

Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding
Children Board

Annual Report 2011-12

The Headlines

Ofsted Rate Safeguarding as 'Good'

- Favourable comments about partnership working - no improvement actions for the Safeguarding Board
- Council and Health's ambitious plan to address Ofsted's recommendations and go for 'Outstanding'

Child deaths remain low - No Serious Case Reviews needed

- 17 deaths notified in 2011-12 - two more than the previous year.
- But no SUDI's ('cot deaths') – there were three in 2010-11
- The panel reviewed 11 cases – four of these had 'modifiable factors' – maternal smoking and 'safe sleeping'

Multi-Agency Training continues to be well received

- Range of courses and stronger approach to evaluation.
 - *But will partners continue to commit to training?*

What's around the Corner?

- NHS restructure – a safeguarding opportunity or a threat?
- Getting the child / adult priorities right
- The inherent risks in commissioning

- What will the PCC mean for domestic violence and other risks?
- The importance of schools, GPs and children's centres to cost-effective safeguarding
- The challenges of joint working in 'Bedfordshire'

Priorities for Safeguarding Board

- Identifying neglect earlier – evaluate ‘early help’
- Improving the response to domestic abuse
- Getting better at dealing with sexual exploitation
- Developing the Board –stronger links with GPs and schools, recruiting lay members
- Responding and evaluating other’s responses to Munro, Ofsted and CQC