

## Redbridge Safeguarding Children Partnership (RSCP) Statement of Vision and Values

Working Together to Safeguard Children Statutory guidance on multi-agency working to help, protect and promote the welfare of children (2023) made changes to the arrangements of Safeguarding Children Partnerships (SCPs).

The guidance defines safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children as:

- Providing help and support to meet the needs of children as soon as problems emerge.
- Protecting children from maltreatment, whether that is within or outside the home, including online.
- Preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care.
- Promoting the upbringing of children with their birth parents, or otherwise their family network, through a kinship care arrangement, whenever possible and where this is in the best interests of the children.
- Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes in line with the outcomes set out in the Children's Social Care National Framework.

In October 2024, the RSCP took the opportunity to review the current Multi-agency Safeguarding Arrangements (MASA) in response to the guidance and reflect on the vision and values of the Partnership, in readiness for publication of new arrangements in December 2024.

The following vision and values have been agreed:

*"We want all children in Redbridge to be happy, healthy, and safe; to feel listened to and to have the maximum opportunities to be ambitious. If children or their families need help and support it should be at the right time, by the right person and in the right place for them. We are determined to secure this aim for every child and young person in Redbridge."*

Our values illustrate the approach the Partnership will take in delivering its vision:

- All children have the right to live their lives free from violence, abuse, and neglect and the feel safe in their homes and communities.
- All children and young people should have the opportunity to grow up safely and be protected from abuse and neglect, crime, and anti-social behaviour.
- The individual, family and community should be at the heart of safeguarding practice, and we should value and actively seek their views and experiences to shape future practice and policy.
- High quality multi-agency working based on consensus, equality, respect, and collaboration is essential to good safeguarding outcomes.
- There is a commitment to continuous improvement and learning across the Partnership.
- There is a commitment to identify and respond to disproportionality that is identified within safeguarding for all children and young people.
- There is a commitment to take a Children's Right Based approach, which means

- Organisations will prioritise children's rights in their work with children and families to improve children's lives
- All children are given the opportunities to make the most of their talents and potential
- All children are given access to information and resources to enable them to take full advantage of their rights
- All children are provided with meaningful opportunities to influence decisions about their lives
- Organisations and individuals are accountable to children for decisions, and for outcomes that affect children's lives

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