

## **Barnet Safeguarding Children Board Sub Groups**

**The Business Management Group (BMG)** is made up of a small number of senior officers from the main Children and Adult Boards and its job is to ensure that the strategy laid down by both boards is being delivered by partners. It also agrees and monitors budget spend.

**The Performance and Quality Assurance sub-group (PQA)** scrutinises partner data and ensures that the BMG and the main Board is aware of any performance issues and emerging trends. It also receives reports from the sub-groups and oversees audit and review.

**The Child Death Overview Panel** scrutinises all deaths of children normally resident in Barnet, with a view to establishing whether a death was preventable. The overall principle of the child death review process is to learn lessons and reduce the incidences of preventable child deaths in the future.

**The Serious Case Review sub-group** assesses cases to determine whether the criteria for a serious case review (SCR) are met and makes a recommendation to the BSCB Chair on whether or not a SCR should be undertaken. It oversees reviews of complex cases which could provide learning for Board partners, and monitors and drives progress of action plans from reviews or learning events. It also liaises with the Learning and Development sub-group to ensure learning is disseminated and embedded. It highlights learning from national or other reviews or thematic audits.

**The Learning and Development sub-group** oversees and ensures the effectiveness of multi-agency safeguarding learning and development on behalf of the Board. It is responsible for devising a training work programme. The programme is informed by the guidance in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' (2015) which recommends inter-agency training as an effective means to helping professionals understand their respective roles, in developing a shared understanding of assessment and decision-making practice and increased confidence in making referrals across the partnership.

**CSE, Missing and Gangs multi-agency board** was set up by London Borough of Barnet in recognition of the Board's CSE priority, which is identifying the strategic themes in these three areas, developing synergies and preventing silo working.