



Westmorland and Furness
Safeguarding Children
Partnership

Vision and Values

Vision

Westmorland and Furness Safeguarding Children Partnership works together to create the right conditions for all children and young people in Westmorland and Furness to grow up safe, supported and protected. We do this by creating a strong, supportive and accountable multi-agency safeguarding partnership that places children and families with a particular focus on those who are most at risk of harm at the centre of all we do.

Values

The partnership will work collaboratively to achieve this vision, supported by the following shared values:

Child-Centred and Needs-Led: We place children and young people at the heart of everything we do. Our work is driven by what matters to them, recognising their individual needs, voice, identity and lived experience.

Prevention and Early Intervention: We act early to prevent harm and respond proportionately. We use evidence, intelligence and insight to target support where it's most needed.

Empowerment and Voice: We listen to and engage with children, young people and families – and empower them with the tools and support to keep themselves safe. We co-produce services and solutions with them, ensuring their voices shape what we do.

High Support and High Expectations: We create a culture of high support, high challenge and high ambition across the partnership – improving outcomes and holding each other to account for the quality and impact of our work.

Collaborative, Transparent and Honest

Partnership Working: We build strong, inclusive, relationships across agencies based on mutual respect, honesty and shared purpose. We challenge respectfully and learn continuously together.

Professional Curiosity: We promote a culture where practitioners are curious, confident and supported to ask the right questions, explore concerns and seek the right help for children and young people.

Equity and Fairness: We ensure that support is proportionate to need. Resources are targeted to reduce inequalities and protect the most vulnerable.

Evidence-Informed Decision Making: We use data, evidence and local intelligence to understand needs, risks and impact. We continuously learn and improve practice across the partnership.

Shared Accountability: Everyone across the safeguarding system understands their role and is clear on how we work together. We agree shared priorities and take collective responsibility for the

Effective Information Sharing: We create systems and cultures that ensure information is shared confidently, consistently and effectively to safeguard children and young people.