



# Bolton Safeguarding Children Partnership

## What is it?

In March 2016 the Government accepted the recommendations of the Wood Report 2015 which summarised the findings of a national review of Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs). The recommendations in the report led to a change in legislation to the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and Working Together to Safeguard Children (WTSC), removing the statutory requirement of Local Authorities to have a Local Safeguarding Children Board.

As a result three Statutory Safeguarding Partners now collectively hold responsibilities for safeguarding children in Bolton: namely the Local Authority Chief Executive, Chief Executive of the area's Integrated Care Board (formerly Clinical Commissioning Groups) and Chief Constable of the area Police Force. While the responsibility for the effectiveness of the local safeguarding arrangements sits with the named roles, Working Together allows for this to be delegated to a suitably senior representative.

In Bolton this is:

- **Local Authority**  
Director of Childrens Services
- **Integrated Care Board**  
Associate Director of Governance and Safety  
(Executive Lead for Safeguarding)
- **Greater Manchester Police**  
Divisional Superintendent

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 places a duty on the three safeguarding partners to work together and define the local Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements. It also placed a duty on other agencies to co-operate with the new arrangements. Within Bolton, the Safeguarding Partnership is known as the Bolton Safeguarding Children Partnership (BSCP). In addition to the Statutory Partners, additional challenge and support is offered to the Partnership via an Independent Person. They will act as a constructive critical friend and be a key driver to promoting reflection for continuous improvement across the partnership.

BSCP's vision is to give all our children the best possible start in life, so that they have every chance to succeed, be safe and be happy. This supports the wider strategic objective of the Active, Connected and Prosperous Board (formerly Bolton's Health and Well-being Board) and Bolton's Vision 2030 for children. Through BSCP's safeguarding arrangements the ambition is to support and enable local organisations and agencies to work together in a safeguarding system where:

- Children are safeguarded, and their welfare promoted
- Partner organisations and agencies collaborate, share and co-own the vision for how to achieve improved outcomes for vulnerable children

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- Organisations and agencies challenge appropriately and hold one another to account effectively
- There is early identification and analysis of new safeguarding issues and emerging threats Learning is promoted and embedded in a way that local services for children and families can become more reflective and implement changes to practice
- Information is shared effectively to facilitate more accurate and timely decision making for children and families
- Tackling disadvantage and promoting equality for all children

## Key responsibilities of BSCP include:

- Agreeing and implementing scrutiny and assurance arrangements to evaluate the effectiveness of the safeguarding system
- Responding to new and emerging risk and threat to children's safety and welfare
- Identifying serious childcare incidents and commissioning Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews where necessary; working collaboratively to ensure learning drives improvement in safeguarding arrangements
- Setting out local thresholds for help and support in Bolton and how local organisations, services and practitioners should respond

## For more information...

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