

# Enfield's Safeguarding Adolescents Strategy

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Child friendly version



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## **What is the Enfield Safeguarding Children Partnership?**

We are a group of adults who work together to keep children and young people safe in Enfield. We include people from the council, the police, the NHS, schools and other organisations.

## **What is the strategy?**

The Safeguarding Adolescents Strategy is our plan for keeping children and young people safe from harm that happens outside of the home (known as extra-familial harm) in Enfield.

We want all children and young people living in Enfield to feel safe and be safe.

## **What is safeguarding?**

Safeguarding is all about how we keep children and young people safe.

## **What is extra-familial harm?**

Sometimes, children and young people can face harm or danger from people or places outside their home and family. This can happen at school, in the park, online or anywhere else. This harm can make children and young people feel scared, sad or angry. It can also stop them from enjoying their childhood and doing well in life.

## **How did young people contribute to the strategy?**

We worked with lots of people (we call these stakeholders) to create this strategy and plan for the future. We also talked to children and young people to make sure this plan reflects the wishes and concerns of young people just like you.

# What do we want to do in Enfield?

## Our priorities

Our four priorities set out the things we will do to help keep children and young people in Enfield safe.

**1** Create places and spaces in Enfield safer for children and young people.

**2** Help children and young people as early as possible.

**3** Make sure children who have faced harm get the right help to feel better and be safe.

**4** Work together to find and stop people who might be harmful to children and young people.



## How we work (our principles)

Principles are important rules that guide us in helping to keep children and young people safe. In our Safeguarding Adolescents Strategy, our principles are:

### **We work together to keep children and young people safe**

We will keep children and young people safe by everyone working together. This includes Enfield Council, the NHS, the Police, schools and voluntary and community groups. They can help us understand what is happening in Enfield and how to help children and young people who need us.

### **We see children and young people as children first**

We know that children and young people are not adults and they cannot always make their own decisions. Sometimes, they might be forced or tricked by other people to do things that are not good for them. We use careful and kind words to talk to them and about them. We try to keep them safe and protect them from harm.

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### **Use a trauma informed and strengths-based approach**

We know that children and young people who have had bad things happen to them might feel scared, angry, sad or confused. We try to understand their feelings and actions and help them cope better. We work with them to make them feel safer and happier.

We want to help young people use the good things in their life to make them safer and happier. We help them learn from bad things and move on.

### **We respect and celebrate the differences between children and young people**

We know children and young people are different from each other. They have different backgrounds, cultures, beliefs and identities. We will make sure to treat everyone fairly. We pay attention to all young people affected by harm, making sure everyone gets the help they need.

### **We treat parents and carers as partners, whenever safe to do so**

We will talk to parents and carers and help them understand what is happening to their child and how to keep them safe. We talk to them and listen to them. We help them do things that can make things better for their child. We include them in making plans for their child's safety, unless this would hurt the child or someone else.

# Young people's views

We spoke to young people in Enfield, including those from the Enfield Youth Council, the Youth Justice Service, and those who are looked after or have left care. We asked them about what makes them feel unsafe and what would make them feel safer. Here are some of the things they told us.

## What makes me feel unsafe...

<b>Conflict</b>	<b>Bullying</b>
<b>Unfair treatment from adults</b>	<b>Places that don't have good lighting at night, like some parks</b>
<b>People acting badly in the neighbourhood (anti-social behaviour)</b>	<b>Litter</b>
<b>People saying things that make others feel uncomfortable or unsafe</b>	

## What would make me feel safer...

<b>More lights in public places</b>	<b>Have youth workers visit public places</b>
<b>Keeping public spaces clean and friendly</b>	<b>Installing more CCTV cameras for safety</b>
<b>Training for public transport workers and businesses on keeping young people safe</b>	<b>More awareness of the CHiPS scheme</b>
<b>More activities for young people, like bowling/arcades</b>	<b>Free phone boxes for phone calls</b>

<sup>1</sup> The Community Help Points Scheme (called CHiPs scheme) are a network of safe places across Enfield. Young people who are lost or feel unsafe can go into a place marked with a CHiPs sticker to ask for help. This includes shops, restaurants and leisure centres. A list of CHiPs locations can be found [here](#).

# Support in Enfield

We have different services to help children and young people, some are helpful for everyone, and some services are especially for those who need extra support. Enfield also has a lot of people in the community that work together to provide different kinds of help for children and families.

Some of the people that can help you in Enfield are:

- Social workers
- Youth workers
- Teachers
- GPs, health visitors and school nurses

If you ever feel worried or have a problem, it's important to talk to someone you trust, so they can help and make things better for you.



# Create safer places and spaces for children and young people

We want to make sure children are safe, not just at home but everywhere they go. This means we look at all the places and spaces where children and young people spend time, like social media, parks, town centres and on public transport.

## What are some of the things the Safeguarding Children Partnership will do?

### 1 Help to make spaces and places in Enfield safer for children and young people

We are working hard to make sure children have safe places and spaces in Enfield.

### 2 Work together

We're teaming up with other services and groups in the community to make sure we are protecting children together. We will work together to improve services in Enfield, like making public transport safer. We will work with other people at the council to make sure that new public spaces and housing estates are good for children and young people.

### 3 Improve awareness of the CHiPS scheme

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# Help children and young people as early as possible

We want to help children and young people in Enfield to grow up safe and happy. If children face tough times, we want to give them help as soon as possible so they can be happy and healthy.

## What are some of the things the Safeguarding Children Partnership will do?

### 1 Help families as soon as possible

We make sure that families get the right support, help and information when children are very little.

### 2 Work with schools

We will work with schools to support children and young people to be part of their school community.

### 3 Help children and young people look after their own safety

We want every child to know how to stay safe, whether they're online, at home, or in their community. We will provide children and young people with information about where to find help, healthy relationships and how to stay safe in schools.

### 4 Raising awareness

We also believe adults should know how to keep children safe from bad things too. We will provide information so that our whole community can understand and be ready to help.

### 5 Provide fun and educational activities

Taking part in fun and educational activities helps children learn, stay strong, and be happy and healthy. We provide a range of activities for all children and young people, including those with special educational needs and disabilities. We also want to bring youth work to the places where young people like to go. We share information about these activities on our [Youth Portal](#).

### 6 Support mental health and wellbeing

We will help children and young people feel happy and look after their mental health.





# Make sure children who have faced harm get the right help to feel better and be safe

We're here to make sure children facing harm get the help they need, at the right time and place. We want to support young people dealing with harm from outside the home so they can feel safe and happy.

## What are some of the things the Safeguarding Children Partnership will do?

### 1 Support through difficult times

We understand that certain life events, like changes in families or experiencing violence, can make things really tough for children so we will aim to be there for families and young people when they need help the most.

### 2 Support young adults

Even when children turn 18, the outside harm doesn't just stop. We are creating new ways for older young people to get support to help them be safe, happy and independent adults.

### 3 Stop young people offending and reduce-reoffending

We will try to stop as many children from offending by understanding their needs, educating them and giving support from special teams. Our goal is stop problems before they happen and help young people go in a positive direction. We also work with young people who have offended to turn their lives around.

### 4 Train adults who help young people

We are making sure our staff have information to support them to help children and young people, including those with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND). We will work with experts where we need special advice.



# Work together to find and stop people who might be harmful to children and young people

We want to make sure children are safe, so we're working together to stop people who might want to harm children and young people. Our main goal is to prevent harm and help families, but we also know it's important to take action against those causing harm too.

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### 1 Work together to understand what is happening in Enfield

We want to make sure children are safe and happy so we work together to understand what is happening in Enfield and think about how we can stop it.

### 2 Find and stop people who might be harmful to children and young people

We will identify people who might be harmful to children and young people as soon possible. We will take action against them to keep children and young people safe.

### 3 Build trust

Trust means believing in each other. We want children and families to trust us, letting us know if they see something wrong so we can work together to make things better. We're finding new ways to connect with children and families to build trust and make sure everyone feels safe and confident to talk to the Police and report violence or crimes.

# How to get help

Are you worried or concerned and not sure where to go? Whether you are worried about yourself, a family member or a friend, it is important to talk about it and share your worries.

**You can phone and speak to a social worker – call**

 **020 8379 5555**

**You can also visit [Childline](#) or call them on**

 **0800 1111**

**Remember in an emergency always call 999.**

If you do not want to talk to someone you do not know, you can ask an adult that you trust, like a teacher or youth worker, or even a friend, to make the phone call for you.





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