

# Overview & Scrutiny

## Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission

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### Coversheet

#### Brief

Following a successful bid to the Department for Education's (DfE) Social Care Innovation Fund in March 2017, the London Borough of Hackney have been working in partnership with the University of Bedfordshire to jointly develop and implement a whole system approach to Contextual Safeguarding, encompassing both social work practice and wider partnership interventions.

This report gives the Commission detail about what Contextual Safeguarding is and how it is applied in the context of safeguarding children and young people. The report also provides a summary of the key achievements of the project to date and briefs the Commission on the focus of the project now (to end March 2020) to embed Systems Change across Children and Families Service, Hackney Council and with wider partner agencies.