BERKSHIRE WEST SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP (BWSCP)
PUBLICATION STATEMENT

Child Safeguarding Practice Review – David

The findings of a Child Safeguarding Practice Review (CSPR) have been published by the Berkshire West Safeguarding Children Partnership (BWSCP) today (27th February 2023).

The review was initiated following a serious assault on a young person, known as David in the report, who sustained a life-threatening head injury which left long term effects. Whilst the initial review was concluding, David was subsequently involved in an incident of serious youth violence as the perpetrator. The review was therefore extended to include the period from the significant assault on David to the point of his arrest 19 months later.

The review looked at the involvement of different agencies who worked with David and his family, with a focus on the knowledge and understanding of child criminal exploitation and the effectiveness of the multi-agency response.

The report details a range of learning points and makes 12 recommendations for the organisations involved in the safeguarding of children locally, either individually or as part of the Berkshire West Safeguarding Children Partnership.

There is a clear and detailed action plan in place. This is being actively progressed by partner agencies within the BWSCP and is overseen and scrutinised by safeguarding leaders.

For questions in relation to this publication, please contact BWSCP@brighterfuturesforchildren.org, who will direct responses.