

# safeguarding children in Stockport

## LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD CHILDREN'S COMPACT

This summary of the *COMPACT* is to be used for consultation  
with children and young people.

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## **Why do we need a COMPACT?**

The government has asked lots of different people of all ages what is important for children and young people and what can make things better for them. As a result they have produced 5 outcomes that have now become law in the Children Act 2004.

The outcomes are:

- ☺ Be healthy
- ☺ Staying safe
- ☺ Enjoying and achieving (being happy and doing well at school/ college)
- ☺ Making a positive contribution (being a benefit to the community and having a say in what services are provided)
- ☺ Economic well-being (having a job and being able to stand on your own two feet)

You can find out more by going to the Every Child Matters web-site:

[www.everychildmatters.gov.uk](http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk)

## **What is the COMPACT?**

The COMPACT is an agreement between all the organisations that work with, or provide services for, children and young people in Stockport. It says what they agree to do to make sure that Stockport is a safe place for all children and young people to live.

From April 2006, Stockport is required to have a LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD (LSCB for short). The LSCB will take the lead for the 'Staying Safe' outcome.

The COMPACT describes the aim and the role of the LSCB and all its members. It says what they are expected to do and how they will be monitored to check that they are keeping to the agreement. It also says what money will be made available by the members to make sure the LSCB works properly.

## **What is meant by 'Staying Safe' and 'Safeguarding'?**

'Staying Safe' includes lots of different areas.

Here are some examples to give you an idea of how big it is:

- ☺ Safety in the home.
- ☺ Safety on the roads.
- ☺ Being safe from bullying when you're away from home.







