

What is a Local Safeguarding Children Board?

The Local Safeguarding Children Board [LSCB] has a statutory function to work on an inter agency basis to coordinate, support, scrutinise and evaluate the performance of all member agencies, both individually and collectively and to develop policies and procedures to ensure safeguarding children stays high on their agenda's and that their performance is effective.

It is made up of partners and stakeholders committed to the work of the LSCB who have a range of knowledge, experience and expertise under the leadership of an Independent Chair. The LSCB is required to act with independence and authority in respect of the work of all organisations whose staff come into contact with children and young people, their parents and carers.

The work of an LSCB contributes to the wider goals of improving the wellbeing of all children. Within the wider governance arrangements its role is to ensure the effectiveness of the arrangements made by individual agencies and the wider partnership to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

The LSCB is not a delivery body. It is primarily a scrutiny body. However it would expect to initiate activities which investigate and improve practice in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The LSCB and its activities are part of the wider context of Children's Trust arrangements.

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Relationship between the LSCB and the Children's Trust Board

The Department for Children, Schools and Families document 'Working Together 2010' outlines the clear distinction between the roles and responsibilities of the LSCB and the Children's Trust Board. A protocol has been agreed to ensure that the LSCB is able to challenge and effectively scrutinise the work of the Children's Trust Board and partners, to challenge organisations as necessary, and to speak with an independent voice.

The Children's Trust Board, drawing on support and challenge from the LSCB, will ensure that the Children and Young People's Plan reflects the strengths and weaknesses of safeguarding arrangements and practices in Suffolk and highlights what more can be done by each partner to improve safeguarding and promotion of welfare in Suffolk. The LSCB is a formal consultee during the development of the Children and Young People's Plan covering the five priorities outlined in Every Child Matters.

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- Have an ongoing and direct relationship, communicating regularly.
- Work together to ensure action taken by one body does not duplicate that taken by another.
- Ensure they are committed to working together to ensure there are no unhelpful strategic or operational gaps in policies, protocols, services or practice.

What is a Children's Trust?

Children's Trusts are local partnerships which bring together organisations responsible for services for children and young people. They cover the whole of children's services, including the work of all partner agencies, from developing strategies to providing services on the 'front line'. Children's Trusts are not separate organisations – each partner has their own responsibilities, but work together to join up services.

Suffolk's Children Trust is the partnership responsible for improving outcomes for all children and young people in Suffolk. It brings together all organisations that provide services or support to children and young people in Suffolk to identify ways to work more effectively together than alone. The aim is to improve services to make Suffolk an even better place for children and young people to grow up.

Children & Young People's Plan

Suffolk's Children & Young People's Plan is the shared strategy/vision for all partners working to improve outcomes for children and young people in Suffolk enabling them to aspire to, and achieve, their full potential, giving them the basis for a successful life as active members of their community.

Be Healthy

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Our Vision for Children and Young People

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Be Healthy

Priority 1 We will promote healthy lifestyles for children in order to reduce childhood obesity

Priority 2 We will promote programmes which support emotional well-being for all children and develop enhanced services which help build resilience in vulnerable groups of children and young people



Stay Safe

Priority 3 We will prioritise preventative work with families where children are likely to be at risk from harm or neglect, including as a result of domestic violence and/or substance misuse by parents

Priority 4 We will address children and young people's expressed concerns about bullying to increase their confidence and feelings of safety

Priority 5 We will ensure that young people at risk of being homeless receive support and advice which keeps them safe and enables them to move to independent living



Enjoy & Achieve

Priority 6 We will increase the rate of improvement in Suffolk schools so that we exceed national attainment levels at all key stages

Priority 7 We will support more young people to progress to further and higher education or work with training



Make a Positive Contribution

Priority 8 We will improve access to a range of social opportunities and sporting and cultural activities for young people wherever they live

Priority 9 We will target areas where there are high rates of teenage conceptions so that teenagers are fully informed about the consequences of risk-taking behaviour and can take responsibility for avoiding unplanned pregnancies

Priority 10 We will identify young people at risk of offending, and those who have been convicted of offending, and support them in choosing a more positive life path



Achieve Economic Well-being

Priority 11 We will work to ensure that families with children in areas of deprivation are supported in accessing all relevant benefits and support to mitigate against the effects of poverty

Additional Information

Further safeguarding information can be found on the Department for Children, Schools and Families website.

Chapter 3 of 'Working Together 2010' provides further details of the relationship between the two organisations. This document can be found under 'publications' on the dcsf website.

www.dcsf.gov.uk/everychildmatters

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Bengali

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Kurdish

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