



SAFEGUARDING CROYDON CHILDREN

Croydon Safeguarding Children Board (CSCB)

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**"Keeping
Croydon Safe
for Children"**

Introducing Croydon SCB



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Welcome to the first newsletter of the Croydon Safeguarding Children Board (CSCB).

These newsletters will be circulated termly and through them we will keep you informed of the activities of the Board and its members with regard to safeguarding Croydon children and young people.

About the CSCB

In response to the recommendations of the Laming Enquiry Report into the Death of Victoria Climbié 2003, Section 11 of the

Children Act 2004 requires that all Local Authorities establish Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB) to replace the former Area Child Protection Committees. The LSCB is required to be comprised of multi agency representation of senior managers from both statutory and voluntary sector agencies providing social care services to families in their local area.

The Act also required that the LSCB's should be established by April 2006.

The Croydon Safeguarding Children Board (CSCB) was launched in October 2005. In addition to representatives from statutory services such as Health, Children's Services, Probation, The Police, the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (CAFCASS), as well as the Border and Immigration Agency, the Croydon Board has wide representation from various voluntary sector organisations including Barnardos, NSPCC and Croydon Voluntary Action.

THE STATUTORY DUTIES OF THE BOARD

In line with The Children's Act 2004, the specific responsibilities of the CSCB are as follows:

The CSCB will be part of the wider children's trust arrangements, operating within the framework of the Children and Young People's Plan, the local workforce strategy, and other key mechanisms.

It will discharge its responsibilities effectively, by being a critical friend to the trust and other local partners.

It will develop and agree local policies and procedures for inter-agency work to protect and safeguard children

within the current agreed national framework.

The CSCB will audit and evaluate how well local services work together to protect and safeguard children for example through the national framework provided by Working Together.

STRUCTURE OF THE BOARD

The CSCB comprises The Executive Board, six Sub-groups and five Reference groups. Each group has specific responsibilities for particular areas of the Safeguarding agenda and reports to the Executive Board.

The Sub-groups:

Policy and Practice:

The 'engine' to the Board develops and reviews local safeguarding protocols in response to legislation and guidance and ensures they are embedded in multi-agency practice.

Learning and Development:

Is responsible for the development of multi-agency training courses and of other learning events.

Serious Cases Panel:

The group is responsible for co-coordinating the review when a child is seriously harmed and the decision has been made to review the case.

Audit Sub-Group:

Audits and evaluates how well local services work together to protect and safeguard children; for example, through the national framework provided by Working Together.

Child Deaths Panel:

This group is made up of senior doctors and nurses from Croydon NHS in addition to senior managers from the Children Young People and Learners Department and senior Police officers. The group is responsible for reviewing all the deaths of Croydon children in order to decide whether further enquiries need to be made about the circumstances of each death.

Safer Organisations:

Ensuring that agencies practice safer staff recruitment and handle allegations in line with government guidance

Human Trafficking:

Co-coordinating the local inter-agency response to safeguard children at risk from trafficking.

Sexual Exploitation Steering Group: Works jointly with Barnardos and the Police to safeguard Croydon children at risk of being sexually exploited

Schools Reference

Group: Focuses on issues of safeguarding that relate to children and young people in Education.

Christian Advisory

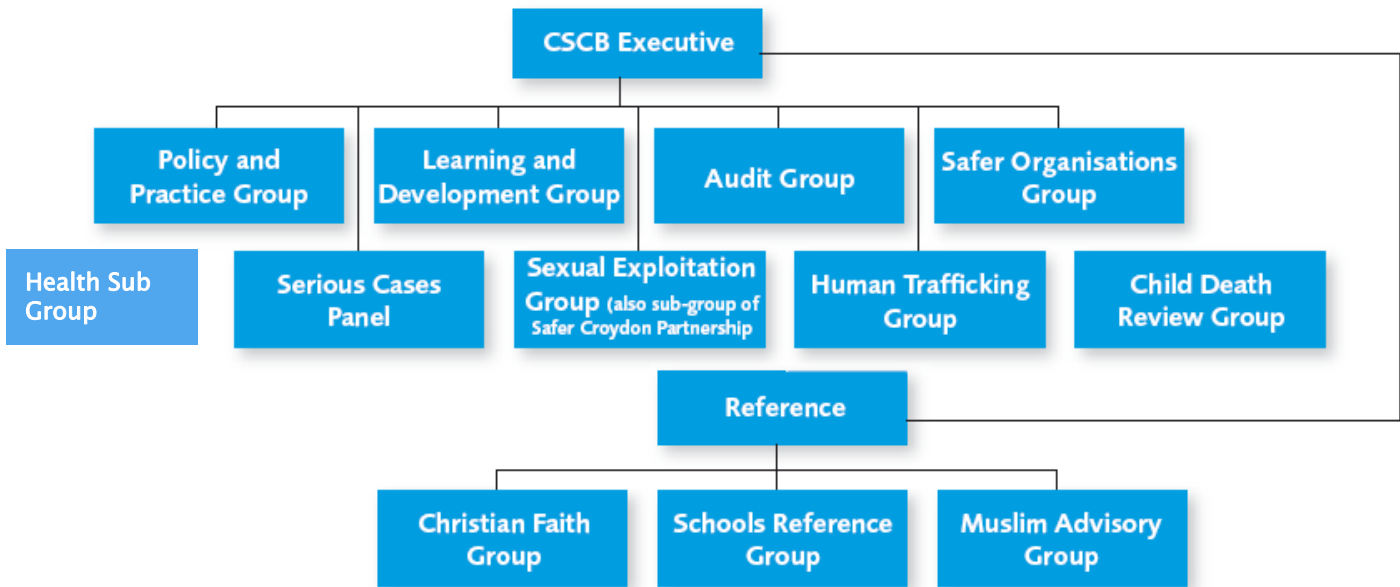
Group – SELAH: This group has representatives from a wide number of the Christian Faith Groups in Croydon and works to raise awareness of all the safeguarding children/vulnerable adults' issues and to provide training.

Muslim Advisory

Group: This group has representatives from a wide number of the Muslim Groups in Croydon and works to raise awareness of all the safeguarding children issues and to provide training.

Health Reference

Group: This group takes the lead on developing protocols and good practice on safeguarding issues which impact on children's health.



GROUP CHAIRS:

Executive Group - Hannah Miller, Director of Adult Services.

Safer Organisations Sub-Group – Peter Wylie, Director CYPL

Child Death Review Group – Dr.Shade Alu, Designated Doctor for Child Protection

Schools Reference Group – Murielle McClelland, Every Child Matters Facilitator Children Young People & Learners.

Policy & Practice Sub-Group – Kathy Bundred, Interim Divisional Director Children Services.

Serious Cases Panel – Joan Semeonoff, Children’s Quality Assurance Manager.

Health Sub Group – Briony Ladbury, Safeguarding Children Manager Mayday & Croydon PCT.

Learning and Development Sub-group – Winnie Lacey, CSCB Learning and Development Manager.

Sexual Exploitation Steering Group - Joan Semeonoff, CQA Manager

Christian Advisory Reference Group – Hannah Miller, Director of Adult Services

Muslim Advisory Reference Group - Facilitated by Velma McClymont, Equalities and Diversity Practice Manager

Audit Sub-Group – Joan Semeonoff, CQA Manager.

Human Trafficking Sub-group – Steve Liddicott, Assistant Director Children Young People and Learners.

If you would like further information about the CSCB you can go to our website.
www.croydon.gov.uk/LSCB

COMING IN THE NEXT EDITION:

- **Spotlight on the Executive Board and the ‘Engine’ of the CSCB – the Policy and Practice Group.**