



**Bath and North East Somerset**

**Local Safeguarding Children  
Board**

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**What does the LSCB do?**

- The LSCB is an independent body made up of representatives from the range of agencies that work with children and young people. There are also six sub groups of the LSCB. There are lay members who also sit on the board and there are links with Children and Young People's Equalities group, so ensuring the voice of children and young people is heard.
- The work of the LSCB includes :
- Taking the lead to ensure that agencies work well together to safeguard children and young people.
- Ensuring that all organisations comply with their duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.
- Co ordinating and delivering multi-agency safeguarding children training.
- Promoting and publishing multi-agency child protection and safeguarding policies and procedures which are available online.
- Commissioning Serious Case Reviews and multi-agency audits so that we learn what we need to improve in terms of the work that we carry out with children, young people and families.
- Overseeing multi agency learning events and conferences so that good practice is shared.

- Playing a key role in ensuring and monitoring that recommendations from inspections and reviews about safeguarding children are carried through.
- Working alongside other committees such as the Children’s Trust Board, Local Safeguarding Adults Board and the Health & Wellbeing Board to ensure that work to safeguard children is co-ordinated.
- Encouraging children and families to give their own perspectives on engaging with services, so informing and improving practice.

## **LSCB sub groups**

**1. The Professional Practice sub group (PPG)** – is a quality assurance group that looks at how services across B&NES have supported children and young people who have experienced common themes in safeguarding work. (Whilst the Professional Practice Group takes the primary lead on this, work is not exclusive to this group alone).

**2. The Policy, Procedures and Performance sub group (PPPG)** has the responsibility for reviewing policies and procedures operated by LSCB and South West Child Protection Procedures (SWCPP) and monitoring their effectiveness and ensuring agency compliance with them. The sub-group will also develop and monitor performance indicators relevant to LSCB business focusing on analysing data that will inform the improvement of performance

**3. The Training and Workforce Development sub group (T&WFD)** builds on the work of the previous Training Management Committee and is responsible for ensuring that single agency and inter agency training on safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is provided in order to meet local needs. The group also examines safeguarding workforce development issues across agencies which in turn informs the training needs analysis

**4. The Serious Case Review sub group (SCR)** enables the LSCB to undertake reviews of cases that require lessons to be learned, including SCR’s as detailed in Working Together 2013, and to provide a mechanism for the LSCB to deliver reviews of cases that do not meet the threshold for a SCR. The lessons learned should be disseminated effectively and recommendations implemented in a timely manner.

**5. Communications sub group** this sub-group has the responsibility for developing and disseminating a range of accessible information in a variety of formats to raise awareness about children safeguarding, targeting citizens, professionals, service users and carers

**6. Child Sexual Exploitation sub group** this sub-group is currently developing its Terms of Reference.



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## **LSCB Stakeholder Event**

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**‘Early Help- A Safeguarding Priority’**

**Thursday Nov 27th.**

**9.30am - 3.30pm with a great lunch !!**

The 2014 Stakeholders Event will invite us to explore the evidence base behind the national strategy for ‘early help’ through presentations from the Early Intervention Foundation, the Family Nurse Partnership and our local perspective. The day will be a great opportunity to find out about the positive change that is already happening in our local area.

You will be encouraged to share your own experience of working with children, young people and their families and this will help to develop a shared vision for ‘early help’ in B&NES.

Places can be booked through: <http://bathnes.learningpool.com> (You will need to register first) go to Childrens Workforce- Safeguarding and Child Protection – Stakeholder Event

Or contact [childrensworkforce\\_training@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:childrensworkforce_training@bathnes.gov.uk)

If you have any additional queries please contact Helen Heal: 01225 394210

## **Launch of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Strategy**

The sexual exploitation of children and young people has been identified throughout the UK, in both rural and urban areas, and in all parts of the world. It affects boys and young men as well as girls and young women. It robs children of their childhood and can have a serious long-term impact on every aspect of their lives, health and education. It damages the lives of families and carers and can lead to family break-ups. Sexual exploitation of children and young people is completely unacceptable and we are determined to do all we can to help eradicate it

Children who are sexually exploited are the victims of sexual abuse and should be safeguarded from further harm. Sexually exploited children should not be regarded as criminals and the primary law enforcement response must be directed at perpetrators who groom children for sexual exploitation.

The Bath & North East Somerset CSE Strategy sets out the commitment of the Bath & North East Somerset Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) to do everything possible to prevent Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and support victims of this abuse and to tackle CSE in a multi-agency manner when it occurs.

The strategy is aimed at all professionals and organisations who engage with children and young people.

It builds on work already undertaken in the area since 2011 and is informed by the lessons learnt so far.

Click on this link to read the CSE Strategy

[http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Children-and-Young-People/ChildProtection/bnes\\_cse\\_strategy\\_draft.pdf](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Children-and-Young-People/ChildProtection/bnes_cse_strategy_draft.pdf)

## **Head of Safeguarding and Quality Assurance**

Lesley Hutchinson has been appointed to the position of Head of Safeguarding & Quality Assurance.

Lesley's appointment is a key milestone in progressing plans to put in place a joint structure across the People & Communities Department for the oversight and management of Safeguarding and Quality Assurance for both Children and Adults.

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## **Prevent and Channel**

Terrorism can occur anywhere in the world with atrocities carried out in support of various ideologies. These include religion, politics and race. In the UK we face a serious threat from international terrorism, but extreme right wing groups and single issues groups can also pose a significant threat. It is not just vulnerable individuals who are susceptible to radicalisation.

What is Prevent?

Prevent is part of the Government's counter –terrorism strategy that aims to stop people becoming terrorists. It is a multi-agency approach to safeguard people at risk of radicalisation.

How does Prevent work?

It looks at building a deeper understanding of how individuals become radicalised. This helps to identify ways of preventing people from becoming terrorists or supporting violent extremism.

Typically, a radicalisation process includes exposure of an individual to extremist viewpoints that may eventually influence the person to carry out an act of violent extremism or terrorism. This could take weeks, or months or even years. It is possible to intervene during this process and stop someone becoming a terrorist or supporting violent extremist's activity.

What is Channel?

Channel is a process developed to support people at risk of being drawn towards terrorism or violent extremism.

Partners work together to support individuals vulnerable to radicalisation and provide safeguarding measures to support their needs. Channel partners include, police, Local Authorities, healthcare providers, probation and members of the community.

A range of options are available including mentoring, welfare support and access to key services. You may have concerns that an individual you are working with is susceptible to radicalisation or recruitment by terrorists or violent extremists. So the earlier the Channel intervention the more likely it is to be effective so if you are concerned about someone – make a referral.

**Avon & Somerset and Wiltshire**

[channelsw@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:channelsw@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk)

Regional Channel co ordinator – 0117 9455539

### **Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013**

A guide to interagency working to promote the safeguarding and welfare of children

Working Together sets out how organisations and individuals should work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in accordance with the Children Act 1989 and the Children Act 2004.

<http://www.workingtogetheronline.co.uk/chapters/contents.html>

## **Useful Links**

### **Training**

The LSCB training unit continues to develop its training programme and offer multi-agency training across a range of key safeguarding issues. The training programme for 2014/15 can be accessed on the website at the link below.

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/childprotectiontraining>

### **Local Safeguarding Children Board**

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

### **Local Safeguarding Adults Board**

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/adult-social-care-and-health/safeguarding-adults-risk-abuse>

**The next e-newsletter will be sent out in May 2015, any comments or suggestions for inclusion please contact [Sarah\\_McCluskey@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Sarah_McCluskey@bathnes.gov.uk)**