



**LSCB**

Bath & North East Somerset  
Local Safeguarding Children Board

# **The Local Safeguarding Children Board: a guide for young people**

# **The Role of the Bath and North East Somerset Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB)**

## **What is the LSCB?**

Every Local Authority in the country has a Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). The LSCB is made up of key people from organisations that work with children, like schools, GP's surgeries, children's social care teams, police, local charities and many others. These people are called Board Members. Board members are responsible for the safeguarding in their organisations and work together to ensure that children and young people are kept safe from harm.

The leader / Chair of the LSCB is Independent, that means that they don't work for any of the organisations represented on the Board. This is really important because it means they can look at the LSCB as an outsider and see what the different organisations are doing well and what they need to do better.

The LSCB meets 4 times a year to discuss how children and young people are protected from harm and that their welfare is promoted.

## **What does it do?**

The LSCB is responsible for making sure Bath & North East Somerset is a safe place for children and young people to grow up in.

There is a set of national guidance that the Board has to follow called *Working Together to Safeguard Children*. This guidance clearly outlines what each professional should be doing within their organisation to safeguard children and young people. This includes, working closely with others, writing policies, delivering training, reviewing how organisations work and sharing learning to keep children and young people safe.

Here is a link to a young person's guide to *Working together to Safeguard Children*

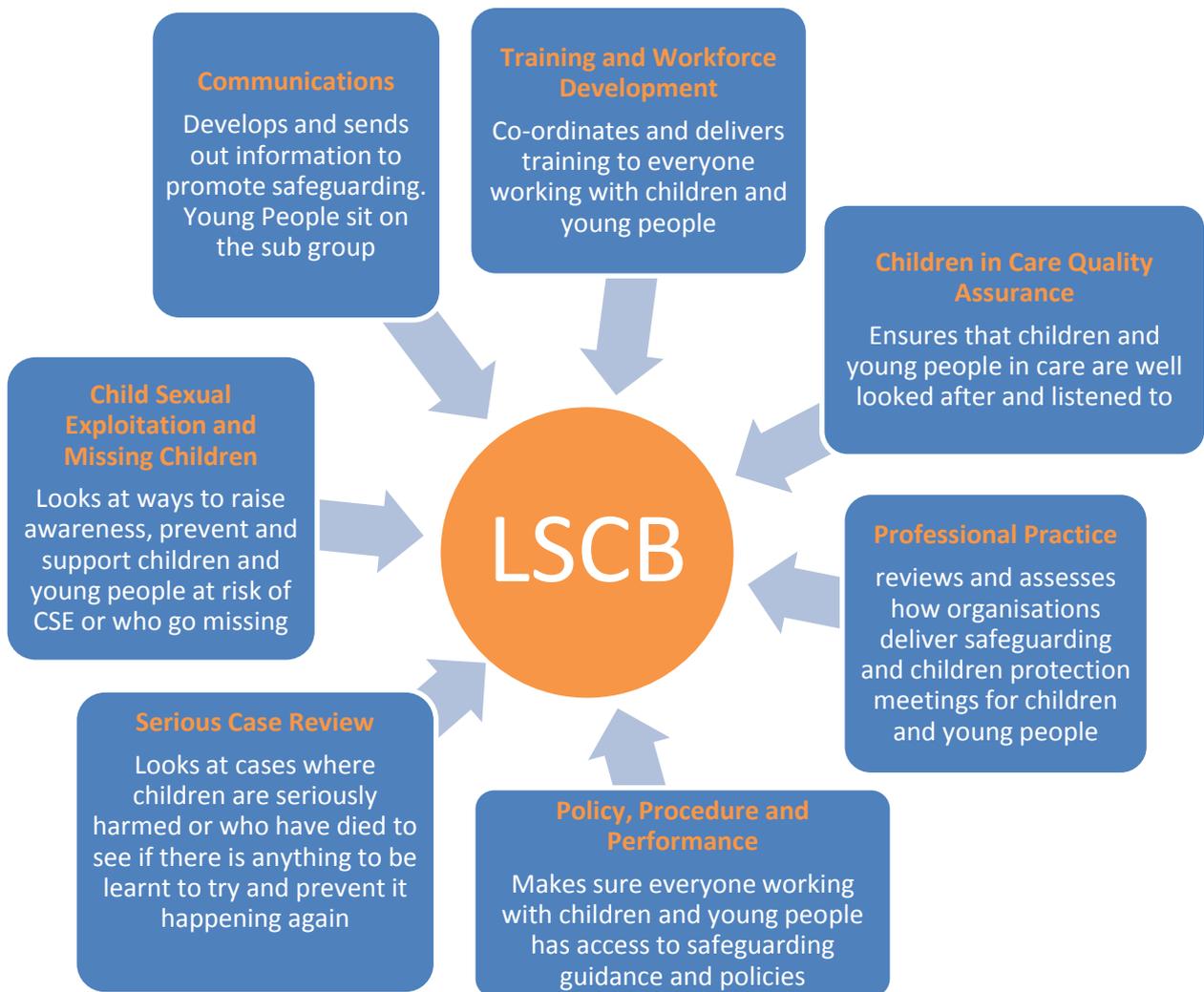
[Working together to safeguard children](#)

## **Sub groups**

The LSCB is a large group, to enable it to get through its work there are several smaller sub groups who each have a particular 'theme' that they focus on.

Each sub group is made up of some of the LSCB Board Members, as well as other people in key roles who work with children and young people. Each sub group presents a report to the LSCB every six months. This is so the sub groups can share the work they are doing with everyone who has responsibility for safeguarding.

### The sub groups of the LSCB and what they



### The LSCB Annual Report 2015-2016 and Business Plan 2015-2018

Each year the LSCB has to write an Annual Report this gives details of all the work undertaken over the previous year to safeguard children and young people. The report describes how the Board has addressed any issues or challenges that have arisen and what the Board needs to focus on for the next year.

Key achievements for the LSCB over the year 2015-2016:

- An 'Early Help Strategy' is now in place it explains how children, young people and their families who are experiencing problems can get the best support from an early stage.
- The 'Willow Project' has been set up to work with young people at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation
- A development day was held to share information about Female Genital Mutilation
- All schools in B&NES completed an Annual School Safeguarding Audit and the results show schools take safeguarding very seriously.
- Nearly 800 staff who work with children and young people have attended a range of safeguarding training.
- Developing more efficient ways for ensuring information and guidance about safeguarding is available to everyone who works with children and young people

The LSCB has also written a three year Business Plan for 2015-2018 which outlines the key priorities for the Board. These are the really important issues that the LSCB wishes to focus on. Each of the sub groups reports to the LSCB on how it has helped work towards each of the priorities listed in the Business Plan.

For 2015-2018 the key priorities are:

#### **Key Priority 1**

That all organisations have a shared approach to safeguarding.

#### **Key Priority 2**

That when children, young people and their families need support from an organisation they can have a say in how those services are run and how they can be improved in the future.

#### **Key Priority 3**

Reviewing and checking that organisations are clear about their responsibilities.

#### **Key Priority 4**

That the people who work with children and young people are well trained.

#### **Key Priority 5**

That the LSCB does its very best to keep children and young people safe.

The LSCB has a webpage. Here you will find all the documents that the LSCB has written. The full Annual Report and Business Plan and the Executive Summary, which is a much easier version to read, are here too, click below:

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/children-young-people-and-families/child-protection/local-safeguarding-children-board>

*A new website will be launched in 2017 which will include a page for Children and Young People).*

## *Safeguarding is everyone's business*

Safeguarding is about protecting children, young people and adults at risk from abuse or neglect.

However, if you are worried or scared about the way you or someone you know is being treated don't bottle it up, tell someone, a parent, teacher, friend - **REPORT IT**

- Call the Children and Families Assessment and Intervention Team on 01225 396312 or 01225 396313.
- If outside of office hours, please call the Emergency Duty Team on 01454 615165.
- If a child or young person is in immediate danger then please dial 999

This guide has been written with the support of the young people who are members of the LSCB Communications sub group.