



Terms of Reference

Local Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP)

Role and Function of the Local Safeguarding Children Partnership

The Local Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP) is central to decision making. It will decide on which aspects of work identified and presented by the Assurance and Review Group will be taken forward for action by the Response and Delivery Group.

The LSCP will have oversight of the entire cycle of reflective activities, assurance and review, response and delivery, actions resulting from learning and the safeguarding experience of children, young people and practitioners. All work will be driven by the LSCP's priorities which it will review as further information is provided from all activities, the voice of the child/young people and practitioner feedback.

Finally, the LSCP will have responsibility for ensuring that the selected work priorities are delivered in such a way that they make a positive impact on the outcomes for children and young people in Solihull. This will be achieved through the effective scrutiny and oversight of all aspects of the LSCP learning cycle and associated activities.

This will be achieved by:

1. The LSCP taking responsibility, in its entirety, for the multi agency work being carried out by all other areas within the Safeguarding Children Partnership arrangements, driving this work and seeking assurance of its effectiveness.
2. Receiving informed recommendations via regular action plans from the work of the Assurance and Review Group, regarding management and focus of the LSCP's priorities throughout all agencies within the partnership. In particular recommendations as to specific multi-agency work required to improve arrangements to support those priorities.
3. Making multi agency decisions on which of these recommendations to take forward, prioritising them against the LSCP's Business Plan, and checking information or requesting further details from the Assurance and Review Group as required.
4. Liaising with the Response and Delivery Group, tasking this group to further develop the selected action plans from the Assurance and Review Group and decide on how best to respond, driving the delivery of learning through training, learning events, communications etc. There will be a

continuous flow of information between the LSCP and Response and Delivery Group on development and delivery of actions and outcomes.

5. The LSCP having continuous oversight of all areas of reflective activities, action plans from these, decision making and delivery of actions on existing safeguarding priorities. In addition, the LSCP will also consider any new areas of concern arising from partner agencies or the work of the Assurance and Review Group and feedback on the work of the Response and Delivery Group from young people or practitioners.
6. Receiving recommendations, following a rapid review within the child safeguarding practice review process, from the Assurance and Review Group and making a final decision about whether a local child safeguarding practice review is appropriate, or whether the case may raise issues which are complex or of national importance such that a national review may be appropriate. Notifying the National Panel of the decision.

Accountability

The effectiveness of the LSCP will be independently scrutinised in line with 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018' using a two tier model. Internally, an independent scrutineer will be present within the arrangements to provide appropriate challenge to partners. Additionally, an external and independent peer review will be commissioned from the Local Government Association to test the effectiveness of multi-agency child safeguarding arrangements in Solihull.

Each member of the LSCP is responsible for both representing and holding their agency to account for its safeguarding work and responsibilities.

Should it be necessary for the LSCP to reach a decision by vote, each of the three statutory partners will have one vote, irrespective of number of representatives on the LSCP.

Frequency of meeting: Three meetings per year

Membership:

Chair – Independent scrutineer
Local Authority - Director of Children's Services
CCG - Chief Nurse
Police – Borough Commander
Chair of Assurance and Review Group
Chair of Response and Delivery Group
CCG – Head of Safeguarding
Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills
Schools Representative (as nominated by the Education and Learning Sub Group)
Business Manager

Quorum:

Representation from all three safeguarding partners.