

Calderdale Safeguarding Children Partnership

Yearly Report 2023-2024



★ We want every child in Calderdale to have hope and aspiration for the future.

The Calderdale Safeguarding Children Partnership (CSCP) is responsible for keeping children safe from harm and neglect and promoting their wellbeing.

We're 3 partners working together:

- Calderdale Council
- West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB)
- Calderdale District Police Force

We work with lots of different services and organisations to make sure they're doing the right things to protect children. We:

- look** at children's records
- gather** evidence
- carry** out surveys
- listen** to children and families
- monitor** how services work.

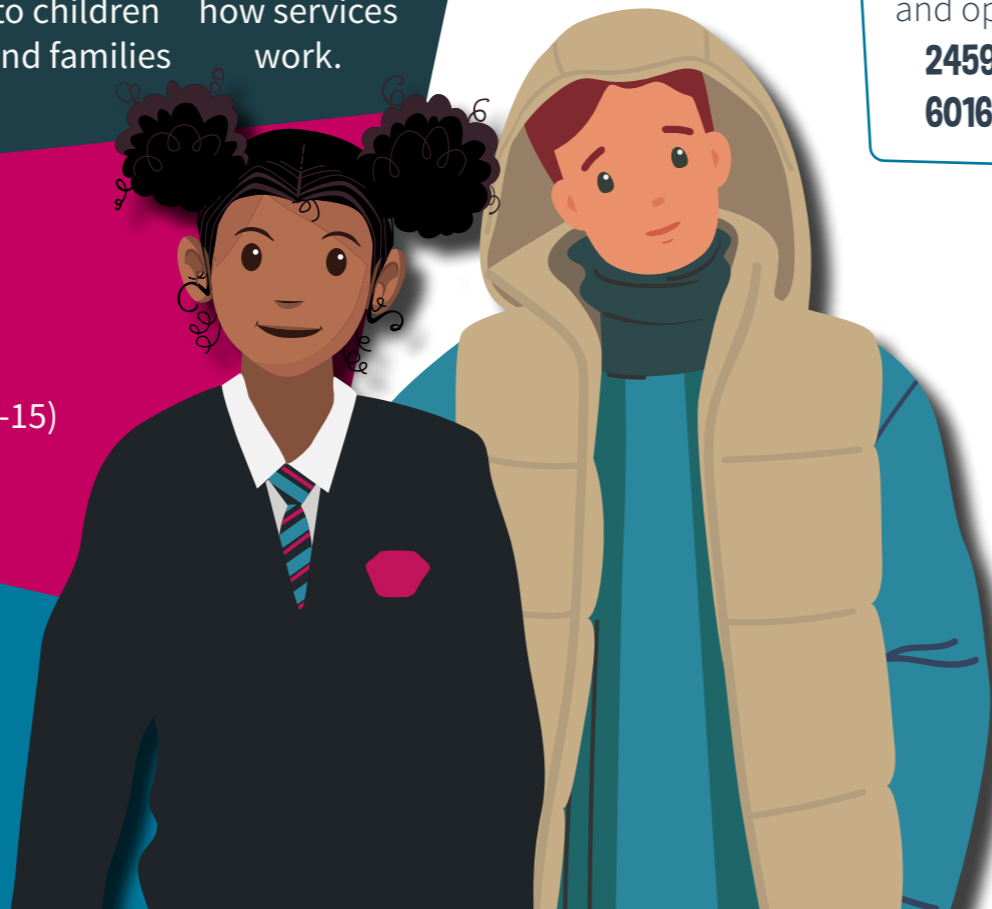
Population of Calderdale is **207,700**.

49,400 are children.

23% of children (aged 0-15) live in poverty.



We have a Young Advisors group of 9 young people aged 13-17. They check our work and tell us what's important to children and young people in Calderdale.



Last year:

We checked to make sure children are safe and getting the right support including:

- children who are looked after
- children who are home educated
- children who've experience domestic abuse
- children who have special educational needs or disabilities.

We've improved how we collect data so we can use it to spot risks and improve services.

We reported on how poverty and the cost-of-living increase have affected children's lives. This helps services make decisions for the future.

We listened to children, young people and adults who use services to find out what matters to them and how to improve support.

We talked to professionals about how to reduce the number of children excluded from schools.

We held events and workshops for professionals, including the Safeguarding Week.

We worked with services to make sure they work in the best ways to deal with serious knife crime and other violence.

We offer professionals online training sessions and opportunities to attend courses.

2459 people attended courses
6016 took part in e-learning training sessions.

We checked the work of the Multi-Agency Screening Team (MAST). This team is the first place people come to or are referred to for support — the 'front door'.

We meet with professions to check if any actions need to be put in place after a child's death. This is to help services learn and improve.

We checked the work of the Child Exploitation Team to make sure they were sharing information in the right ways, understood risk and protecting children.

You can read our full report here

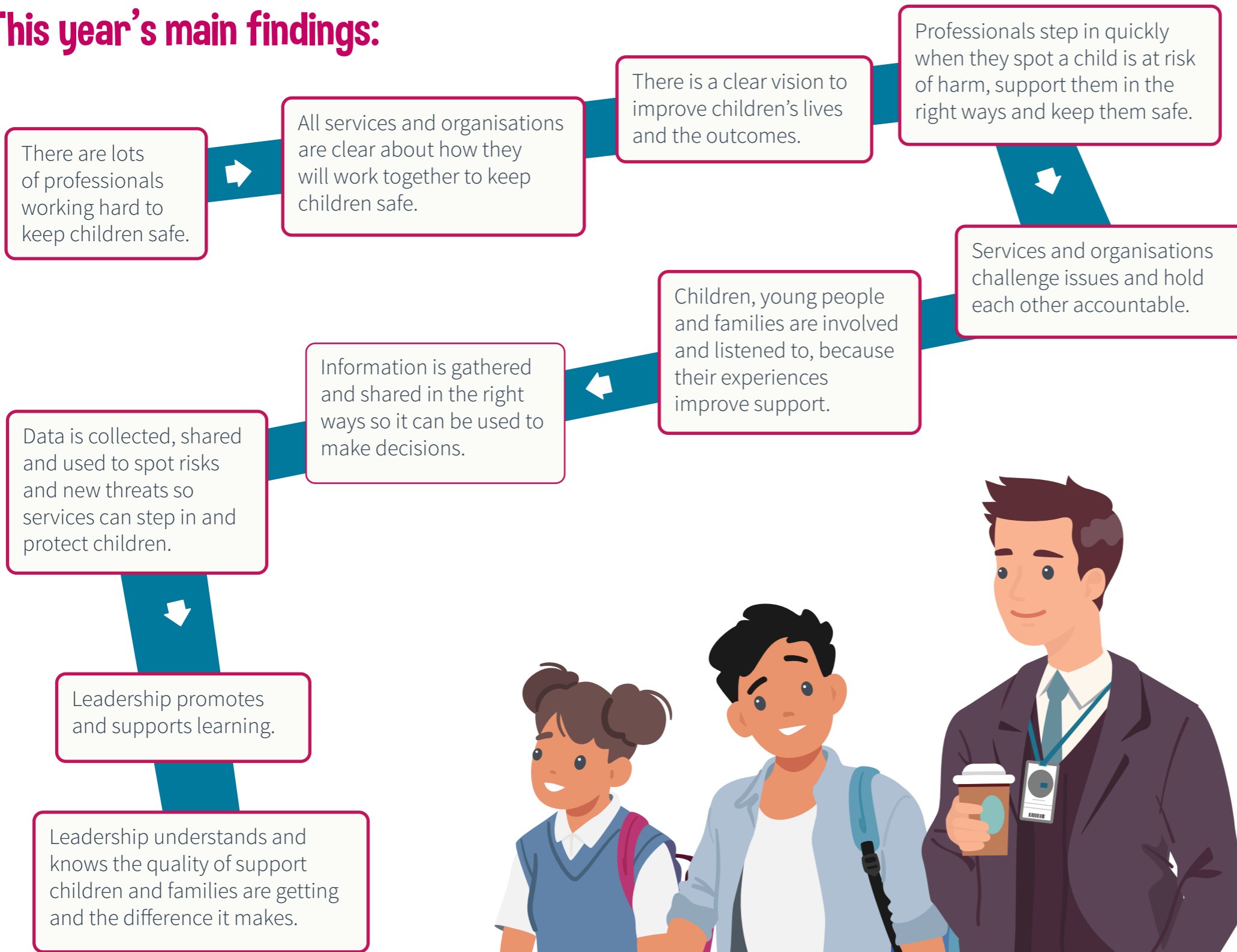


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This year's main findings:



Our Priorities

for 2024-2025

- 1** To improve how we keep vulnerable young people aged 10-24 safe from risks and harm outside the home.
- 2** To improve how organisations support anyone (including children) who experience domestic abuse. That includes making sure they know how to spot risks, step in early and do everything they can to prevent it.
- 3** To make sure we check and review services in the right way using the guideline in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023.
- 4** To work with the Safeguarding Adult Board to make sure children are getting the right support when they move from child services to adult services.

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