

What should I do if I am worried about a child or young person?

Children and young people depend on the adults around them to keep them safe, and to be well cared for. **If you have concerns about the safety and welfare of a child, don't keep it to yourself**, call:

Referral and Assessment Team (social care):

01582 547653

Out of Office Hours:
0300 3008123.

Safeguarding Unit (Bedfordshire Police):

01234 846960

or in an emergency dial 999

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC):

Help-line: 0808 800 5000

Childline: 0800 1111

Further information is available from the following websites:

www.lutonlscb.org.uk

www.luton.gov.uk

www.nspcc.org.uk

Frequently asked questions from professionals

I'm a professional working with children and young people or their parents and carers, where will I find the policies and procedures?

All the LSCB policies and procedures are on our website. Anyone who works with children, young people or their parents and carers in Luton should familiarise themselves with these policies are, and know what to do if they are worried about a child or young person they know or hear about.

What sort of training is available?

The LSCB makes sure that all the basic safeguarding children training given to staff in their own organisations meets a good standard.

We also provide a multi-agency programme of training including a wide range of courses for staff and volunteers working in organisations across Luton.

Our training brochure can be found at:

www.lutonlscb.org.uk

Luton Safeguarding Children Board



Safeguarding is everyone's business



www.lutonlscb.org.uk
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Who are the LSCB?

Under the Children Act 2004, the Government required each Council to create a local safeguarding children board.

Luton Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) was created in 2006 with the aim to ensure all organisations in Luton co-operate and work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.

The LSCB is made up of representatives from all the main organisations who work with children and their parents and carers in Luton, (including the police, social care, education, probation and a number of health agencies as well as community and voluntary groups) to ensure the child protection work undertaken in these organisations meets a good standard.

The Government expects the LSCB to check that all these organisations have the necessary policies and procedures in place to safeguard children from neglect and abuse. And ensure staff are informed about these procedures and that anyone working in these organisations has the training they need to keep children and young people safe.

Safeguarding is Everyone's Business

This is the message that motivates the Luton Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) to carry out its work.

We believe that everyone in society has a role to play in keeping children and young people safe from harm. No one professional and no one member of the public can do this alone. We all need to trust our instincts, share our concerns and work together to protect children from abuse and neglect.

Look out for future campaigns in the local media or visit our website for more information about what we do and the policies, procedures and training that are there to help us all protect children.



What does the LSCB do?

We provide policies and procedures which professionals use to help keep children and young people safe.

We carry our Serious Case Reviews (SCR) when a child is seriously harmed or dies and abuse or neglect is known or suspected. A review will identify how professionals and organisations can improve the way they work together to protect children.

The main aim of the SCR is to find out what happened and to do whatever we can to reduce the risk of something like it happening again, by sharing all the lessons learned with all the organisations involved, and by including all the important messages in our training.

We provide safeguarding training for staff and volunteers working in organisations across Luton, to ensure that everyone working with children has the necessary skills to recognise and act upon the signs and indicators of abuse.