



**STOCKPORT**

**Local Safeguarding Children's Board**

**COMPACT**

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## **THE STOCKPORT LSCB COMPACT**

This Compact sets out the priorities, aspirations, commitments and standards of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). It is a working document and will be reviewed annually by the LSCB in line with other policy developments relating to children and young people.

The LSCB comprises of representatives from Stockport Children's Services, Stockport Primary Care Trust, Stockport NHS Foundation Trust, Pennine Mental Health Trust, Greater Manchester Police, and a range of voluntary and independent organisations.

The work of the LSCB is closely linked with the work of the Stockport Children and Young People's Partnership.

The Compact is an essential part of all services for Children and Families, and is endorsed by all the Partners below:

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<b>John Schultz</b> <b>Chief Executive, Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council</b>	<b>Date</b>
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<b>Richard Popplewell</b> <b>Chief Executive, Stockport Primary Care Trust.</b>	<b>Date</b>
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<b>Dr. Chris Burke.</b> <b>Chief Executive, Stockport Foundation Trust.</b>	<b>Date</b>
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Compact is to provide a basis for all agencies, statutory and voluntary, to develop effective safeguarding measures. Through raised awareness, good practice and robust systems and procedures, staff will be supported to ensure the safeguarding and promotion of welfare of children is effective and sustainable.

The principles of this compact are based upon the following National guidance and statutory requirements ; **Working Together 2006, Children Act 2004**, and the **National Service Framework, Children, Young People and Maternity Services (2005)**.

The work of LSCBs is part of the wider context of children's trust arrangements that aim to improve the overall wellbeing (i.e. the five Every Child Matters outcomes) of all children in the local area which are expressed in The **Children and Young Peoples' Strategic Plan**.

All services for Stockport's Children and Young People are united across professional boundaries in their aim to ensure that all children in Stockport grow up safely, with their families where possible, in their own community and that they enjoy the best possible health and education, and develop to their maximum potential.

The Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) has the lead role in co-ordinating and improving services to safeguard children and young people in Stockport. To enable the LSCB to carry out this function effectively all agencies have given a commitment that:

- There will be effective accountability across and between all agencies to raise the priority of safeguarding children.
- Clear practice standards, policies and procedures will be implemented to ensure the early intervention and effective safeguarding and promotion of welfare of children.
- The LSCB will be supported by its member organisations with adequate and reliable resource.
- All agencies will be committed to the integration and continuous improvement of services to safeguard and promote the welfare children.
- The skills, effectiveness and competency of the Children's Workforce will be enhanced by single organisational and multi-agency training.

## 2. WHAT DO WE MEAN BY SAFEGUARDING?

The term 'safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children' is well understood within the context of the Children Act 1989 which provides the statutory framework for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in need. In this compact, welfare is defined, as in the Children Act 1989, in terms of children's health and development, where health means 'physical or mental health' and development, 'physical, intellectual, emotional, social or behavioural development'. The term 'children' refers to all children and young people aged 0-18.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children are defined in Working Together (2006) as:

- Protecting children from maltreatment
- Preventing impairment of children's health or development
- Ensuring that children are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and

effective care, and undertaking that role so as to enable children to have optimum life chances such that they can enter adulthood successfully.

In Stockport the LSCB has agreed the following definition of safeguarding :

***“TO ENSURE CHILDREN ARE KEPT SAFE FROM HARM AND TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT TO PROMOTE THEIR WELL BEING AND LIFE CHANCES”***

The LSCB has extended the definition of safeguarding to include prevention and promotion of welfare, and will have a remit to promote the safety and welfare of all children in Stockport, in addition to continuing to lead in the well established area of child protection for those who are vulnerable.

### **3. PURPOSE OF THE LSCB**

The core objectives of the LSCB are set out in section 14(1) of the Children Act 2004 as follows:

- a) to co-ordinate 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 of the authority; and
- b) to ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for that purpose.

Stockport will achieve these objectives within the context of the Children and Young People's Strategic Plan which outlines six local outcomes to be achieved for children and young people in Stockport which are for them to:

- Be well cared for, healthy and able to make healthy choices
- Feel safe and secure
- Enjoy learning and reach their full potential
- Make a positive contribution and feel valued
- Take an active part in and gain from Stockport's success
- Through services that are planned and organised around the needs of children and make best use of available resources.

The LSCB is committed to these outcomes and will have a key role in ensuring children feel safe and secure.

#### 4. KEY FUNCTIONS OF THE LSCB

Working Together (2006) defines the following key functions for the LSCB:

- Developing policies and procedures for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area of the authority.
- Communicating to persons and bodies in the area of the authority the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, raising their awareness of how this can best be done and encouraging them to do so.
- Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of what is done by the Local Authority and board partners individually and collectively to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and advise them on ways to improve.
- Participating in the local planning and commissioning of children's services to ensure that they take safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children into account.
- Undertaking reviews of cases where a child has died or has been seriously harmed in circumstances where abuse or neglect is known or suspected and advising on lessons that can be learned. (plus additional functions relating to child deaths compulsory from April 2008).

In Stockport the following key roles will be undertaken via the board:

- Provide the strategic lead in the continued development of safeguarding services
- Co-ordinate and scrutinise local agencies' arrangements for safeguarding children
- Ensure the effectiveness of the Children's Trust approach and other agencies' agreements for safeguarding children
- Ensure safeguarding is planned within all service development
- Ensure that lessons are learnt from every child's death and serious incident and that families are provided with appropriate support after a child dies
- Promote safeguarding prevention strategies to minimise the requirement for protection.

In undertaking these roles and working with other strategic groups and planning forums we aim to maximise the safety, security and stability of children and young people in relation to:

- Accidental injury and death
- Maltreatment, neglect, violence and sexual exploitation
- Bullying and discrimination
- Crime and anti-social behaviour.
- the care they receive from their parents, carers and families

## 5. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTED ON THE LSCB

Each organisation has a responsibility as a member of the LSCB to support the standards of the LSCB and communicate the work of the LSCB within their organisation in order to promote positive outcomes for children. An awareness and appreciation of the role of others is also essential to achieve effective working together and shared responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The key responsibilities of organisations in this respect are defined in the Section 11 guidance for the Children Act 2004 in addition to Working Together. They therefore form a LSCB commitment in order for the work of the Board to be achieved.

### COMMON RESPONSIBILITIES

All organisations providing services for children will have in place:

- A clear commitment from senior management as to the importance of safeguarding and promoting children's welfare.
- A clear line of accountability within the organisation for work relating to the safeguarding and promoting of children's welfare.
- Recruitment and human resources management procedures that take account of the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children including appropriate checks on new staff and volunteers.
- Appropriate procedures for dealing with allegations of abuse against members of staff and volunteers.
- Appropriate training arrangements to ensure all staff are trained to undertake their responsibilities effectively and understand their establishment's arrangements for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. This will include regular training updates as necessary.
- Appropriate and effective policies and procedures in relation to safeguarding children and promoting their welfare that are in accordance with their inter-agency procedures.
- Effective arrangements for working with other organisations to safeguard and promote the welfare of children including arrangements for sharing information.
- Appropriate whistle blowing procedures and a culture that enables safeguarding issues to be addressed – monitoring programmes in place to provide assurance of compliance within the above.

In addition to these responsibilities, all organisations will undertake profession specific roles to contribute to the overall objective of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Key responsibilities are defined below:

#### **Children and Young Peoples' Directorate**

- Deliver safe and accessible services and involve children and young people as appropriate in their development.
- Identify children who may be vulnerable or at risk of harm and offer appropriate assessments and intervention
- Provide children with safe environments and ensure they are educated about managing risk and improving resilience.
- Manage situations where child welfare concerns exist

**Stockport PCT, Stockport NHS Foundation Trust, Pennine Care Mental Health Trust and the Strategic Health Authority**

- Meet appropriate Health and Social Care standards, and standard five of the National Service Framework
- Provide advice and expertise and promote good professional practice by the provision of designated and named nurses and doctors in relation to safeguarding.
- Ensure staff receive appropriate training and are alert to indicators of abuse

**Crime prevention and detection services**

- Ensure a protocol is in place to support the sharing of information with LSCB members to support the safeguarding of children
- Work to prevent crime against or involving children and minimise the potential for children to become victims
- Implement clear policies and procedures in relation to safeguarding with appropriate links to other agencies, and a proactive approach .

**6. CHILDREN'S PRIORITIES**

In November 2004, February and March 2005 and January 2006, a series of consultation sessions were held with groups of children and young people, to ask their views about their worries, what they would change and what their priorities were for Staying Safe.

The consultation sessions were run by Stockport Corporate Youth Strategy Team, Stockport Children's Fund Participation Officer, Stockport Play Development Team, GHK Consulting (as part of the evaluation of Stockport Children's Fund), the Children in Need evaluation, and the LSCB project Group.

These are the themes identified by children and young people (in their own words) as priority areas for Staying Safe. Some of these issues are not solely the responsibility of the LSCB and will be addressed in other multi-agency forums including the Children and Young Peoples Strategic Partnership and Safer Stockport partnership.

**Road Safety:**

Better street lighting;  
Improved school and 'puffin' crossings;  
Less cars and car pollution;  
Traffic control;  
More police in local areas;  
Communicating and respecting young people;  
Better bus and taxi security.  
Clearer identification of cycle lanes to promote a safer environment for cycling to school.

**Safety at School and Outside School:**

Safer playgrounds;  
No bullying and name-calling, inside and outside of school;  
Monitoring of visitors in school – name badges (visitors books no good to children only teachers);  
Less children dropping children off at school;  
No vandalism.  
American systems for having separate bus supervisors from drivers – might help the problem of

managing children and young people on school buses.

**Environment:**

Safe areas for young people to meet, better security patrols;  
CCTV;  
Less pollution;  
Less litter;  
Passive smoking;  
Drug dealing.

**At Home:**

More alarms (fire, burglar, smoke);  
Being looked after with someone careful, and that knows what's right and what's wrong;  
Having a mum and dad to care for me and stick up for me;  
Having a great family who never gets mad;  
Listening to children.

With thanks to the children and young people from: Westmoreland Primary School, St Matthew's School, North Heaton Primary School, Brookhead Primary School, Reddish Vale Technology College, Children's Fund Leisure Referral Project and for vulnerable and looked after children, APPNA (Asian Girls Group) Edgeley Playscheme, the Corporate Youth Strategy Group, the Children in Need evaluation and the Reddish Vale Technology College School Council.

The Children and Young Peoples' Strategic Plan 2006-09 identifies priorities for staying safe and this compact is written in accordance with those priorities.

- To reduce accidental injuries (e.g. RTA's) in targeted areas of deprivation
- To reduce the percentage of children and young people who are looked after
- To reduce the reliance (and expenditure) on external placements
- To improve the stability of looked after children and increase adoption rates.
- The introduction of comprehensive monitoring in relation to bullying and improvements in intervention
- Provision of safe homes and stability.

## **7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LSCB**

The 3 year strategic outcomes to be achieved by the board relate to all children and young people and their carers in Stockport including those from diverse cultures or with diverse needs who may require additional input in order for their safeguarding needs to be met. The outcomes are grouped and will be measured using the standards outlined below:

### ***Standard 1 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR CARERS ARE INFORMED ABOUT KEY RISKS AND HOW TO DEAL WITH THEM***

- Information for the purposes of safeguarding children is shared and used appropriately between organisations and with children, young people and carers in order to maximise children's safety.
- Children, young people and carer's understanding and perceptions of key risks are accurate, up to date and informed by the provision of appropriate information.
- Organisations have an accurate and evidence based understanding of key risks that informs their publicity and communication.

### ***Standard 2 STEPS ARE TAKEN TO PROVIDE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A SAFE ENVIRONMENT***

- The LSCB raises safeguarding awareness and scrutinises the safeguarding of children across service planning and delivery, contributing as appropriate to service development.
- The LSCB ensure advice and expertise is available in relation to safeguarding requirements for organisations developing services in Stockport.
- The LSCB publicises the importance of safeguarding responsibilities to non-statutory organisations throughout Stockport.

### ***Standard 3 STEPS ARE TAKEN TO MINIMISE THE INCIDENCE OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT***

- The LSCB promotes use of the Common Assessment Framework to ensure the meeting of children's welfare needs at the earliest possible stage via single or multi-agency support for families.
- The LSCB ensure all organisations whose staff (including volunteers) have contact with children and/or families, have in place clear policies, strategies and procedures to promote and safeguard children's welfare.
- Robust procedures are in place in all organisations working with children to ensure that appropriate safety checks are carried out on all staff pre-employment.

**Standard 4**      **CHILD PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF WORKING TOGETHER TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN**

- The LSCB ensures that all staff in organisations working with children are alert to potential signs of abuse or neglect and know how to make an appropriate referral for support/enquiry.
- The LSCB promotes effective and appropriate information sharing in relation to child protection between agencies and authorities in order to ensure children in need of protection are safeguarded.
- The LSCB requires organisations to work in accordance with safeguarding policies and procedures to develop and implement systems for ensuring children are safeguarded, and monitors and evaluates their effectiveness in protecting children.

**Standard 5**      **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE GROWING UP IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES ARE HELPED TO STAY SAFE**

- Organisations acknowledge that children and young people are more vulnerable if growing up in special circumstances and have policies, procedures and practice that reflect this.

Special circumstances are defined in the section 11 guidance of the Children Act 2004 as children and young people who are : Looked After; in custody; have a disability; from a black or minority ethnic group; placed for adoption; in hospital; or are a refugee or seeking asylum.

**Standard 6**      **THERE IS A CONSISTENT RIGOROUS AND OPEN APPROACH TO QUALITY ASSURANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY WITHIN AGENCIES IN RELATION TO SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

- The LSCB develops effective evidence based systems to ensure that children are safeguarded across services, and promotes continuous service improvement.
- The LSCB takes a robust approach to ensure that policies and procedures are adhered to by the relevant organisations.
- Openness and accountability within and between organisations in relation to the safeguarding of children is promoted.

**Standard 7**      **THERE IS A CLEAR COMMITMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN ORDER TO SUPPORT SERVICE DELIVERY AND IMPROVEMENT.**

- The LSCB ensures that staff and volunteers of all relevant organisations who work with children, young people and carers are appropriately trained in respect of good safeguarding practice and are appropriately skilled for the task.
- The LSCB will demonstrate the effectiveness of safeguarding training through a process of audit, and evaluation of services delivered, encouraging continuous improvement.
- The LSCB will ensure an appropriate level of resources is dedicated to the promotion of a confident and skilled workforce.

**Standard 8**      **SERVICES FOR SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND PROMOTING THEIR WELFARE ARE WELL MANAGED AND ORGANISED AROUND THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN**

- The LSCB ensures good information systems are in place to map and analyse incidents of harm to children and target service delivery.
- The LSCB promotes constructive service planning in consultation with service users.
- The LSCB promotes effective use of multi-agency resources to maximise children's welfare and safety.

Detailed information regarding the work required to achieve these outcomes and so meet these standards together with the monitoring arrangements being established are included in the LSCB Business Plan. This plan will be reviewed and refreshed in line with the planning cycle of the Stockport Children and Young People's Plan, and an annual report of the work of the LSCB will be prepared and approved by the Board.

## **8. GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LSCB**

The Children Act 2004 says that the Local Authority and its partners must co-operate in the establishment and operation of a LSCB. This places an obligation on Local Authorities and statutory LSCB partners to support the operation of the LSCB.

The Lead Member for Children's Services within the Local Authority will have a particular focus on how the Local Authority is fulfilling its responsibilities to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and will hold the Corporate Director for Children and Young People to account for the work of the LSCB.

Each member of the LSCB has a corporate responsibility to keep their own organisation informed of the work of the LSCB and particularly to highlight through their organisation's governance arrangements any risks associated with that organisation not meeting its statutory responsibility in relation to safeguarding children. Members are specifically accountable to their respective employing organisation

The LSCB has a particular responsibility for ensuring key people and organisations fulfil their duties under section 11 of the Children Act 2004 or Section 175 or 157 of the Education Act 2002. In

addition it is expected to ensure that the local planning and commissioning of children's services takes safeguarding and the promoting of welfare into account, and that single and multi-agency training on those issues is provided in order to meet local needs.

In order to fulfil this key function of monitoring and evaluating the work undertaken individually and collectively by Board partners to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, the LSCB will use the principles in Working Together 2006 and will:

- Establish a peer review process based on self evaluation, performance indicators and joint audits
- Promote a culture of continuous improvement and advise the Local Authority and Board partners on ways to improve
- Complement and contribute to the work of the Children's Trust, the Inspectorates, and other scrutiny arrangements as appropriate

Although the LSCB does not have the power to direct other organisations to act, it is required to explain any concerns about performance in relation to Safeguarding and promotion of welfare to any Board partner or organisation as necessary.

Where the LSCB considers that a Board Partner is failing to meet its commitments and performance measures or is failing to work in partnerships with other agencies, it will require the agency in question to prepare an action plan to be submitted to the LSCB in order to remedy such failings.

In addition the LSCB may:-

Place a specific item as to performance on the next available LSCB agenda and require the defaulting organisation to submit a formal report or presentation to the LSCB;

and / or

Require the organisation in question to report through its own governance arrangements any associated risks in the organisation not meeting its statutory obligations in safeguarding children. The organisation will then be expected to formally report back to the LSCB with mechanisms to address those risks;

and / or

In exceptional circumstances the chair of the LSCB, with full agreement from the Board, may summon the Chair or Chief Executive of the partner agency to the next available meeting of the LSCB in order to explain the performance failings of that member agency, and the chair of the Board may then if appropriate, refer the concerns of the Board to the relevant inspectorate and if necessary, Government Department.

## **9. PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THE AGREEMENT IS BASED**

The Compact is for all children, young people and their families.

It is particularly for those children and young people who, at some time in their lives, face difficulties which require the awareness, support and engagement of adults and professionals.

It relates to all children and young people with a range of diverse needs, irrespective of culture, religion, ethnic background, disability.

It is also for all staff and agencies involved in the protection of children, both directly and indirectly and it also applies to all staff and volunteers working with children and young people.

This Compact will be utilised in all Service Level Agreements whereby Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC) and Stockport PCT commission services in which providers come into contact with children.

## **10. MEMBERSHIP OF THE LSCB**

Members of the LSCB are individuals with a strategic role in relation to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children within their organisation, they are specifically accountable to their responsive employing organisation. They are expected to have the level of authority to:

- Speak on behalf of their organisation.
- Hold their organisation to account.
- Ensure that their organisation fulfils its safeguarding responsibilities

In addition many members have specific responsibilities knowledge, experience or expertise to contribute to the effective functioning of the Board. The aim of the total board membership is to encompass all aspects of work with children within Stockport. Current membership is outlined below:

### **BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

#### **CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLES' DIRECTORATE**

Corporate Director, Children & Young People

Assistant Director, Social Care & Health

Service Manager, Referral & Assessment Team, Social Care

Service Manager, Safeguarding Children Unit.

Primary School Headteacher

Secondary School Headteacher

Principle Education Welfare Officer

Sure Start Manager

Head of Young People's Services

Manager of the Youth Offending Team

## **HEALTH**

Director of Clinical Services – PCT  
Senior Nurse – Child Protection Designated Nurse – Stockport PCT  
Health Promotion Manager – Stockport PCT  
Consultant in Public Health Medicine – Stockport PCT  
Directorate Manager – Women and Children – Stockport Foundation Trust  
Consultant Paediatrician – Designated Doctor – Stockport Foundation Trust  
General Practitioner  
Consultant in Child & Adolescent Mental Health – Pennine Care NHS Trust  
Service Manager – CAMH's – Pennine Care NHS Trust  
Service Manager – Adult Services – Pennine Care NHS Trust

## **POLICE SERVICES**

Greater Manchester Police Chief Superintendent, Neighbourhoods and Partnerships.

## **OTHER ORGANISATIONS/SERVICES**

District Manager – Probation  
Litigation Manager – Legal Services SMBC  
Children's Service Manager – NSPCC  
Manager – CAFCASS  
Crown Prosecution Service  
Director – Community Voluntary Services  
Sport Development Officer – Leisure Services.

## **11. Financial and Resource Contribution**

It is recognised that to function effectively the work of the Board needs to be adequately and reliably resourced. The member organisations' shared responsibility for the discharge of the LSCB functions includes shared responsibility for determining how the necessary resources are to be provided to support it.

Resources may be financial payments or contributions in kind such as the provision of staff or accommodation.

The partners to the LSCB who currently contribute financially are:

- Children Services previously education and children's social care
- PCT/NHS trusts
- Greater Manchester Police
- Youth Offending Team
- Probation Service
- CAFCASS

The core contributions are provided by the Local Authority, Health Trusts and the Police, with other organisations contributing in line with their resources and circumstances.

Contributions are paid into a pooled fund and the host agency for the fund will be Children Services led by the (Corporate Director C&YP) and Chair of the LSCB.

The Chair of the LSCB will be responsible for the safe and effective management of the fund, and revisions to the financial and resource commitment arrangements will be undertaken by the Board, in order to resource the work agreed as necessary to achieve the required LSCB outcomes.

Levels of contributions both subscriptions and resources in kind, together with financial management and audit arrangements will be reviewed and updated annually in line with business planning arrangements, and the business plan will be established in line with the resources available.

### **Governance issues**

Decisions about budget allocations will be made by the board, and signed of by the Chair.

A financial statement will be proposed and confirmed within the arrangements for LSCB business planning, Contributions will be set each year bearing in mind inflation uplift and resources required for developments. Any dissensions will be addressed at the business planning stage.

Where possible contributors will be asked to commit resources on a 3 year cycle to promote continuity.

Budget allocations to projects and developments will be determined by the submission of a business case to the board for approval.

Each agency will complete a financial / resource commitment undertaking, which will detail the level/s of contributions and expected standards.

### **Access to the budget**

The following criteria will determine access to the budget as, the board must ensure that value for money is achieved by any budget outlays.

Recommended criteria are:

- The business case contributes to improvements in outcomes for young people in relation to safeguarding matters.
- The work has a multi agency perspective
- The work links to the LSCB strategic objectives
- The low cost no cost test has been applied
- The work can demonstrate potential value added to other outcomes

The purpose of clear resourcing arrangements is to ensure the objectives of the Board can be achieved. The detailed financial management arrangements are outlined in the financial arrangements protocol.

## **12. Conclusion**

The LSCB is committed to the principles and objectives outlined in this compact and will work both as a Board and as member organisations to achieve the desired outcomes in order to ensure that safeguarding and promotion of welfare is achieved for children in Stockport.

# APPENDIX 1

## ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

### CHILDREN'S SERVICES

- **Corporate Director, Children & Young People**

Chair of the board, and accountable for its effectiveness to the Lead Member for Children's Services and the Chief Executive. Responsible for ensuring the Board has an independent voice in relation to Safeguarding and promotion of welfare for children and for leading and enabling the Board to promote continuous improvement in those areas, addressing specific organisational concerns that arise. Also responsible for how the work of LSCB fits within the wider context of children's trust arrangements that aim to improve the overall well being (5 outcomes) for all children

- **Assistant Director, Social Care & Health**

Safeguarding lead for the Directorate with responsibility to provide a strategic safeguarding lead and ensure all elements of the Directorate are compliant with their responsibilities under section 11 of the Children Act 2004 and section 175 and 157 of the Education Act 2002. Contributes strategic expertise to the Board and chairs the performance Management Sub Group. Promotes effective communication and openness to challenge between the LSCB and C&YPD Strategic Partnership. Promotes staying safe contribution to children's overall well being (5 outcomes) as well as vulnerable groups particularly looked after children and special needs

- **Service Manager, Referral & Assessment Team, Social Care**

Responsible for overseeing the operational interface between preventative and protective services for new referrals to social care and for ensuring children are appropriately prioritised and safeguarded within available resources. Contributes operational expertise and performance management information to the Board

- **Service Manager, Safeguarding Children Unit.**

Co-ordinates the work of the SCU and provides strategic and operational oversight of the implementation of safeguarding intervention across all thresholds of multi-agency need. Influences and / or leads operational work on behalf of the LSCB with regard to the development of multi-agency safeguarding practice, and chairs the LSCB implementation group. Member of the performance management group, policy and practice sub group and chair of the publicity and communication group. Contributes strategic and operational perspectives to the LSCB and prepares the LSCB agenda.

- **Primary School Headteacher**

Contributes operational expertise to the Board with regard to the impact of the LSCB work on primary schools, and provides information about primary school needs and priorities.

- **Secondary School Designated Teacher**

Contributes operational expertise to the Board with regard to the impact of the LSCB work on secondary schools, and provides information about secondary school needs and priorities.

- **Principle Education Welfare Officer**

Responsible for promoting the safeguarding of children within schools in order for schools to fulfil their responsibilities under section 175 and 157 of the Education Act 2002. Co-ordinates single agency safeguarding training in schools and consultation in relation to safeguarding in schools. Contributes a

strategic and operational overview of these issues to the LSCB. Member of the LSCB implementation group.

- **Sure Start Manager**

Responsible for safeguarding and promotion of welfare within the Early Years sector including nurseries and child minders. Contributes operational expertise to the LSCB and acts in a liaison role between the Workforce Development Strategy and the LSCB, promoting safeguarding training in that setting and developing effective links with the LSCB training sub group. Chair of the training sub group, developing multi-agency safeguarding training and providing performance information for the Board.

- **Head of Young People's Services**

Responsible for ensuring young people's services are compliant with the requirements of Section 11 of the Children Act 2004, and for contributing strategic and operational expertise to the board from the perspective of those services. Will ensure effective two way communication of information between them.

- **Manager of the Youth Offending Team**

Responsible for ensuring the Youth Offending Team is compliant with the requirements of Section 11 of the Children Act 2004, and for contributing strategic and operational expertise to the Board from the perspective of that service. Will also enhance communication between the Safer Stockport Partnership (SSP) and LSCB and promote safeguarding within SSP with regard to young people at risk of offending. Member of the Performance Management sub-group.

## HEALTH

- **Director of Clinical Services – Stockport PCT**

Lead provider of health services for children in community/primary care. Responsible for ensuring the requirements of section 11 of the Children's Act 2004 are met within the PCT in addition to implementing the National Service Framework Standard 5. Provides strategic expertise for the LSCB in relation to health. Has the PCT Board Lead for safeguarding and has responsibility for communicating the priorities of the LSCB to the PCT and contributing their views to the LSCB. Has a link role to the SHA in relation to safeguarding and has responsibility for informing them of any significant incidents/issues. The PCT has the responsibility for commissioning services for Children.

- **Senior Nurse – Child Protection Designated Nurse – Stockport PCT**

The designated nurse has a strategic professional lead on all aspects of the health service contribution to safeguarding children across Stockport and to the local safeguarding children board. The designated nurse provides skilled professional involvement in line with LSCB procedures and in serious case reviews. Responsible for promoting the safeguarding of children by providing consultation and advice to health and social care practitioners and developing and implementing single agency training in health as well as being a key member of the LSCB training sub group and regular multi-agency trainer. Chair of the policy & practice sub group and responsible for contributing operational health expertise to the work of the Board.

- **Public Health Specialist, Health Promotion – Stockport PCT**

Responsible via the management of the PCT element of both the National Healthy Schools Programme and the Accident Prevention Programme and via taking the lead for the implementation of Standards 1 and 4 of the National Service Framework for Children and Young People for ensuring the safeguarding and promotion of welfare for children and for promoting the health needs of Looked After

Children. Contributes strategic expertise to the Board in relation to promoting these priorities, especially promoting healthy schools and accident prevention.

- **Consultant in Public Health Medicine – Stockport PCT**

Responsible for promoting public health with a particular emphasis on children and young people, and for understanding the patterns of variation in public health outcomes in order to effect improvements. Contributes strategic expertise to the Board in these areas, and is responsible for leading on the development of the Child Death Overview Panel.

- **Divisional General Manager / Head of Midwifery – Women & Children Services, Stockport NHS Foundation Trust.**

Responsible for ensuring children and babies who are cared for on hospital premises and by hospital and community staff employed by the NHS foundation trust are safeguarded and have their welfare needs promoted via implementation of the Section 11 responsibilities and the National Service Framework. Contributes strategic expertise to the LSCB and has responsibility for communicating the priorities of the LSCB to Directors within the Trust and to the Strategic Health Authority and contributing their views to the LSCB. Vice Char of the LSCB.

- **Consultant Paediatrician – Designated Doctor – Stockport NHS Foundation Trust**

Strategic responsibility for child protection matters, training and clinical governance issues in relation to safeguarding in addition to ensuring that medical practice in relation to safeguarding issues is accurate, effective, and compliant with the National Service Framework and Section 11 of the Children Act 2004. Contributes strategic and operational expertise for the LSCB in relation to these issues, and chairs the developing Child Death Overview Panel in order to promote a reduction in child deaths and near misses.

- **General Practitioner**

Represents the operational expertise of general practitioners with regard to safeguarding and promotion of welfare, and provides a practitioner perspective on the effectiveness of the work of the LSCB.

- **Consultant in Child & Adolescent Mental Health – Pennine Care NHS Trust**

Responsible for ensuring children and young people with significant mental health needs are safeguarded and have their needs promoted, and for contributing strategic and operational expertise to the Board in relation to children's mental health and its impact on Safeguarding. Liases with the Strategic Partnership for the Pennine Care Trust about the work of the LSCB.

- **Service Manager – CAMH's – Pennine Care NHS Trust**

Responsible for promoting safeguarding practice within the CAMHs service and for liasing between the LSCB and psychiatrists as necessary.

- **Service Manager – Adult Services – Pennine Care NHS Trust**

Manages a crucial link between the needs of adults who are vulnerable due to mental health needs and / or drug or alcohol misuse, and the need for the children of those adults to be safeguarded and have their welfare promoted. Contributes expertise to the LSCB in relation to adult mental health and its impact on children, and promotes effective communication between services for adults and those for children. Member of the LSCB Implementation Group

## **POLICE SERVICES**

- **Greater Manchester Police Chief Superintendent, Neighbourhoods and Partnerships.**  
Responsible for promoting safeguarding and promotion of welfare for children within the police context of preventing and detecting crime. Ensures that police services in Stockport are compliant with the requirements of Section 11 of the Children Act 2004, and liaises with GMP to that effect. Represents the Drug Action Team and Safer Stockport Partnership at the LSCB and promotes effective communication and openness to challenge between the two Boards.

## **OTHER ORGANISATIONS/SERVICES**

- **District Manager - Probation**  
Responsible via the National Probation Service priority two for ensuring that children and young people are safeguarded from known adults who may present a risk to them by promoting effective risk management of them and their situations. Contributes strategic and operational expertise to the LSCB in respect of these issues and is responsible for ensuring the probation service is compliant with Section 11 of the Children Act 2004.
- **Litigation Manager – Legal Services SMBC**  
Contributes legal advice and expertise to the Board in relation to all relevant matters.
- **NSPCC Children’s Services Manager**  
Contributes an independent strategic perspective to the work of the LSCB with regard to safeguarding and promotion of welfare which is a role undertaken by the NSPCC in all Greater Manchester authorities. Member of the LSCB policy & practice sub-group.
- **CAFCASS, Manager**  
Contributes an independent strategic perspective to the work of the LSCB with regard to safeguarding and promotion of welfare. Member of the LSCB implementation sub-group.
- **Crown Prosecution Service**  
Contributes an independent legal perspective to the work of the LSCB, especially with regard to criminal justice issues relating to the safeguarding of children.
- **Community Voluntary Services - Director**  
Responsible for encouraging the safeguarding and promotion of welfare of children via the work of CVS and for encouraging voluntary groups to undertake their work in accordance with the principles of Section 11 of the Children Act 2004, and the multi-agency guidance provided by the LSCB. Contributes an independent perspective to the work of the Board, especially with regard to its viability in the voluntary sector.
- **Sport Development Officer (Young People) Leisure Services**  
Responsible for communicating the requirements of section 11 of the Children Act 2004 to senior managers within the Leisure Trust in order to ensure children are effectively safeguarded within leisure and have their welfare promoted. Contributes an operational perspective to the LSCB with regard to the implementation of safeguarding in leisure.

# APPENDIX 2

## LSCB Structure Chart

