

**LSCB** { Southampton Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) is a statutory body that leads on keeping children safe and ensuring their wellbeing in Southampton.



The majority of children and young people in Southampton grow up happy, safe and well in secure families and communities...

...unfortunately there are children and young people in the city that face significant challenges and risks in their lives.



The LSCB is a group of agencies that work together to make sure that services in the city are working together to keep children safe.



OFSTED reviewed the work of the LSCB in July 2014. They found that we are effective at focusing on the right areas. They saw evidence of many positive changes which should lead to improved safeguarding for children.



They judged that it was too early to see the impact of these changes and so said that overall the LSCB requires improvement.

## Children in Southampton

The current population of Southampton is

**245,300**

**51,700**  
children under 18

This is 21% of the total population in the area.

**19.7% of children from black and minority ethnic (BME) groups**

The largest (BME) groups are Asian or British Asian.

## Primary schools

Children in Southampton who's first language is not English

**25.3%** compared to England average **19.4%**

## Secondary schools

Children in Southampton who's first language is not English

**20.1%** compared to England average **15%**

The health and wellbeing of children in Southampton is generally worse than the England average. Infant and child mortality rates are similar to the England average

**23.5%** of children are living in poverty compared to England average **19.2%**

**18.4%** of children are eligible for free school meals in Primary schools compared to England average **15.6%**

## Early years and education

**86%** of schools are outstanding or good



**TOP 3**

Southampton is in the top 3 performing local authorities in the South East (Ofsted)



Good level of Early Years Development indicator (introduced by DfE)

**62%** of providers reach this level

**10% A\*-C** Increase in Children Looked After attaining A\*-C in English and Maths GCSE

## School attendance



**25,099**

Number of days needed to bring the attendance rate up to the same level as the National average (of **4.4%**).



**4.8%** of young people not in employment, education or training (NEET) this is below the national average.



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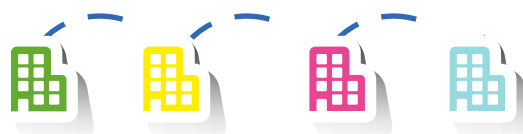
## Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

**19,542**

contacts were made to MASH about safeguarding concerns during 2014-15.

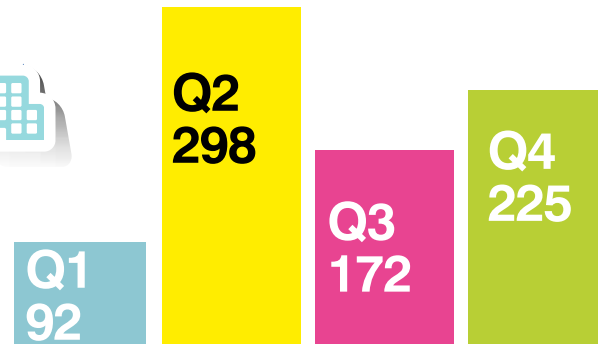
**1,196**  
average per month

## Early Help



The Early Help service includes multi agency teams

Number of Universal Help Assessments completed



## Child Protection Planning

In Quarter 4, the rate of Children on a CP Plan was

**81 per 10,000** of the population



The percentage of children subject to repeat child protection plans has varied between

**9-16%** **15%**

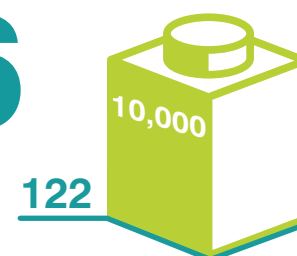


Close to England average

## Children Looked After

**586**

Southampton has a high number of children that are looked after, compared to other areas



**122**  
...122 per 10,000 of the population



England average 60

The LSCB:

**13**

Safeguarding Policies have been checked and approved by the Board



The LSCB:

**89%**

Challenges made by the Board are complete and resulted in positive change



The LSCB:

**14**

Agencies have sent in Section 11 Audits (to demonstrate their agencies knowledge and practice around safeguarding)



The LSCB carries out case reviews when things go wrong and children are harmed. This year the LSCB found the common themes in its reviews which have helped us to learn lessons and change services;



Use of child protection procedures needs strengthening



Neglect is an area that needs more work



Domestic violence and abuse is a key safeguarding concern



Improve escalation of concerns between services



Staffing and supervision needs a focus



Thinking family not just about the child or adult



We need to understand diversity better



Safeguarding of children when they attend school or are electively home educated



Responses to child death need to be improved

**65%**

The LSCB has written an action plan based on these themes to target its work areas. 65% of these actions have been implemented so far the rest are in progress.

## Summary of priority areas for the next three years

- 1 Make sure that every agency in the City is working to Safeguard Children and Young People until they are safe
- 2 Ensure that the cut in resources do not impact on the standard of Safeguarding in the City and children's safety
- 3 Coordinate the work that is being done in the City to try and stop radicalisation, exploitation and victimisation of Children and Young People
- 4 Use learning from case reviews to improve the safety and wellbeing of Children and Young People in the City
- 5 Make sure that agencies are focussed on building resilience and raising aspirations of Children and Young People in Southampton

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