



## **What is the LSCB?**

Children in Southampton can only be properly kept safe if the key agencies work together.

Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB)s were established by the Children Act 2004 to help make sure that this happens. LSCBs are the key system in every local authority area of the country for organisations to come together to agree on how they will cooperate with one another and ensure their work to safeguard and promote the welfare of children is effective. The purpose of this partnership working is to hold each other to account and to ensure safeguarding children remains high on the agenda in the City.

## **Who are the members of the LSCB?**

The LSCB is led by an Independent Chair supported by a Board Manager and a Business Coordinator.

The Board is made up of members from local agencies such as Police, Children Services, Adult Services, Probation, Health, Voluntary Sector, Schools and Housing.

Southampton LSCB has a number of sub groups working on key issues which involve a wide range of services. The LSCB aims to include the voices of children, young people and their families as well as frontline professionals in its work.

## **What does the LSCB do?**

The LSCB has core functions set out in the Children Act 2004 and in *Working Together to Safeguard Children – A guide to inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children 2013* including:

- Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of what is done in the city to safeguard children and promote their welfare
- Developing policies and procedures for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children
- Raising awareness of the need to safeguard children and young people
- Participating in the planning of services for children
- Undertaking serious case reviews and reviews of child deaths, advising on lessons to be learned.

For more information on Southampton LSCB, please visit [www.southamptonlscb.co.uk](http://www.southamptonlscb.co.uk).