

TEAM
CANW

We care.



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**External
Audit Service:
Safeguarding**



**Inspiring
Lives,
Changing
Futures**



Child Action Northwest

Child Action Northwest (CANW) is a registered charity. It has been **supporting children and young people for 130 years**, since the founding of **Blackburn Orphanage in 1886**.

CANW's Senior Leadership Team has extensive knowledge and experience in children's social care and early help, running and auditing services for children and their families. We have developed an external audit service specific to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.



Having experienced many regulatory reviews and Ofsted inspections, we want to provide a measured, respectful approach to auditing, while being transparent and honest too. After presenting our findings, we can offer support and guidance on next steps, to ensure safeguarding is understood and embedded throughout your organisation.

What we can offer

- Our audits focus on the **specific risks affecting your organisation**, and the policies and procedures which address these
- We **work closely with you** to ensure our work is efficient and effective
- We **clearly communicate the audit's scope** and approach to ensure it meets your specific needs and requirements
- We **advise on safeguarding concerns** for children and vulnerable adults
- We can provide an **out of hours advice service** on safeguarding concerns.

What is the process for an audit?

We define a scope

Once we understand your organisation, vision and values, we will tailor an audit you agree with.



Planning

We will design an audit plan considering any areas you have specified. We adopt a risk-based approach to audit and prioritise areas most likely to ensure better outcomes for children, families and vulnerable adults.

Fieldwork

We will gather as much information from your case files, staff, children, young people and vulnerable adults as possible. You may wish us to speak to your board of trustees, partners or any relevant stakeholders.

Information and reporting finding

We will provide feedback throughout the process. We will highlight strengths, focusing on what is working well in your organisation, as well as areas for improvement.

Any immediate safeguarding concerns would be reported directly to your safeguarding lead or relevant Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub, if appropriate.

As part of its wide range of support and intervention for children and families, CANW has a thriving fostering service (rated Good by Ofsted in 2023).

We support children in school with their emotional health and wellbeing, young carers, and children with autism. We also provide services for young people involved in the criminal justice system and we assess and support families who are involved in private law.

