

Contact numbers

You should share any concerns about children and young people's safety and well-being with any of the following:

- **Police**
01234 841212
- **Children Social Care**
Bedford Borough
01234 223599
Central Bedfordshire
0300 300 4749/4750
- **Out of Hours Emergency Duty Team**
0300 300 8123

Finding out more

If you would like to know more about the LSCB's or require further copies, a large print copy please contact us by telephone, email or send a letter as below.

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Bedford Borough Safeguarding Children Board & Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board

Working together to safeguard children



What is a Local Safeguarding Children Board?

What is a Local Safeguarding Children Board? (LSCB)

The Government passed a Law called The Children Act 2004 that says that all services working with children and young people have to work together to keep children safe. It says that one of the ways they need to do this is by having Senior Managers who make decisions in those services come together regularly on a Board called The Local Safeguarding Children Board. They meet to ensure that all services are working together effectively to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.

Bedford Borough Safeguarding Children Board (BBSCB) & Central Bedfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (CBSCB) are made up of Senior Managers from the following services;

- Bedford Borough Council
- Central Bedfordshire Council
- Health Service (including Acute Trust, NHS Bedfordshire, Bedfordshire Community Health Services and Mental Health services)
- Police
- Child and Family Court Advisory Support Services (CAFCASS)
- Probation Service
- Voluntary Sector Consortium
- Border and Immigration
- Ambulance Service
- Fire and Rescue Service

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children means children are:

- Safe from maltreatment, neglect, violence and sexual exploitation.
- Safe from accidental injury and death.
- Safe from bullying and discrimination.
- Safe from crime and anti-social behaviour in and out of school.
- Provided with security, stability and feel safe and cared for.

What will it do?

LSCB's have responsibility to help children and young people to be safe and not harmed. It has a responsibility to monitor how well people who work with children, young people and families are doing to try and help children to stay safe.

It also has to ensure that staff who work with children and families are all working to the same rules or procedures and have training to help them to do their jobs as well as they can.

LSCB's have a work plan that sets out what they are going to do to try and help children stay safe and how they are going to do it; this is called a Business Plan and is available at the LSCB's website www.bedfordshirelscb.org.uk

LSCB's members will work together in partnership, children & young people should be listened to and children should be kept safe and helped to do the best that they can.

LSCB's monitor how services work with children and young people. Where these services are not working well the LSCB's they will ask those services to make the necessary changes and inform the LSCB's when they have been completed.

Safeguarding children and young people is everyone's responsibility. If it worries you, share your concerns!

Never delay action to safeguard a child or young person. Children and young people may be harmed by:

- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Neglect
- Emotional abuse

Research tells us that we should also pay careful attention to the needs of children and young people where there is:

- Domestic abuse in the family
- A parent who misuses drugs or alcohol
- A parent with a mental illness