

Summary

We hope that you found this brief introduction to Thurrock LSCB useful.

Additional information on what we do is available through our website, Annual reports and Business plan.

Safeguarding is everyone's business and responsibility is on all of us—professionals and public. We need to be alert to the risks to children and young people in the home, at school and out and about.

The LSCB challenge for the future is how we respond to the enhanced expectations that the new Working Together 2013 sets out for Safeguarding Boards and how we adapt to meet the ever changing needs of safeguarding in Thurrock.

THURROCK LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD



WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD?

You can phone or write to The MASH about your concerns. Phone immediately if you believe it is urgent.

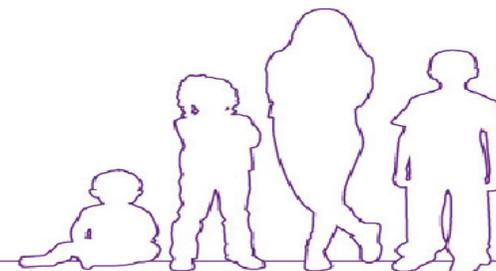
- Thurrock MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding hub), Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, Essex, RM17 6SL **01375 652802**
- Emergency Duty Team (for out of hours) **01375 372468**
- Police Child Abuse Investigation Team **01277 266822** or call **999** if you are concerned a child needs immediate protection
- Childline **0800 11 11**
www.childline.org.uk
- NSPCC **0808 800 5000**
www.nspcc.org.uk
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Welcome to Thurrock Local Safeguarding Children Board

*Safeguarding Children is
everyone's business*

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INTRODUCTION

The Thurrock Local Safeguarding Children Board was set up in order to make sure that key agencies work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in Thurrock.

This leaflet is a very brief summary of some of the key roles and activities.

As a statutory Board, the LSCB has a strong membership of key partner agencies who all come together to ensure that we:-

- Protect children from maltreatment
- Prevent impairment of children's health or development
- Ensure that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- Undertake that role so as to enable those children to have optimum life chances and enter adult hood successfully.
- Promote a safe environment free from violence.

The Thurrock Local Safeguarding Children Board includes representatives from statutory, voluntary and community organisations and services. It meets regularly to agree and oversee the effectiveness of agencies working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in Thurrock.

The structure incorporates a LSCB Full Board, a Management Executive group and a number of sub groups looking at specific safeguarding areas.

Multi agency safeguarding training is provided to support the needs of its partners. This is provided through close working arrangements with the Children's Partnership with an Interagency Training Sub Group providing the vehicle to achieve this.

What do we do?

The purpose of the LSCB is to do two main things:

- To look at what all agencies working with children are doing to ensure that children are kept safe.
- To ensure that all those agencies that employ people to work with children have policies in place that are effective in keeping children safe.

Some of the areas we look at include how organisations big and small recruit, train and oversee their staff in the work they do with children; how good they are at using child protection procedures, and what more they can do to make Thurrock safer to children and young people.

What else?

The LSCB looks at the work of other Partnerships in Thurrock to ensure that keeping children safe remains a priority. The Thurrock Children's Partnership and the Thurrock Community Safety Partnership both have plans which show how they aim to improve the lives of Thurrock children and this includes safeguarding.

Who is involved

- A number of public and voluntary organisations have signed up to be part of the Thurrock LSCB. These include Police, Health, Education, Social Care and Private, Voluntary, Charitable and Independent agencies.

How is the community involved?

Children, young people and their families should be able to have a say in the work that the LSCB undertakes.

The Board has a communications strategy to ensure that safeguarding messages are available to Thurrock people. We have a lay member on our board and continue looking at ways to make sure our communities' voice is heard.

We are in the process of refreshing our web site:- www.thurrocklscb.org.uk

On this website there will be information for children, young people, parent and carers, as well as professionals who work with children.

