

Who are members of the Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board?

The PSCB is independently chaired by **Dr Russell Wate QPM** who provides a strong independent voice, leadership and strategic vision for the PSCB.

The Board is made up of senior managers from the following agencies:

- Peterborough City Council; including the Director for Children Services
 - People and Communities;
 - Education Services;
 - Youth Offending;
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group; including the Designated Doctor and Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Children
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust;
- Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust;
- Peterborough & Stamford Hospitals NHS Trust;
- East of England Ambulance Service;
- Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Services;
- CAFCASS;
- Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Community Rehabilitation Company (BeNCH CRC);
- National Probation Service;
- NSPCC;
- Healthwatch;
- Lay Members;
- NHS England;
- Schools Representatives;
- Cambridgeshire Constabulary;



Important contact numbers

Children Social Care (Mon—Fri 9am—5pm)
01733 864170 or 864180

Out of Hours Emergencies — 01733 234724

Cambridgeshire Constabulary — 101

National Society of the Prevention of
Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) — 0800 800 5000

Childline—0800 1111

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Keeping Children
Safe Together

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In 1974, the inquiry into the death of Maria Colwell highlighted a serious lack of coordination among services responsible for child welfare. The Inquiry's report led to the development of Area Child Protection Committees (ACPCs) in England and Wales, which were established to coordinate local efforts to safeguard children at risk.

In January 2003, Lord Laming published his report into the death of Victoria Climbié. It recommended and led to arrangements to put those coordinated partnerships onto a stronger and statutory footing to give greater strength to those ways of working. In September 2003 the Green Paper *Every Child Matters* proposed the establishment of statutory Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB) to replace ACPCs.

The Children Act 2004 was passed by Parliament enshrining in statute the requirement for every local authority to establish a Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). The Government's intention is that the council and other organisations in the area including the police, Health, Schools, the Voluntary Sector and many others, work better together to keep children safe from harm.

The Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board was formed on 21st October 2005 and has an independent chair to provide challenge our partners.

Government guidance "Working Together to Safeguard Children" was updated in March 2015 and covers the legislative requirements on individual services to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and provides a clear framework for LSCBs to monitor the effectiveness of local services.

What does the Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board do?

The core objectives and functions of Local Safeguarding Children Boards as set out in Section 14 of the Children Act 2004 are

- A) to coordinate 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; and
- B) To ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for those purposes.

To meet our objectives and functions, we:

- listen to children and young people about what makes them feel unsafe
- monitor how well people who work with children, young people and families are doing to try and help keep children and young people safe
- develop policies and procedures to make sure staff who work with children and young people are all working to the statutory requirements
- provide training to people who work with children and young people to help them do their jobs as well as they can
- collect and analyse information on child deaths in Peterborough. This task is carried out by the Child Death Overview Panel, a statutory body established in April 2008
- undertake Serious Case Reviews about children and young people who have died or been seriously harmed and abuse or neglect is suspected

The work of the Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board?

The Peterborough Safeguarding Children Board is the way that all agencies come together and work with each other to share information and to make better decisions.

There are a number of multi-agency subgroups to undertake work in order to meet the priorities of the board and to ensure partner agencies safeguard children from abuse or harm.

The subgroups of the PSCB include;

- Serious Case Review Group
- Strategic Learning and Development
- Quality & Effectiveness
- Education Child Protection Information Network (CPIN)
- E-Safety
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Health Executive Safeguarding Board
- Child Death Overview Panel
- Short-term "Task and Finish" groups are established where particular pieces of work is required.

The work of the PSCB is published in an Annual Report which is available to the public via our website (www.safeguardingpeterborough.org.uk)