

The Contextual Safeguarding Domains 2024





Domain one: Target

Seeks to prevent, identify, assess and intervene with the social conditions of abuse

Prevent and intervene alongside identifying and assessing harm

Address the social conditions of abuse not just places outside the home

Understand structural and systemic causes of harm

Consider safety as much as harm



Domain two: Legislative framework

Incorporates extra-familial contexts into child protection frameworks

Reframe the subject of child protection

Centre proportionality and parity

Address structural and systemic harms

Ensure work is led by social care



Domain three: Partnerships

Develops partnerships with individuals/agencies responsible for extra-familial contexts

Build guardianship rooted in care and love

Ensure collaboration with young people and families is seen as essential

Set clear roles and responsibilities for partners

Make sure partners are accountable for harm caused



Domain four: Outcomes

Monitors outcomes of success in relation to contextual, as well as individual, success

Remember that how changes are made is as important as what changes are made

Be sensitive to inequality and difference

Set goals and measures based on how young people see the world

Support practitioners to develop skills to measure contextual outcomes