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Learning from the national auditing tool and feedback from the 2022 peer review event fed into the updated 2023 template.

Group feedback forms returned highlighted the following examples of good practice:

Feedback from Group 4 on Cherwell District Council's return	Cherwell District Council shows a commitment to looking after the staff who deal with frontline situations. A system where staff contact team leaders after they have been affected by a call and take time out with the offer of further discussion. This is to prevent staff from going off sick or taking home stressful work events.
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Groups identified the following areas for improvement:

Feedback from Group 4 on Cherwell District Council's return	Continuing to engage more with the parish council and making safeguarding awareness accessible for more of the community i.e., having safeguarding posters available in different languages. Cherwell District Council stated that it was hard to contribute to the areas of the return aimed towards children as they do not deliver direct services to children. However, as a provider they support members of the community which include families.
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Community Safety and Housing on occasion are invited to MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) / JATAC (Joint Agency Tasking and Co-ordination) meetings. However, not holding information on the named individual but could be part of the plan for example providing housing. MARAC team would lead these meetings.

We make referrals to relevant Child / Adult safeguarding services. Signposted to services for support and provide information if we hold it for such meetings where relevant.

Work needs to be done to ensure information is shared and if the use of tools should be used in CDC.

We need to investigate the structure to come together looking at the whole partnership. Focus on JATAC (Joint Agency Tasking and Co-ordination) / MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference) what information this group provides and how ownership of Tools such as Neglect etc are used or could be used in CDC.

The tools and interventions here are for use by any practitioner or volunteer working with children, young people and families and many can be used as soon as concerns emerge.

Child exploitation screening tool / Neglect screening tool and the Threshold of needs guidance.

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Further investigation and discussion needed to understand how we can use or if the need to use these tools is relevant to CDC.

Including working with procurement to ensure safeguarding in commissioned services is built into contracts.

Overall, returns and peer review group work highlighted some excellent examples of good practice and a strong commitment to safeguarding across the network.