## Six fundamentals

## of family support and safeguarding

## **Relationships Matter**

Professional generosity

- Model the model embody the values we promote
- Embrace challenge, supervision, and scrutiny
- Cultural competence: we are open, respectful, and willing to learn
- A learning culture where professional judgment and reflection is rooted in relationship-based practice
- Supporting one another to communicate what really matters to them, and ensuring they are heard with appreciation

Hearing the child or young person's voice and lived experience

- Professional curiosity
- Visiting and being present
- Observing interactions for non-verbal children
- Children will be seen away from parents/ carers
- No child is too young to have a voice
- Engage father/male figures
- Give weight to what the child is saying
- Communicate creatively

Understanding the child or young person's voice and lived experience

- Assessment is continuous
- Triangulating and corroborating
- Adopt the child's point of view
- A continuous cycle (not episodic)
- Look at the whole family system
- Adopt a position of 'not knowing'
- Analysis over description
- Critical thinking
- Connect analysis to action
- Proportionality

Responding to child voice or young person's voice to improve their lived experience

- Planning and reviewing
- Child/Family are seen as an active partner
- Utilise family strengths and resources
- Have meaningful conversations
- Connect engagement to the plan
- Recognise different perspectives on need/ risk
- Define what success looks like
- Concurrent planning
- Reliable

Outcomes Focused Practice

- Helpful
- Evidence and impact
- Self-evaluation/peer challenge
- Share our understanding across agencies
- Child or young person is central to the story
- Our QA and CPD is focused on improvement
- Performance information
- Management oversight, insight, and grip
- Clear rationale and thought process

**Language That Cares** 

- Language that empowers
- Identify appropriate language and terminology
- Mindful of stigma attached to certain words
- Communication is meaningful and tailored to individual needs
- Consider how our writing would come across retrospectively
- Non-blaming, non-punitive, nonstigmatising
- Remember we are writing 'to them, about them'



