

One Minute Guide

Subject: The Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board (SSSCB)

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Legislative background and guidance frameworks

Following the findings from the Wood Review (2016), the implementation of the Children and Social work Act 2017 and revision and publication of Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018), a new duty was placed upon three key partner agencies: Local Authorities, the Chief Constable and Clinical Commissioning Groups to make arrangements for the safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area. These three agencies are known as the Safeguarding Partners.

The three safeguarding partners will set out how they will work together with any other relevant agencies whose involvement they consider may be required to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in particular cases. They will also set out how their arrangements will receive independent scrutiny.

The purpose of the local arrangements is to support and enable local agencies to work together in a system where:

- Excellent practice is the norm
- Partner agencies hold one another to account effectively
- There is early identification of 'new' safeguarding issues
- Learning is promoted and embedded
- Information is shared effectively
- The public can feel confident that children are protected from harm

Background in Stoke-on-Trent

The respective Stoke-on-Trent SCB and Staffordshire SCB have been part of an Early Adopter pilot in respect introducing and embedding new safeguarding arrangements under on joint SCB.

These new arrangements came into force and were published on 1st April 2019:

[Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board Our New Arrangements](#)

Where we want to be in the future

The vision of the SCB in its current structure is:

Partner agencies in Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire will work actively together to achieve the vision which is for all of our children and young people which is that:

- For children to be well educated, health and safe, cared for by resilient families and strong communities
- The partnership recognises that for it to be successful it will work to the following eight values:
- An ethos of collaborative working and putting children at the centre of decision making
- Adopt a listening and learning culture with no blame culture but with all parties being accountable
- Encourage innovation
- Culture of professional challenge
- Kindness and compassion
- Honesty and integrity throughout the partnership arrangements
- Respect and tolerance
- Trust

To deliver this vision, the Board safeguards and promotes the welfare of children by focusing on prevention, early intervention and statutory intervention. This will consider the need to promote equality and opportunity and meet the diverse needs of all children living in our communities.

Who leads and who else is involved

The SCB is supported by:

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What other services does this subject link to?

The SSSCB will continue to work alongside the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board.