

## BSCP Overarching Priorities (Pledge)

These apply across all workstreams for 2025–26:



1  
**Health & Wellbeing  
of the Workforce**

Supporting and protecting the workforce so they can safeguard children effectively.



2  
**Understanding  
Vulnerability**

Strengthening identification, analysis and response to children's vulnerabilities.



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**Getting the Basics Right**

Ensuring high-quality practice, threshold application, recording, information-sharing and meeting attendance.



4  
**Continuous Improvement**

Using learning, data, audit and review to drive improvement across all agencies.

## 2025-26 Focus Areas:

### **1 Suicide Prevention & Mental Health**

**Focus:** Early identification, timely triage, whole-system support

#### **Key Actions:**

- Strengthen iSPA triage and safeguarding pathways
  - Expand early intervention via MHSTs & MHEWS
  - Maintain CAMHS A&E deep-dive analysis
  - Embed **Team Around the School** for crisis response
  - Coordinate borough-wide suicide & self-harm prevention
  - Improve transitions between MHST, CAMHS, schools & GPs
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## 2 Domestic Abuse

**Focus:** Child-centred, trauma-informed, multi-agency response

### Key Actions:

- Embed learning from Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews (DARDRs)
  - Support the roll-out of DAPO/N pilot and monitor impact
  - Deliver the **Integrated Support Pathway** for high-risk victims
  - Strengthen and stabilise future **MARAC coordination**
  - Increase awareness of adolescent DA (13–16yrs)
  - Promote training, briefings & BSCP App resources
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## 3 Missing from Education (CME)

**Focus:** Rapid identification, tracking & re-engagement

### Key Actions:

- Maintain monthly CNIS oversight meetings
  - Improve cross-agency intelligence-sharing
  - Strengthen links with C&F Hub and YJS
  - Ensure safe, appropriate off-rolling
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## 4 Elective Home Education (EHE)

**Focus:** Safe oversight & improved understanding of rising numbers

### Key Actions:

- Respond to 8% increase, especially **Year 8 shift**
  - Strengthen engagement with resistant families
  - Improve analysis of EHE motivations (SEMH, anxiety, etc.)
  - Continue joint work between EHE, EWS & SEN services
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## 5 SEND

**Focus:** Reducing delays, improving multi-agency planning

**Key Actions:**

- Sustain improvements in EHCP timeliness
  - Strengthen cross-agency support for SEMH & SLCN needs
  - Maintain SEN leadership at Dynamic Support Register panels
  - Improve transitions via Early Years & Year 6 events
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**6 Child Sexual Abuse (CSA)**

**Focus:** Familial CSA, professional confidence & early detection

**Key Actions:**

- Embed the relaunched CSA Therapeutic Care Pathway
  - Improve Strategy Discussions & S47 practice
  - Strengthen information-sharing and historical review of information
  - Provide borough-wide CSA training & 7-minute briefings
  - Disseminate learning from local reviews & national guidance
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**7 Future System Change & Implementation**

Adapt and implement with a focus on:

**Children's Wellbeing & Schools Bill**

- Prepare for new duties (kinship care, out-of-school registration, unique child ID)
- Strengthen safeguarding-related education reforms

**Families First Partnership**

- Pilot **community-based Family Hub model in Penge**
- Embed trauma-informed, relational practice
- Expand Family Group Decision Making

**Local Children's Home (Opening 2026)**

- Increase local placement sufficiency
- Reduce reliance on high-cost residential care

**Joint Children & Adults Conference – October 2025**

- Deliver multi-agency learning event on DARDRs
- Share national & local themes to improve system-wide responses