

Who are members of the Safeguarding Children Board?

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Board is independently chaired by Dr Russell Wate QPM who provides a strong independent voice, leadership and strategic vision for the PSCB.

The Board is made up of senior managers from the following agencies:

- Peterborough City Council;
- Cambridgeshire County Council
- Cambridgeshire Constabulary
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group; including the Designated Doctor and Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Children
- Public Health;
- East of England Ambulance Service;
- Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Services;
- CAFcASS;
- Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Community Rehabilitation Company (BeNCH CRC);
- National Probation Service;
- NSPCC;
- Healthwatch;
- Lay Members;
- Schools Representatives;



Important contact numbers

Children Social Care	
Peterborough	01733 864170
Cambridgeshire	0345 045 1362
Out of Hours (Emergency Duty Team)	01733 234724
Cambridgeshire Constabulary	101
In an emergency	999
NSPCC	0808 800 5000
Childline	0800 1111

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In 1974, the inquiry into the death of Maria Colwell highlighted a serious lack of coordination among services responsible for child welfare.

In 2003, Lord Laming published his report into the death of Victoria Climbié. It recommended partnership arrangements to have statutory footing to give greater strength to those ways of working. This led to the establishments of Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB).

A Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) is a multi-agency body set up in every local authority with an independent Chair, that is, someone who doesn't work for social services.

The role of the LSCB is to:

- coordinate what is done by everyone on the LSCB to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in the area
- make sure that each organisation acts effectively when they are doing this.

The LSCB publishes policies and procedures for child protection in their area.

Government guidance "Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015" and covers the legislative requirements on individual services to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and provides a clear framework for LSCBs to monitor the effectiveness of local services.

What does the Safeguarding Children Board do?

The core objectives and functions of Local Safeguarding Children Boards as set out in Section 14 of the Children Act 2004 are

A) to coordinate 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

B) To ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for those purposes.

To meet our objectives and functions, we:

- listen to children and young people about what makes them feel unsafe
- monitor how well people who work with children, young people and families are doing to try and help keep children and young people safe
- develop policies and procedures to make sure staff who work with children and young people are all working to the statutory requirements
- provide training to people who work with children and young people to help them do their jobs as well as they can
- collect and analyse information on child deaths in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. This task is carried out by the Child Death Overview Panel, a statutory body established in April 2008
- undertake Serious Case Reviews about children and young people who have died or been seriously harmed and abuse or neglect is suspected

The work of the Safeguarding Children Board?

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board is the way that all agencies come together and work with each other to share information and to make better decisions.

There are a number of multi-agency subgroups to undertake work in order to meet the priorities of the board and to ensure partner agencies safeguard children from abuse or harm.

The subgroups of the PSCB include;

- Serious Case Review Group
- Quality & Effectiveness
- Education Child Protection Information Network (CPIN)
- Online Safeguarding
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Child Death Overview Panel

Short-term "Task and Finish" groups are established where particular pieces of work is required.

The work of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board is published in an Annual Report which is available to the public via our website www.safeguardingpeterborough.org.uk