

Autonomy and Decision Making



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Introducing
**MULTI-AGENCY
SAFEGUARDING
ARRANGEMENTS**

in

**BEXLEY,
LEWISHAM
AND
GREENWICH**

- Three boroughs
- Three CCGs
- One Basic Command Unit
- Three starting points
- Five priority areas



“...ensure key agencies
**collaborate to deliver more
effective services.**

Move away from an over
prescriptive system to one that
encourages and authorises local
areas to determine how they
organise themselves to **improve
outcomes for children.**”

MUST DO

- Make arrangements to work together
- Publish those arrangements
- Act in accordance with the published arrangements for their area and resolve disputes
- Publish a report at least once every twelve months
- Arrange for Independent Scrutiny of the arrangements

NUDGES

- Evidence of impact of the work (including training) on outcomes for children and families
- Don't be afraid of acknowledging areas for improvement
- Not 'who did or didn't do what and when' but evidence, analysis and system improvement

CHALLENGES

- Time and priorities
- Thinking differently
- Statutory partners' different remits and resources
- Role of relevant agencies

OPPORTUNITIES

- Using the experience of service users to shape thinking
- Relentless focus on the effect on front line practice – creating a safer system
- Proactive use of analysis to horizon scan
- Reduction in bureaucracy

“Safeguarding partners must set out in their published arrangements which organisations and agencies they will be working with to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and ***this will be expected to change over time if the local arrangements are to work effectively for children and families.***”