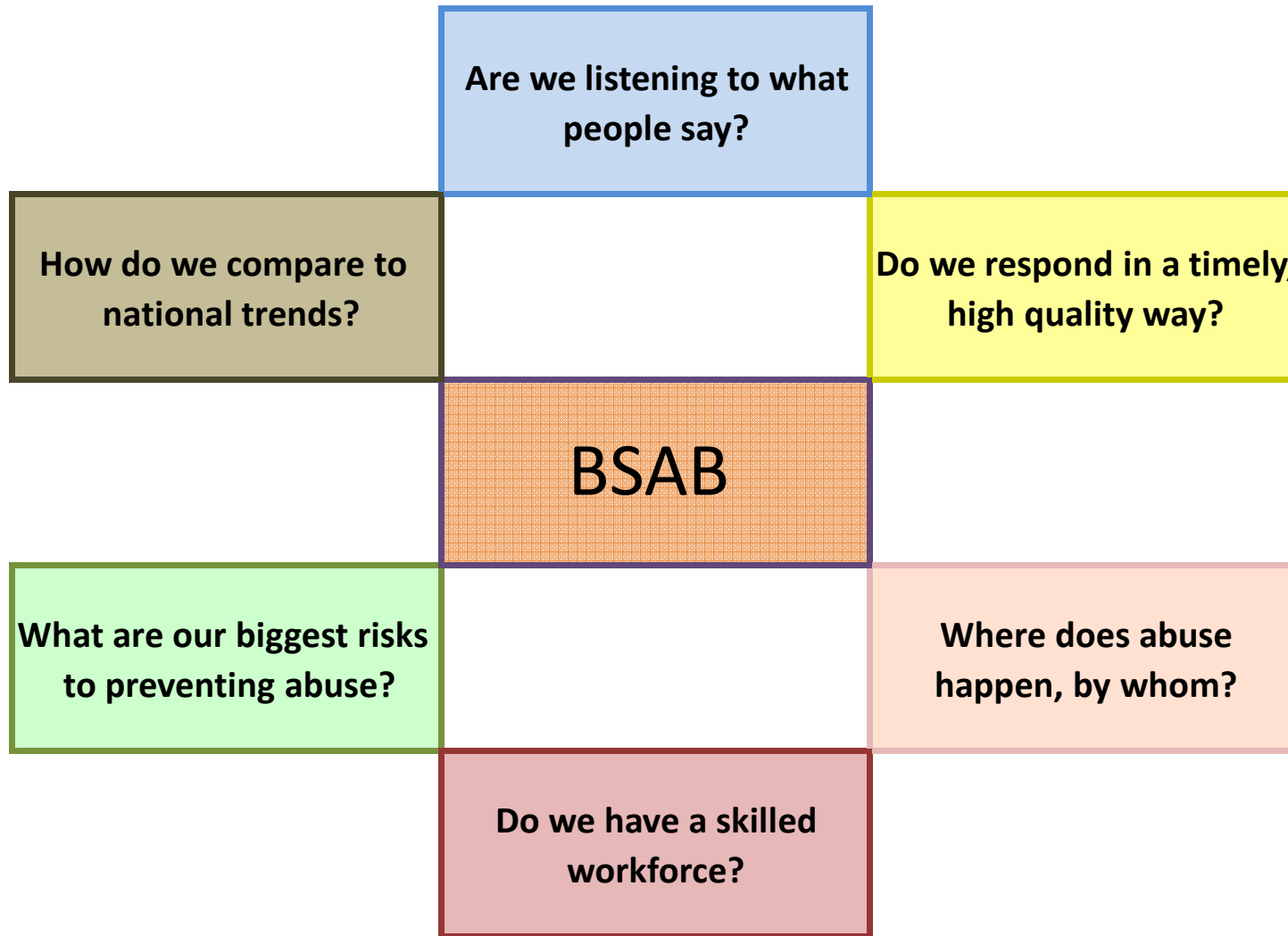
## **Addressed Peer Review findings 2-4 Nov 2015:**

1. Embedding MSP into the whole pathway
2. Multi-Agency Safeguarding Policy
3. Strategic Plan

## **Effectiveness of BSAB**

- Developed Assurance Dashboard

# Effectiveness of BSAB



# 2015/16 – Where we are now

## Action Plan to Address Areas for Development

Dec 2015 (end of second year of our 2 year plan)

Areas for Development	Actions
Outcomes & experiences of people who use services	80% = green (complete) 20% = amber (in progress)
Leadership, strategy & commissioning	71% = green (complete) 29% = amber (in progress)
Service delivery, performance & resource management	75% = green (complete) 25% = amber (in progress)
Working together	75% = green (complete) 25% = amber (in progress)

### Progress overall

- 80% of actions = green (completed)
- 20% of actions = amber (in progress)

# 2016/17 Focus; where are we going?



## Review work plan under new independent chair

- **Publish and embed Multi-agency SAB Policy & Procedures**
- **Prevention and MSP**
- **Quality Assurance & Governance**
  - ✓ evidence, challenge and assurance across partners
- **Embed learning from SARs**
  - ✓ e.g. self-neglect and complex cases
- **Training**
  - ✓ revise strategy, develop collaborative working (BCC + BSAB)
- **Increase effectiveness of SAB**
  - ✓ improve communication and publicity
  - ✓ develop collaborative working with other boards and partnerships
  - ✓ support & strengthen sub-committee chairs

## Joint Protocol

- Sets out how strategic Boards and partnerships will work together to safeguard children & vulnerable adults
- Includes BSAB, BSCB, HWB, SSBPB and BCC Select Committees
- Governance agreed on a number of overlap areas
- Has facilitated challenge, better partnership working and reduced duplication between Boards
- 4 chairs meet annually

## Examples of joint working

- Short film on the importance of reporting concerns about children or adults at risk
- Joint safeguarding slot on corporate induction training
- Bucks wide strategy for tackling CSE – endorsed across all 4 Boards
- Joined up approach to exploitation agreed

# Working with Members

- Joint Protocol recognises the benefits of working collaboratively with Scrutiny Committees on safeguarding issues
- You have a role in ensuring potential safeguarding implications are considered as part of budget and service planning decisions – including in relation to preventative services which can help reduce pressure on statutory services
- Please tell us about emerging safeguarding themes or concerns – for your constituents or relating to other Council business
- **Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility** – please encourage people to report concerns about a child or adult at risk of abuse or neglect

**Question:** What can the Safeguarding Boards do to support you in your role?