KSCMP STRATEGIC PLAN

2026–2027 | At a glance

Kent Safeguarding Children
multi-agency partnership

Our shared ambition: **A safeguarding system where fewer children experience abuse, neglect or exploitation.**

1 FEWER CHILDREN EXPERIENCE ABUSE

Focus on

- Recognising risk and abuse
- Timely, confident information sharing
- Child sexual abuse and domestic abuse
- Early years
- Identity and intersectionality
- Father-inclusive and Think Family practice

2 FEWER CHILDREN EXPERIENCE NEGLECT

Focus on

- Recognising patterns and cumulative harm
- Parental mental health and home conditions
- Parental cannabis use
- "Was not brought" practice
- School attendance and elective home education

3 FEWER CHILDREN EXPERIENCE EXPLOITATION

Focus on

- Early identification and response
- Multi-agency information sharing
- Child sexual and online exploitation
- Adultification and appropriate language
- Neurodivergence
- Missing children

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR PRACTITIONERS

NOTICE	Look beyond single incidents. Consider patterns, context, identity and the whole family.
SHARE	Share relevant information lawfully, promptly and with the right partners.
ACT	Use local pathways, attend multi-agency discussions and escalate professional concerns.
LEARN	Use KSCMP guidance, training and learning from reviews to strengthen practice.

KEEP IN MIND

- **Think Family** and include fathers and significant adults
- Consider **identity, intersectionality and adultification**
- Look for **patterns and cumulative harm**
- Consider the **child's daily lived experience**
- Be professionally curious and **escalate when needed**

PARTNERSHIP ENABLERS **Education engagement • A suitable and aware workforce • Planning for local government reorganisation**

Read the full plan and access KSCMP resources and training via the KSCMP website.