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Blackpool Safeguarding Children's Board

Section 13 of the Children Act 2004 required each local authority to establish a Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). The LSCB for Blackpool is Blackpool Safeguarding Children Board (BSCB).

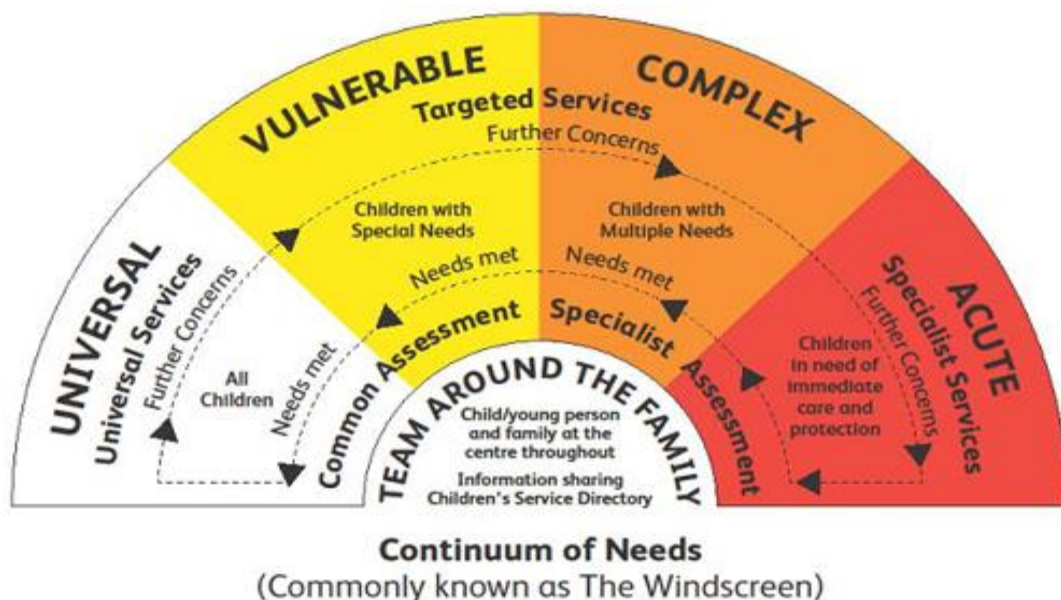
The purpose of all LSCBs is to ensure that local services provided to children are effective and well coordinated.

Our Objectives

Section 14 of the Children Act 2004 sets out the objectives of LSCBs, which are:

- To coordinate 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; and
 - To ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for those purposes.
- The Government's Statutory Guidance, Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015) defines safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children as:
- **protecting children from maltreatment**
 - **preventing impairment of children's health or development**
 - **ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care;**
 - and
 - **taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes**

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Are you worried about a Blackpool child?

Safeguarding all children from harm is everybody's responsibility. Most children generally enjoy safe and happy childhood experiences within their own family, but unfortunately for some this is not the case.

During difficult family times everyone has a responsibility to protect children from future harm. Good child care begins even before a child is born.

Emergencies

If the child is at immediate risk, please call the police on 999

Children's Social Care

If you have any concerns regarding the welfare of a child, please contact the Duty and Assessment Team

Tel: 01253 477299, or use the contact link on the left.

Postal Address:

Duty and Assessment Team, 125 Albert Road, Blackpool, FY1 4BA

Useful Contacts

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| Blackpool Safeguarding Adults Board | BSAB | 01253 476931 |
| BLACKPOOL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD (BSCB) | | 01253 477025 |
| Worried about an Adult? | | |
| Adult Social Care | | 01253 477592 |
| Worried about an Adult? (emergency out of hours) | | 01253 477600 |
| Worried about a Child? (available 24 hours) | | |
| Children's Social Care | | 01253 477299 |
| Worried about a Child or Adult? | | |
| If the Child or Adult is in immediate danger | | POLICE EMERGENCY 999 |

BSCB –

Our Functions

Regulation 5 of the Local Safeguarding Children Boards Regulations 2006 sets out that the functions of the LSCB, in relation to the above objectives under section 14 of the Children Act 2004, are as follows:

1(a) developing policies and procedures for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area of the authority, including policies and procedures in relation to:

- (i) the action to be taken where there are concerns about a child's safety or welfare, including thresholds for intervention
- (ii) training of persons who work with children or in services affecting the safety and welfare of children
- (iii) recruitment and supervision of persons who work with children
- (iv) investigation of allegations concerning persons who work with children
- (v) safety and welfare of children who are privately fostered
- (vi) cooperation with neighbouring children's services authorities and their Board partners

(b) 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

(c) monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of what is done by the authority and their Board partners individually and collectively to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and advising them on ways to improve

(d) participating in the planning of services for children in the area of the authority

(e) undertaking reviews of serious cases and advising the authority and their Board partners on lessons to be learned

Our Partner Agencies-The BSCB is a partnership between the Local Authority, Health, Education, Police, Probation and Voluntary Sector.

Independent Chair

Dr David Sanders is the Independent Chair of BSCB since October 2014. As of August 2015, David also chairs BSAB. David has a career background working in public services which has included holding the positions of Strategic Director Community (with responsibility for Children's Services, Housing and Adult Social Services and Leisure, Culture and Adult Learning) and Chair of Regional Partnership North West. He currently works as a freelance consultant and adviser across a range of organisations, and has extensive experience and ongoing involvement in safeguarding related work. David currently also Chairs the LSCBs for Sefton and Newham.

The BSCB Team

BSCB are based at: 125 Albert Road, Blackpool, FY1 4PW

Tel: 01253 477025

Our business team is made up of:

David Sanders BSCB Independent Chair

Paul Threlfall BSCB Business Development Manager

Rachel Orwin BSCB Training Coordinator

Liz Wallace-Mills BSCB Board Administrator

