

# "Neglect Matters"



### HERTFORDSHIRE SAFEGUARDING

#### **CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP**

## NEGLECT STRATEGY 2021-2024

#### The Way We Work

#### **Working Together**

Developing quality connections, conversations, and relationships with children, families, and professionals is how we work in Hertfordshire





## **Valuing Families**

Children live in families
Families create communities
Communities create protection from
harm

#### **Behaviours**

Listening to the voice of the child
Working restoratively: doing things with
families instead of to them, for them or
doing nothing
Using outcome-based accountability to
measure our progress and challenge
whether anyone is better off
We support and prioritise children and
young people to grow up in safety and
achieve their potential





#### **Constant Focus**

And a constant focus on the question...
What is it like to be a child or young person growing up in Hertfordshire and how do we make it better?

### Hertfordshire Neglect Strategy

#### What We'll Do

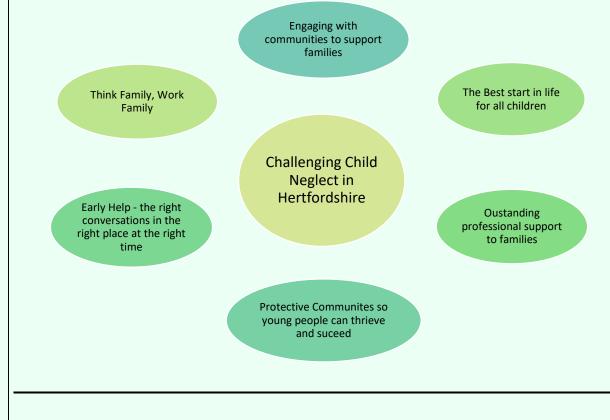
Our vision is for Hertfordshire to be the best county in the UK for children and young people to grow up in. Through our vision and focus we invest in children and young people to help build an increasingly safe place for growth and development. We aim to improve outcomes for all our children whilst recognising the need for outcomes to improve faster for children and young people from vulnerable and deprived backgrounds.

## Outcomes for children and young people

- 1. Be Safe
- 2. Be Healthy
- 3. Be Resilient
- 4. Be Happy
- 5. Be Ambitious
- 6. Be Independent

#### **Priorities**

- Help children and parents live in safe, supportive and loving families
- 2. Ensure the most vulnerable are protected
- 3. Support families to give children the best start in life
- 4. Support young people to make good choices and minimise risk taking behaviour



#### Behaviours that underpin everything we do

Use Outcome Based Accountability, and ask the question is anyone better off? Use restorative practice to work with people, not do to or for them

Listen and respond to the voice of the child or young person

Support and prioritise children and young people to be safe and protected growing up



How will be know we've made a difference

Professionals working with children and families will feel more confident about how they can offer support and address issues of neglect early for families.

Community resources will support families to selfsupport and address issues of neglect for themselves.

Training will be delivered to wide range of professionals in Hertfordshire.

Through talking and gaining feedback from children and young people we will see a reduction in issues of neglect impacting upon their health, wellbeing and safety.

#### Working together

The Child Neglect Strategy's ambition is to make Hertfordshire the best place in the UK for children and young people to grow up in. To help us make this happen we have a Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership. This brings senior people together from the main organisations working with children and young people to make sure the work we do keeps children safe and has a positive impact on improving outcomes. We work with children's services, schools, governors, police, YC Herts, the youth offending service, children's centres, housing services, third sector, health, and local councillors, amongst others, to help make a difference to the lives of children and young people who live in Hertfordshire.

#### **To Find Out More:**

Visit the <u>HSCP website</u> for more information about our work and about how we work together to keep children and young people safe.

See the <u>HSCP Neglect Hub</u> - HSCP Practice Guidance for a list of available family and professional resources

NSPCC Guidance for parents, carers and professionals Neglect Matters

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