

What does the CSCB do for Children & Young People?

Apart from our statutory functions to safeguard you and to improve outcomes for all children, our website has lots of useful advice and links to organisations in the community who cover a range of subjects including bullying, on line abuse, child sexual exploitation and other topics which you or your friends might need from time to time.

We welcome opportunities to talk to young people, either at community events or in schools, so come along and let us know what you think we should be doing to help keep children and young people safe, or how we can enhance the learning available for you and your friends.

What does the CSCB do for Parents & Carers?

The website is a source of information and advice, whether you want it to support a child, or whether you need more understanding of care proceedings or early help processes.

You can supplement your knowledge via specialist courses for parents and parents to be, or via our on line courses. Why not increase your professional development in safeguarding and other relevant areas such as autism awareness, substance misuse and domestic violence.

The CSCB works in the community, promoting the training and resources available. Take the opportunity to talk to us when you see us out and about.



How do I find out more/get involved?

If you would like to find out more about the role and functions of the CSCB, including the different subgroups in operation, go to the CSCB website at <http://croydonlcsb.org.uk>

Or speak to any member of the Board Team on **0208 604 7275**

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Croydon Safeguarding Children Board



What is the Croydon Safeguarding Children Board (CSCB)?

- 1 Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) were established by the **Children Act 2004** which gives a statutory responsibility to each locality to have this mechanism in place.
- 2 The LSCB is independent of the Local Authority although the Chair is accountable to the Chief Executive Officer.
- 3 LSCBs are now the key system in every locality of the country for partner agencies to come together to agree on how they will cooperate with one another to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.
- 4 The LSCB is representative of the multi-agency partnership within the Local Authority and is responsible for ensuring that commissioners of children's services and all agencies with frontline contact with children have suitable safeguarding arrangements in place.
- 5 The purpose of this partnership working is to hold each other to account and to ensure safeguarding children remains high on the agenda across their region.

Who Chairs the CSCB?



The Croydon Children Safeguarding Board is chaired by Sarah Baker, an Independent Chair.

What does the CSCB do?

- 1 The CSCB **oversees the safeguarding arrangements** of all agency networks working directly with children.
- 2 The CSCB oversees any **Serious Case Reviews** undertaken within the Local Authority as well as the **Child Death Overview Panel**.
- 3 Establishes and oversees sub-groups on areas of **policy and practice** development.
- 4 Undertakes independent **audits into practice** areas / areas of risk.
- 5 Facilitates and delivers **multiagency safeguarding training** to staff across the partnership.
- 6 Has an overview of compliance around **Child Protection Conferences** (i.e. reports on time, attendance of other agencies/quorate) and other key performance areas across the partnership.
- 7 **Promote & raise awareness of safeguarding issues** for children, such as domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation, missing children.
- 8 The CSCB contributes to the **commissioning and planning** of services for children across Croydon.

How can I access free training?

Use the links on our website on the Professionals Tab (Learning & Development) <http://croydonlcsb.org.uk/professionals>

If you are working with children and families in Croydon (including as a volunteer) we are keen to get you involved in the many free courses designed to raise the awareness of safeguarding children. Go to the website to see what safeguarding training you need. Plus there is a range of free safeguarding e-learning for anyone who lives or works in Croydon. Even if you don't work directly with children and families, the safeguarding e-learning will help you be more aware of how to keep children safe; making a safer Borough for children and adults alike.

What does the CSCB do for Professionals?

The website has a wealth of up to date information and advice for professionals working with children, or with adults who have children.

The Professionals Area links you to various documents and other resources to ensure you have the latest research from national resources as well as reports and audits relating to Croydon children and young people.

The newsletter and posts keep you informed of all training opportunities as well as keeping you up to date with what other professionals working with children and young people are doing.

Our meetings, whilst having statutory duties, are also an opportunity to network with other professionals and drive multi-agency partnerships focusing on outcomes for children.

