

What should I do if I am worried about a child or young person?

Children and young people depend on the adults around them to keep them safe, and to be well cared for. If you are a parent, carer, child or young person or a professional and you have concerns about the safety and welfare of a child, **Don't Keep It To Yourself**, call:

Luton Initial Assessment Team:

01582 547653

Out of Office Hours:

0300 3008123.

Police Child Abuse Investigation Unit:

01234 846960

or in an emergency dial 999

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC):

Help-line: 0808 800 5000

Childline: 0800 1111

Further information is available from the following websites:

www.lutonlscb.org

www.luton.gov.uk

www.nspcc.org.uk

Frequently asked questions from professionals

If I am a professional working with children and young people or their parents and carers, where will I find the policies and procedures?

All the LSCB policies and procedures are on our web site. Anyone who works with children, young people or their parents and carers in Luton should know where these policies are, know what they say and know what to do if they are worried about a child or young person they know or hear about.

What sort of training is available?

The LSCB makes sure that all the basic safeguarding children training given to staff in their own organisations meets a good standard.

We also provide a multi-agency programme of training which includes a wide range of courses for paid staff and unpaid volunteers working in organisations across Luton.

Our training brochure can be found on our web-site;

www.lutonlscb.org



Website: www.lutonlscb.org

Email: safeguarding@luton.gov.uk

Who are the LSCB?

Luton Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) is there to ensure that everyone works together to safeguard and protect children and young people from abuse and neglect, and to promote the idea that safeguarding is everyone's business.

The LSCB brings together all the main organisations who work with children and their parents and carers in Luton, (including the police, social care, education, probation and a number of health agencies as well as community and voluntary groups) to make sure that the child protection work undertaken in these organisations meets a good standard.

The Government expects the LSCB to make sure that all these organisations have the necessary policies and procedures in place, that their staff know about these procedures and that anyone working in these organisations has the training they need to keep children and young people safe.

Safeguarding is Everyone's Business

This is the message that motivates the **Luton Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB)** to carry out its work.

We believe that everyone in society has a role to play in keeping children and young people safe from harm. No *one* professional and no *one* member of the public can do this alone. We all need to trust our instincts, share our concerns and work together to protect children from abuse and neglect.

Look out for future campaigns in the local press or take a look at our web-site for more information about what we do and the policies, procedures and training that are there to help us all protect children from abuse and neglect.



www.lutonlscb.org

What does the LSCB do?

We carry out special investigations called Serious Case Reviews (SCR) that are carried out when a child is injured or dies and abuse or neglect is known or suspected to be part of the reason for their death. The main aim of the SCR is to find out what happened and to do whatever we can to reduce the risk of something like it happening again, by sharing all the lessons learned with all the organisations involved, and by including all the important messages in our training.

We provide safeguarding training for paid staff and unpaid volunteers working in organisations across Luton, to ensure that everyone working with children has the necessary skills to recognise and act upon the signs and indicators of abuse.

We provide policies and procedures which professionals use to help keep children and young people safe.

We are involved in local campaigns for the safety of children and young people including 'Keeping Baby Safe', and computer safety events like 'Be Safe, Be Aware, Have Fun'.