

Keeping Children Safe in Kent: what happened this year?

This is a short summary of what organisations in Kent did between April 2025 and March 2026 to help keep children and young people safe.

Who is involved?

Different organisations work together, including:



Schools



Health services



Social workers



Police

They work as one team, called the **Kent Safeguarding Children Multi-agency Partnership** to help protect children and young people.

What did we focus on?

This year, the Partnership focused on:

Listening and learning when children are harmed.

Improving how professionals **share information**.

Making sure **children's experiences are understood**.

Supporting families where adults may be struggling.

What has improved?

There have been some important improvements:

Better information sharing between services

More confidence in adults **raising concerns**

Stronger work to **include fathers** in children's lives

More learning shared through **training and tools**

What are we still working on?

We know there is more to do:

Supporting children's **mental health**

Making sure **children's voices are always heard**

Helping services **work together** consistently

Making sure **all groups of children** feel supported



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What did we learn from serious situations?

When something serious happens, organisations take time to:

- Review **what happened**
- Understand **what could have been better**
- Share learning to **stop it happening again**

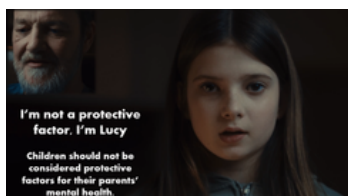
Some things we learned this year were:

- How important it is to **plan support to keep children safe**
- We must **listen to children** properly
- How to support families where **adults have mental health needs**

New support and tools

We created tools to help professionals and families:

"I'm Lucy"



Helping people understand that children shouldn't have to protect adults.

Clear Minds, Safer Homes



Helping people understand how adult choices and actions can affect children's lives.

Navigate Wellbeing



Helping schools and education to support children's mental health and wellbeing.

Online Safety



Sharing information and tools to understand how to help keep children safe on the internet.

What will happen next?

Next year, from April 2026 to March 2027, the Partnership is focusing on making sure that:

Fewer children experience abuse

Fewer children experience neglect

Fewer children experience exploitation

This means making sure that fewer children are harmed and more children are supported.