

Safeguarding Vulnerable People Partnership

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The partnership met in December, February and March and is implementing our [ambitious Safeguarding Plan](#) by:

The Families and Children's System Assurance Group (FCSA) - has been established to continue our partnership work to drive improvement and ensure the safeguarding system is robust. The group is taking a new approach to system assurance and is the engine room which gathers, assesses and analyses outcome-focused data and qualitative information to inform the work of the SVPP and enable it to identify priority actions.

Tackling Criminal Exploitation - the SVPP have channelled grant funding from the Department of Education to support the development of a Vulnerability Tracker in line with the tool developed by the National County Lines Coordination Centre. Analysis has been provided to inform the new Vulnerable Adolescent Contextual Safeguarding Panel which gives partners a clearer picture of which groups of children and young people are most at risk and where risk is highest. The partnership are now reviewing potential to take a similar approach to protecting adults at risk of exploitation.

Operation Meteor – the partnership brought together over 40 people to learn from this case. [A briefing outlining essential learning has been published here.](#)

Case Reviews - have been 5 notifications in relation to cases of non-accidental injuries to under 1s in 8 months. Further work is being done to identify common features and findings. This work will be a priority for the new FCSA group although the issue of injuries in very young children and recognition of abuse is a national challenge.

Violent Crime Programme – the partnership is adopting a public health approach to tackling violent crime ([you can find out more here](#)). The approach focuses on observing patterns of behaviour to identify where intervention can have the most significant effect. Analysts from across the system will work to create a profile of vulnerability and risk. The approach will be driven and overseen by the Community Safety Partnership.

Working together – the partnership includes senior leaders from the Council, Police and the Clinical Commissioning Group. Members have agreed shared commitment to ensure that SVPP work is characterised by an openness and non-defensiveness consistent with that expected of front-line practitioners through Wiltshire's 'Case Resolution Protocol'.

Safeguarding across agendas