

1. Background

The LSCB & LSAB seek assurances from all agencies that they have effective safeguarding arrangements.

You may feel that you don't have a voice in this but in fact you do, for example:

- Attendance at Safeguarding Workshops (previously called Multi Agency Professional Discussion Forums) that are advertised every month
- Keeping up to date with training whether it's mandatory or not.
- Knowing how and when you should access LSCB/LSAB policies - they are there to help you in practice.

2. Why it matters

It is important that we can see how parents, children, young people, adults, practitioners and the local community are involved in the development of the safeguarding agenda.

How safe do children, young people and adults at risk of abuse and neglect feel in our Borough?

The Boards set priorities each year that are agreed by its member agencies as being significant themes that need addressing to keep people safe.

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4. Questions for you to consider

Linking to the Boards priorities:

Do you know what the lessons are from local and national case reviews and how they influence changes in your agency's policy and your practice?

Do you gain the views and wishes from those you are safeguarding and do you record this effectively?

Are you up to date with safeguarding training either within your agency, elsewhere or online?

Is your safeguarding practice assertive (and delivered with empathy and compassion), reflective and knowledgeable?

Do you contribute to the development of the safeguarding agenda ?

3. Information

The key priorities for the Boards in 2017/18 include:

- Seek assurances that abuse and neglect is responded to appropriately
- Continue to improve children, young people and adult voice to influence local safeguarding arrangements
- Supporting the development of consistent strategies on the prevention of all types of abuse and neglect
- Implementation of LSCB reforms