



Role & Responsibilities: Surrey Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB)



Why is there an SSCB?

Surrey Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) is a Statutory body established under

- Section 13 of the Children Act 2004
- Working Together to Safeguard Children March 2015

Objectives of the local safeguarding children board are to

- Co-ordinate and
- ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each person or body represented on the board for the purpose of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area.

Governance

The LSCB is committed to working closely with other partnerships, including

- Community Safety Partnerships
- Health and Wellbeing Board
- Surrey Children and Young People's Partnership,

to ensure strategic co-ordination around common priorities and effective use of limited partnership resource.

SSCB Core Business

To ensure the SSCB is able to deliver its responsibilities set out in Working Together 2015 it has five core business objectives:

- Optimise the effectiveness of arrangements to safeguard and protect children and young people
- Ensure clear governance arrangements are in place for safeguarding children and young people
- Oversee Serious case reviews (SCR`s), Partnership Reviews and Child Death (CDOP) processes and ensure learning and actions are implemented as a result
- To ensure a safe workforce and that single-agency and multi-agency training is effective and disseminate good practice
- To raise awareness of the roles and responsibilities of the LSCB and promote agency and community roles and responsibilities in relation to safeguarding children and young people.

Additional Priorities

In addition to the delivery of core business the SSCB has identified four targeted priorities on which to focus:

- **Early Help**
- **Child Sexual Exploitation,**
- **Child Protection & Neglect**
- **Domestic Abuse**

In addition to the work of task groups the SSCB will also continue to monitor, contribute and learn from National and Regional SCRs and other Local Safeguarding Children Boards' strategic priorities.

SSCB Safeguarding Multi-agency Training

For information, details and booking of
Foundation and Specialist Safeguarding
Training:

www.surreyscb.org.uk

Quality Assurance Role

- Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of what is done by the Board's partners individually and collectively to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people and to advise them on ways to improve.
- Section 11 audits biannually
- Regular audits are undertaken e.g.
 - Early Help
 - Core Groups
 - Domestic Abuse
 - CSE
 - Neglect

Partners Responsibilities

- Participation in multi agency audits and Section 11 audits to provide a fuller more detailed picture
- Participate in SSCB Sub Groups
- Improve dissemination of information from the SSCB through formal and informal channels within partner organisations
- Work collaboratively; sharing information in a timely and appropriate way to inform decision making and protect children from harm
- Provide appropriate professional challenge, using escalation procedures when professional differences of opinion relating to decision making impact on the safety of children
- Record clearly decisions and the rationale for making that decision
- Improve outcomes for children and young people by ensuring that staff are well trained and competent in their practice with effective and supportive supervision in place.

SSCB contact details

- New website: www.surreyscb.org.uk
- SSCB Support Team:
 - sscb@surreycc.gov.uk 01372 833330
- SSCB Training Team
 - sscb.training@surreycc.gov.uk
- If you would like to receive the SSCB quarterly newsletter please access [link on website](#).

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub

MASH

- **Launch date:** Wed 5 Oct 2016 co location of a range of professionals on 6 floor of **Guildford Police Station** replacing current referral system
- One front door for **all children**, family and **adult** referrals for support, advice and services.
- **Levels of Need Document** to determine appropriate level of service
- Every concern will be considered and referred to the appropriate service; both statutory or within the Early Help offer.
- An enhanced Early Help offer.
 - MASH number: 0300 470 9100
 - Out of hours number: 01483 517898
 - Surrey Police 999 in an emergency

Safer Surrey Approach

- Unifying approach to safeguarding across the Directorate and with partner agencies
- Strengths based and solution focused approach
- Simplifying language used to describe children and families difficulties and struggles, allowing us to see opportunities, hope and solutions.
- Open and transparent decision making
- Closer collaboration between all partners
- Launch 2016 (See Safer Surrey Toolkit on SSCB website)

Safer Surrey

- Putting the family at the heart of implementing positive change, making sure they are central to the process and decision making, rather than just being guided by a professional.
- The [Safer Surrey](#) approach is a way of building on the best of what's already being done, sharing good practice and, most importantly, making sure we have **the voice of the child at the heart** of everything we do.
- <http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/childrens-improvement-programme/safer-surrey>

Safer Surrey Approach (Mapping Tool)

Integrated approach incorporating both problems and strengths through a planning and assessment framework that looks at:

- What's working well? (existing strengths & safety)
- What are we worried about? (past harm, future danger, complicating factors)
- What do we still need to know? (grey areas, unknown information, where do we need further information)
- What needs to happen? (for future safety)

Range of tools including scales (0-10) to use with families:

0 = Highest Concern 10 = Success

Any Questions?