



RBWM Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB)

Role Description/Brief for LSCB Members

The two main functions of LSCB are:

- To co-ordinate the work of agencies to safeguard children
- To ensure the effectiveness of safeguarding children in RBWM

Duties

Each individual member of an LSCB has a duty first to promote the effective functioning of the LSCB. This takes priority over any obligation to promote the interests of the board partner by whom he or she is employed.

LSCB members are expected to:

1. Attend meetings of the LSCB regularly and consistently – and special meetings as and when required;
2. Have sufficient authority within their own agency to be able to represent their organisation's view to the Board;
3. Be able to commit the resources of their organisation to support the work of the LSCB;
4. Commit their organisation on policy and practice matters.
5. Confirm their organisation's commitment to the budget of the LSCB.
6. Ensure that the LSCB is informed of all relevant professional and practice issues that will impact on the ability of the organisation represented on the LSCB to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in Windsor and Maidenhead.
7. Be able to influence the strategic planning for safeguarding children within their organisation.
8. Help their organisation understand their responsibilities under s11 of the Children Act 2004, and where applicable, s175/157 of the Education Act 2002 including:



- ensuring all staff are trained in child protection and safeguarding to an appropriate level.
 - ensuring their agency is aware of and complies with updated child protection procedures including effective information sharing.
 - ensuring their agency operates safe recruitment procedures and to challenge any apparent failures or gaps in provision.
9. Share responsibility with all LSCB members for ensuring that the LSCB identifies any impediments to safeguarding practice, including impediments to the effectiveness of the LSCB itself;
 10. ensure that decisions of the LSCB are taken forward within their own organisation, and any impediments or delays are reported to the LSCB;
 11. participate or nominate representation on all relevant LSCB Sub-groups;
 12. play a part in raising awareness of safeguarding within the wider community in Windsor and Maidenhead;
 13. produce or ensure the production of reports to and from their organisation as required;
 14. contribute to the development of the annual LSCB Business Plan and to its implementation;
 15. comply with and support any audit undertaken of the effectiveness of the LSCB or safeguarding practice within their own organisation;
 16. maintain up-to-date knowledge or safeguarding issues, undertaking personal training as required;