



Working together to tackle abuse

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Lancashire Safeguarding Boards

Local Safeguarding Boards are multi-agency partnerships. They cover each local authority area and are made up of agencies who work together to keep safe all children and adults at risk, and ensure they are protected from abuse or neglect. Though linked to local authority areas, they are independent of the council.

A Local Safeguarding Adult Board (LSAB) has a legal duty under The Care Act 2014 to ensure that enquiries are made where an adult:

- Has needs for care and support and;
- Is experiencing, or is at risk of abuse, or neglect; and
- As a result of those care and support needs is unable to protect them self from abuse or neglect or the risk of it.

A Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) has statutory objectives under Working Together 2015* to:

- Co-ordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the Board for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area; and
- Ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for those purposes.

This means that Safeguarding Boards should:

- Carry out case reviews when children or adults at risk have died or been seriously harmed and abuse or neglect is suspected, and there is evidence that agencies could have worked better together to prevent this from happening;
- Provide guidance and multi-agency procedures to support agencies in doing their jobs as well as they can to deliver their safeguarding responsibilities;

* New guidance is due to be published May 2018 which will change the arrangements for LSCBs. This leaflet will be reviewed and updated in 2019. When new arrangements are due for implementation.

- Quality assure multi-agency practice and processes to monitor how well those working with children and adults at risk are doing to try and help keep them safe (for example: audits, inspection, surveys);
- Provide multi-agency training to those working with children and adults at risk to support them to do their jobs as well as they can;
- Have effective methods of communication and engagement in order to share key messages regarding safeguarding and the work of the Boards with agencies; service users and members of the public;
- The LSCB is also responsible, through the Child Death Overview Panel for reviewing the deaths of all children up to the age of 18 years old in order to identify themes and trends.

Who are the members?

The Boards bring together the main agencies that work with children and adults at risk (and their families) including Police, Local Authority, Health, District Councils, the Voluntary, Community and Faith sector; Fire; Independent providers – and lots more. All agencies share the aim of making sure that they work well together to keep Lancashire safe.

There is an Independent Chair who oversees the work of the Boards – this is someone who doesn't work for any of the agencies involved.



Further information

You can find out more information about the Lancashire Safeguarding Boards by visiting the website, following us on Twitter, or contacting us using the details below. The website has lots of information about what we do including:

- Learning and Development
- Policies and procedures
- Learning from Case Reviews
- News and events
- Information about Board meetings and sub groups



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Concerned about something?

If you are concerned about the safety of an adult or child, please call your local council's social care department on **0300 123 6720** (or **999** in the case of an emergency).