



Haringey LSCB Factsheet

Who we are and what we do

Haringey Safeguarding Children Board is a multi-agency strategic partnership that exists to promote the safety and welfare of all children in their home, in school and in the community. We are an **independent** body with a statutory requirement under the Children Act 2004 to **oversee the work of Haringey Children's Service and partner agencies in Haringey** to ensure safeguarding practice is effective on the ground to keep children safe from harm.

Graham Badman is the Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Children Board which is made up of senior management representatives from the key statutory and voluntary organisations that have responsibility for delivering services to children or have regular contact with children. The remit of the Board is to ensure that services work together effectively to:

- prevent harm to children and young people
- protect children and young people from harm
- promote the safeguarding of children within the community

The LSCB has an important role as a **'critical friend'** in **scrutinising inter-agency** work to protect children and young people and identifying where we need to do better through a learning and improvement framework that includes learning from reviews as well as regular audit activity. This also helps to highlight and share good practice initiatives and what is working well.

The LSCB draws on a multi-agency quality assurance framework to help gauge the effectiveness of our safeguarding work and how this affects the outcomes for children and young people. A key principle is that our work is informed by the voice of children and young people and we are currently looking at ways to expand their participation in our business

Key Areas of Work

Whilst the LSCB has a broad interest in all children and young people, a significant amount of the work of the LSCB will focus on those children and young people who are at risk of significant harm or experiencing significant harm. Core functions are not restricted to but include the following:

- Evaluate the effectiveness of what is done by each local agency individually and collectively to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in the area through audit and evaluation including those key people and organisations that have a duty under section 11 of the Children Act 2004 or section 157 or 175 of the Education Act 2002
- Analyse information about every child death to ensure lessons are learnt
- Ensure Reviews including Serious Case Reviews are conducted in relevant cases as set out in Working Together 2013 and that learning is shared and improvements made in practice
- Promote a level of agreement and understanding across agencies about operational definitions and thresholds for intervention across the continuum of need and intervention
- Evaluate the effectiveness of early help services to children in Haringey
- Develop and disseminate inter-agency policy and protocols to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people who are suffering or are at risk of suffering maltreatment and monitor the implementation and effectiveness of such procedures
- Commissioning multi-agency training to enable those who work with children/ young people to identify abuse and neglect
- Ensure that practitioners across all services are aware of how to escalate concerns where there is unresolved professional difference
- Collaboration with other LSCBs and regional networks

LSCB Sub-Groups

The LSCB carries out its work through both its main Board and Executive Group as well as a number of sub-groups and time limited task groups. These include the following

- **Serious Case Review Sub-Group** which has a statutory role to ensure case reviews are carried out on relevant cases in accordance with the Working Together 2013 Guidance and that action is taken to implement and share the learning across the partnership
- **The Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP)** has the responsibility for reviewing all deaths in children up to 18 years with priority given to deaths that are unexpected and unexplained. This includes a Rapid Response process when the death is unexpected. The main purpose is to improve the understanding of how and why children in Haringey die and identify any wider public health concerns.
- **Quality Assurance Sub- Group** has the prime responsibility for ensuring that the LSCB has in place a range of joint and individual agency performance monitoring and quality assurance processes which can be used to inform us about the quality

of Safeguarding activity and improve outcomes for children and young people in Haringey

- **Best Practice Sub-Group** looks at policies and procedures and a range of operational practice issues. The work of the group includes audits on identified themes and the development of practice guidance across a range of areas
- **Training, Learning and development Sub-Group** The LSCB has a role to ensure that all staff working with children are appropriately trained to recognise and act on safeguarding and child protection concerns. The training sub-group oversees the multi-agency training programme which includes the contribution and input of front line staff and evaluates the quality and effectiveness of training. The range of learning and development opportunities include our popular 'Learning Lunches' and the LSCB Annual Conference which this year featured Child Sexual Exploitation.
- **Disabled Children's Policy and Practice Review Group** provides a forum to review the framework for safeguarding disabled children and promotes best practice
- **CSE Task Group** has a specific focus on developing sexual exploitation practice guidance and protocols. The group launched the CSE Practice Guidance at the recent LSCB conference and will be developing a wider CSE strategy in line with the **recommendations of the Children's Commissioner** linking across with other work streams such as gangs and Violence Against Women and Girls.

Further detail about the work of the LSCB is provided by The Annual Report which offers comment and assurance on the effectiveness of the arrangements for early intervention and safeguarding of children and young people in Haringey, as well as documenting the achievements of the LSCB and partners over the last 12 months, LSCB membership, what has worked well and what the focus will be over the year ahead. This can be found on the LSCB website at www.haringeylscb.org

Find Out More

Look out for our regular LSCB newsletters which come via e mail every 2 months. These tell you about any changes in policy or new guidance locally and nationally, as well as upcoming events and features about the work of different multi-agency professionals

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