



Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Board



About the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Board

The Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Board (GSCB) was established in 2006 in response to the Every Child Matters reforms and the Children Act 2004; which required each Local Authority to establish a Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). The Board is made up of professionals from partner agencies responsible for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people including protection from harm.

What is safeguarding?

“Protecting children from maltreatment, preventing impairment of children’s health or development, ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe & effective care and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

(Source: Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015)

The core, statutory objectives of the GSCB are:

- *To co-ordinate 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 of the authority;*
- *To ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for that purpose*

It is the role of the GSCB to ensure the effective co-ordination of its partner agencies and to agree how local services and professionals should work together in order to safeguard and promote the welfare of its children and young people. In addition the Safeguarding board has responsibility to hold agencies to account in their safeguarding role.

Who to contact in the GSCB:

GSCB Administration: 01452 583 629

Safeguarding Business Manager: 01452 583 623

LADO and Education: 01452 426 994

Schools Training: 01452 426 221

Multi-agency Training: 01452 583621

If you have concerns for a child which are of an urgent nature, i.e. a child appears to require immediate protection, contact; **Children and families helpdesk: 01452 426565**

For further information

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