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<p>PDRR1: Safeguarding Vulnerable Children. The council fails to ensure that adequate safeguarding measures are in place, resulting in harm or death to a vulnerable child.</p> <p>Key potential causes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to meet the requirements of the Children Act and associated legislation. • Inadequate controls result in harm. • Demand for services exceeds its capacity and capability. • Increase in complex safeguarding risks, criminal exploitation, serious youth violence and gang affiliation. • During Covid-19, in line with Govt guidelines tiers, lockdown and infection control, there may be a reduction in the frequency of face to face visits to families. Risk assessments are required to assess whether a face to face visit is required. This is kept under review with services operating as near normal as is possible within the guidelines. • Placement failure due to COVID infection across children’s home or fostering household. • An increase in demand of up to 5% is anticipated as a result of Covid and economic downturn, with some children more vulnerable to exploitation and abuse as a result of lost safe, stable and nurturing relationships. • Increased destitution in families, impacting on mental ill health, managing increased infection within children and young people population and their parents. 	<p>The Keeping Bristol Safe Board provides independent scrutiny of children’s safeguarding arrangements in the city and holds BCC and partner agencies to account. This includes delivery of Safer Communities and the Prevent Duty.</p> <p>BCC works with partners to effectively identify victims and perpetrators of extra-familial abuse including Child Sexual exploitation, Criminal Exploitation and Serious Violence, taking action to disrupt and protect.</p> <p>Bristol’s published policies and procedures, comprehensive training and development and monthly professional supervision help ensure safe practice and adequate control of risks.</p> <p>Bristol has invested in an integrated localities and team around the school and family approach aimed at meeting the needs of children and families at the earliest point.</p> <p>Children and Families’ Services invests in its workforce and provides career progression opportunities.</p> <p>Bristol has established Violence Reduction Unit focussing on prevention, disruption and recovery from serious youth violence and is working with the University of Bedfordshire to develop its approach to contextual safeguarding in the city.</p> <p>Activity continues as planned with partner engagement.</p> <p>Children and Coronavirus Amendment Regulations are understood and will be invoked when needed. There is Senior Officer sign-off for their use.</p>	↓	4	7	28	<p>Information sharing and analysis to improve our ability to understand and respond to children at risk of criminal exploitation and going missing.</p> <p>In response to identified and increasing risk of serious youth violence and criminal exploitation a multiagency plan is in place and will be monitored by the Serious Violence Exec Group.</p> <p>Service Delivery Plans for 2020-21 have been reviewed and set out further actions to mitigate risks identified and deliver on our ambitions for children and families.</p> <p>Response is to run services as near to normal as possible flexing to accommodate increased demand and potential gaps in workforce due to COVID impacting services.</p> <p>Implementing testing for care staff and prioritising in vaccine programme.</p>	1	7	7
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<p>PDRR2: Safeguarding Adults at Risk with Care and support needs.</p> <p>The council fails to ensure adequate safeguarding measures are in place, Adults at risk.</p> <p>Key potential causes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequacy of controls. • Management and operational practices. • Demand for services exceeds capacity and capability. • Poor information sharing. • Lack of capacity or resources to deliver safe practice. • Failure to commission safe care for adults at risk. • Failure to meet the requirements of the 'Prevent Duty' placed on Local Authorities. • Increased destitution in families, impacting on mental ill health, managing increased infection within the population. (COVID19) • Increased isolation. (COVID19) • Carer strain / resilience. (COVID19) • Absence of building based services whilst we have reduced community solutions. (COVID19) 	<p>The Adults Safeguarding Board has been reconstituted into the Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership (KBSP), which also covers Children and Community Safety. The Board has senior executive representation and will ensure a strong focus on matters of strategic concern. The Partnership has oversight of adult safeguarding priorities.</p> <p>Safeguarding improvement plans are in place for Older People, Physical Disability and Disabled Children and the Capability framework for safeguarding and the Mental Capacity Act have been introduced.</p> <p>The Adult Social Care Transformation programme has been established to implement policy objectives of delivering financial sustainability and 'right positioning' care delivery in the Bristol health, care and wellbeing system. (See PDRR23)</p> <p>An active strategy in place to attract, recruit and retain social workers through a variety of routes with particular emphasis on experienced social workers. The Adult South West Recruitment and Retention Strategy has been drafted, the risks and costs identified. Regular strategies and campaigns support the recruitment and retention of high calibre social workers and managers, with competent agency social workers and managers used on temporary basis to fill vacancies.</p> <p>All key staff working with people directly at risk are trained in the essentials of safeguarding and BCC has an ongoing awareness-raising 'Prevent' training programme.</p> <p>Regular reporting on safeguarding is taking place quarterly for Directors and Cabinet Members, with an annual report for Elected Members to allow for scrutiny of progress. The quality assurance framework and performance framework is routinely monitored and reported on.</p> <p>Focused work is being undertaken to address the backlog in safeguarding referrals and good progress has been made in bringing the number outstanding down to more manageable numbers.</p> <p>The Adults Delivery Group is up and running and a new Transitions theme has also been instituted.</p> <p>Activity continues as planned.</p>	↔	3	7	21	<p>Social workers working with multi-agency partners supporting adults and older people to live safely within their families and communities.</p> <p>Commissioning capacity has increased this to lead on monitoring and assuring quality in the care sector.</p> <p>Review of the Safeguarding Pathway.</p> <p>Transforming the Safeguarding Adults Board.</p> <p>Considering transformational approaches to home care recommissioning that may offer a more flexible employment offer.</p> <p>Planning placed based approaches to include working with micro providers.</p> <p>The Adults Delivery Group is up and running and a new Transitions theme has also been instituted. Whilst the Covid-19 'lockdown' situation has changed the complexion of adult safeguarding, it is anticipated that the likelihood and impact of incidence will be similar.</p> <p>Work plan will be signed off by KBSP in coming months.</p> <p>Response is to run services as near to normal as possible with increased demand and potential gaps in workforce impacting. Hence elevated risk rating.</p>	1	7	7
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<p>PDRR3: Adult and Social Care (ASC) Transformation Programme 2020/21-2021/22</p> <p>Failure to deliver the required outcomes and savings from the new 2020/21 ASC Transformation Programme.</p> <p>Key potential causes are:</p> <p>Wider factors impacting on demand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapid increased demand and complexity due to COVID-19. • Increase of needs due to more health services being delivered in the community without appropriate funding following the patient. • Increased complex needs that must be met under the Care Act. <p>Wider factors impacting on supply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial pressures on an already vulnerable provider market during sustained changes forced on provider during COVID-19. • Time to commission and embed genuine alternatives to Tier 3, long term care provision (ECH, supported Living, shared lives). • Time to commission and develop genuine alternatives to Tier 3 long term care (Home first, VCSE, reablement for all). • Ability to joint fund this supply through the use of the BCF with NHS partners working in an Integrated Care System model. <p>Corporate Support and understanding of the programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of corporate support priority from business support services or access to appropriate corporate investment to deliver service redesign and transformation effectively. • Critical pressures on corporate budgets lead to immediate service ‘cuts’ being required rather than being able to make efficiencies through long term transformation programme • Support with workforce reform and restructures becomes intractable. • Support into ASC to build a knowledge function that can interrogate the data using POWERBI and is allowed to re-profile how departmental spend is viewed and understood using the Care Ladder. 	<p>The key areas of focus were developed by the DASS and ASC Transformation Team, and were presented to EDM and CLB in July 2020, as well as to the CEO and Director of Finance during their ‘Deep Dive’ into the ASC budget.</p> <p>All parties have given their support to proceed and are championing the work as a priority part of the wider corporate savings plans.</p> <p>The DASS is currently going out to Director Management Team / wider staff team meetings to take staff through the same slides that were presented to the CEO and Director of Finance to communicate the scale and priority of this work for the department.</p> <p>The green light for the initial five areas of work has been approved and ASC Transformation Team is formalising an action plan built on SMART objectives.</p> <p>Five areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strength-based practice and reviews. • In house service reviews. • Commissioning and market position. • Knowledge function. • Monitoring and grip (debt recovery). <p>Set up ASC performance transformation board, chaired by Exec Dir People and attended by CEO, Lead member ASC, DASS</p> <p>Board will monitor all transformation activities and impact on budget</p>	↔	2	5	10	1	5	5
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<p>PDRR4: SEND Delivery of the recovery plan with agreed priorities and actions and clear milestones forming the Written Statement of Action (WSOA) following the SEND local area OFSTED inspection in October 2019.</p> <p>Key potential causes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid-19 delaying ability to complete actions. • Increasing demands for services outweighing current capacity to clear the backlog on statutory assessments. • Judicial Review or similar legal actions causing attention to be diverted from BAU. 	<p>We are working in partnership with parent/carers, key partners including social care, health and schools to develop the Written Statement of Action, which is the comprehensive improvement plan for addressing the five priorities.</p> <p>Scrutiny SEND Deep dive (Evidence Day) 3 February 2020.</p> <p>WSOA was formally approved by Ofsted and CQC - April 2020.</p> <p>We have invested in priority areas - Appointed new staff in SEND and EP team. Refocussed the work of the team.</p> <p>We have developed an Accessible City team.</p>	↔	2	5	10	<p>We are working with stakeholders and partners across the local area to improve services through the WSOA. The WSOA has a governance route and performance will be monitored by the SEND partnership group monthly and Children’s Improvement Board bi-monthly.</p> <p>Following the July 2020 formal monitoring visit from the Department of Education and NHS England further visits are planned for November 2020 and March 2021. A re-inspection visit is scheduled for Autumn 2021.</p>	1	5	5
Risk Owner: Executive Director People, Director Education and Skills.	Action Owner: Director Education and Skills	Portfolio Flag: Education and Skills.			Strategy Theme: Our Organisation, Empowering and Caring, Fair and Inclusive, Well Connected, Wellbeing				

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<p>PDRR5: Adult and Social Care major provider/ supplier failure Failures or closures in the supply chain mean insufficient supply to source adequate appropriate support and meet Care Act needs.</p> <p>Key potential causes could be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major national care home provider goes into liquidation or starts to sell care homes. • Major local provider/unable to meet demand due to recruitment / workforce/ or organisational issues. <p>Major providers become financially sustainable due to economic context. (COVID-19) Additional costs and pressures on market arising from additional impact on supply.</p>	<p>Multi agency support for providers to address impact of pandemic. Regular review of supply and sustainability issues part of weekly SITREP provided by commissioning. Strong contract and performance management including quarterly corporate reporting. Financial sustainability process provides evidenced understanding of issues for strategically important providers. Work on managing market prices based on open book cost of care processes.</p>	↔	2	7	14	<p>Business cases reviewing appropriate investment to ensure supply key provision. Leading role in work across BNSSG re provider market. Continuing other work with providers, including use of infection control monies. Support VCSE to work alongside formal supply. Following internal audit reviewing provider collapse processes.</p> <p>This is a live issue and will be impacted by COVID outbreak. The risk will be reassessed in coming weeks.</p>	2	7	14
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Threat Risk Performance Summary				Quarter 4 Jan – Mar 19/20		Quarter 1 Apr – Jun 20/21		Quarter 2 Jul - Sept 20/21		Quarter 3 Oct - Dec 20/21		Quarter 4 Jan - Apr 20/21	
Page	Risk ID	Risk	Risk Owner	Rating	Travel	Rating	Travel	Rating	Travel	Rating	Travel	Rating	Travel
1	PDRR1	Safeguarding Vulnerable Children	Executive Director People Director Children's and Families Services	2x7=14	↔	2x7=14	↔	3x7=21	↓	4x7=28	↓		
2	PDRR2	Safeguarding Adults at Risk with Care and support needs	Executive Director People Director Adult Social Care	2x7=14	↔	2x7=14	↔	3x7=21	↓	3x7=21	↔		
4	PDRR5	Adult and Social Care major provider/ supplier failure	Executive Director People Director Children's and Families Services					2X7=14	New	2X7=14	↔		
4	PDRR4	SEND	Executive Director People Director Education and Skills			2x5=10	New	2x5=10	↔	2x5=10	↔		
3	PDRR3	Adult and Social Care (ASC) Transformation programme 2020/21 – 2021	Executive Director People Director Adult Social Care			2x5=10	New	2x5=10	↔	2x5=10	↔		

Risk Scoring Matrix

		Threat Impact (Negative risks)					Opportunity Impact (Positive Risk)						
Threat Likelihood	Almost certain	4	4 (Low)	12 (Medium)	20 (High)	28 (Critical)	28 (Significant)	20 (High)	12 (Medium)	4 (Low)	4	Almost certain	Opportunity Likelihood
	Likely	3	3 (Low)	9 (Medium)	15 (High)	21 (High)	21 (High)	15 (High)	9 (Medium)	3 (Low)	3	Likely	
	Unlikely	2	2 (Low)	6 (Medium)	10 (Medium)	14 (High)	14 (High)	10 (Medium)	6 (Medium)	2 (Low)	2	Unlikely	
	Rare	1	1 (Low)	3 (Low)	5 (Medium)	7 (Medium)	7 (Medium)	5 (Medium)	3 (Low)	1 (Low)	1	Rare	
			1 Minor	3 Moderate	5 Major	7 Critical	7 Exceptional	5 Significant	3 Modest	1 Slight			

Threat Level	Opportunity Level	Level of Risk	Actions Required
1-4	1-4	Low	May not need any further action / monitor at the Service level.
5-12	5-12	Medium	Action required, manage and monitor at the Directorate level.
14-21	14-21	High	Must be addressed - if Directorate level consider escalating to the Corporate Risk Report, if Corporate consider escalating to the Cabinet Lead.
28	28	Critical / Significant	Action required - escalate if a Directorate level risk, escalate to the Corporate Level, if Corporate bring to the attention of the Cabinet Lead to confirm action to be taken.

Current and Tolerance risk ratings: The 'Current' risk rating for both threats and opportunities refer to the current level of risk taking into account any strategies to manage risk - management actions, controls and fall back plans already in place. The 'Tolerance' rating represents what is deemed to be a realistic level of risk to be achieved once additional actions have been put in place. On some occasions the aim will be to contain the level of the risk at the current level.

Positive Risks (Opportunities): Where the risk is an opportunity, a cost benefit analysis is required to determine whether the opportunity is worth pursuing, guided by the score for the matrix, e.g. an opportunity with a score of 28 would be pursued as it would offer considerable benefits for little risk.

LIKELIHOOD AND IMPACT RISK RATING SCORING**Likelihood Guidance**

Likelihood	Likelihood Ratings 1 to 4			
	1	2	3	4
Description	Might happen on rare occasions.	Will possibly happen, possibly on several occasions.	Will probably happen, possibly at regular intervals.	Likely to happen, possibly frequently.
Numerical Likelihood	Less than 10%	Less than 50%	50% or more	75% or more

Severity of Impact Guidance (Risk to be assessed against all of the Categories, and the highest score used in the matrix).

Impact Category	Impact Levels 1 to 7			
	1	3	5	7
Service provision	Very limited effect (positive or negative) on service provision. Impact can be managed within normal working arrangements.	Noticeable and significant effect (positive or negative) on service provision. Effect may require some additional resource, but manageable in a reasonable time frame.	Severe effect on service provision or a Corporate Strategic Plan priority area. Effect may require considerable /additional resource but will not require a major strategy change.	Extremely severe service disruption. Significant customer opposition. Legal action. Effect could not be managed within a reasonable time frame or by a short-term allocation of resources and may require major strategy changes. The Council risks 'special measures'. Officer / Member forced to resign.
Communities	Minimal impact on community.	Noticeable (positive or negative) impact on the community or a more manageable impact on a smaller number of vulnerable groups / individuals which is not likely to last more than six months.	A more severe but manageable impact (positive or negative) on a significant number of vulnerable groups / individuals which is not likely to last more than twelve months.	A lasting and noticeable impact on a significant number of vulnerable groups / individuals.
Environmental	No effect (positive or negative) on the natural and built environment.	Short term effect (positive or negative) on the natural and or built environment.	Serious local discharge of pollutant or source of community annoyance that requires remedial action.	Lasting effect on the natural and or built environment.
Financial Loss / Gain	Under £0.5m	Between £0.5m - £3m	Between £3m - £5m	More than £5m
Fraud & Corruption Loss	Under £50k	Between £50k - £100k	Between £100k - £1m	More than £1m
Legal	No significant legal implications or action is anticipated.	Tribunal / BCC legal team involvement required (potential for claim).	Criminal prosecution anticipated and / or civil litigation.	Criminal prosecution anticipated and or civil litigation (> 1 person).
Personal Safety	Minor injury to citizens or colleagues.	Significant injury or ill health of citizens or colleagues causing short-term disability / absence from work.	Major injury or ill health of citizens or colleagues may result in. long term disability / absence from work.	Death of citizen(s) or colleague(s). Significant long-term disability / absence from work.
Programme / Project Management <i>(Including developing commercial enterprises)</i>	Minor delays and/or budget overspend but can be brought back on schedule with this project stage. No threat to delivery of the project on time and to budget and no threat to identified benefits / outcomes.	Slippage causes significant delay to delivery of key project milestones, and/or budget overspends. No threat to overall delivery of the project and the identified benefits / outcomes.	Slippage causes significant delay to delivery of key project milestones; and/or major budget overspends. Major threat to delivery of the project on time and to budget, and achievement of one or more benefits / outcomes.	Significant issues threaten delivery of the entire project. Could lead to project being cancelled or put on hold.
Reputation	Minimal and transient loss of public or partner trust. Contained within the individual service.	Significant public or partner interest although limited potential for enhancement of, or damage to, reputation. Dissatisfaction reported through council complaints procedure but contained within the council. Local MP involvement. Some local media/social media interest.	Serious potential for enhancement of, or damage to, reputation and the willingness of other parties to collaborate or do business with the council. Dissatisfaction regularly reported through council complaints procedure. Higher levels of local or national interest. Higher levels of local media / social media interest.	Highly significant potential for enhancement of, or damage to, reputation and the willingness of other parties to collaborate or do business with the council. Intense local, national and potentially international media attention. Viral social media or online pick-up. Public enquiry or poor external assessor report.