

as well as the Safeguarding Unit

The Safeguarding Unit is always happy to respond to any query about safeguarding and child protection. They do not accept referrals but can advise on what needs to be done. The Unit will assist if you have a complaint about the Child Protection Case Conference system, an allegation of abuse about a person who works with children, or a concern about a looked after child's review.

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CHILDREN'S SAFEGUARDING UNIT

Children's Safeguarding Unit

Following the introduction of The Children Act 2004 and Working Together To Safeguard Children 2006 it is acknowledged that safeguarding is the responsibility of all agencies. Hence, the Warrington Safeguarding Children Board has been in operation since April 2006.

The Board and its working groups are responsible, via the Chief Executive of the Council, to the Department for Children, Schools and Families.

Safeguarding involves all children under the age of 18 but in particular those who :

- require an inter-agency response, and
- have suffered or are likely to suffer significant harm, and/or
- have complex needs and compromised parenting

Although the Safeguarding Unit, accountable to the Warrington Safeguarding Children Board, is placed within Children's Services, the salaries of some staff on the Unit are financed by the Safeguarding Children Board's pooled budget. Local agencies contribute financially to this statutory body. The unit does not hold supervisory responsibilities for cases.

The Unit has an independent, arm's length approach to the safeguarding of children by respecting diversity, cultural and ethnic needs. Its major responsibilities are in ensuring all statutory and voluntary agencies work together to achieve high standards of practice and follow procedures in this area of work for the benefit of Warrington children.

The areas of responsibility are diverse from young people who need to be kept safe from, for example, danger on the road. to bullying, to those who are at greatest risk of abuse. More information about the Board's work and that of the Safeguarding Unit can be found on its web site www.safeguardingwarringtonchildren.org.uk

The work of the Unit covers :

- independently chairing child protection conferences and other meetings where children and young people who are at risk and are the subject of a child protection plan are discussed
- independently chairing meetings to review the arrangements for Looked After Children and promoting the five outcomes in Every Child Matters -
 - be healthy
 - stay safe
 - enjoy and achieve
 - make a positive contribution, and
 - achieve economic wellbeing
- providing single and multi-agency training on safeguarding and associated topics
- co-ordinating all investigations of allegations of abuse against people who work with children is supervised by the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) who is a member of the Unit.
- developing policies, procedures and practice guidance with other authorities and local agencies. Providing knowledge, skills and consultation for all agencies and organisations in managing those who pose a risk to children

- assisting in the setting of professional standards, ensuring government targets and guidance are followed by monitoring the work undertaken by all agencies
- developing quality assurance systems to maintain, improve and monitor multi-agency practice, making recommendations for improvement where necessary.
- learning the lessons from research and enquiries, thus ensuring communication between professionals remains a high priority and that when planning for children their needs are put first
- the gathering of information on all child deaths as a means of taking action to see whether any of these incidents were preventable
- managing complaints, appeals against child protection conference decisions and resolving inter agency disagreements
- consulting with users to ensure the development of existing and future services, considering their views and meeting their needs. Ensuring that children are encouraged to contribute to the planning process for their future
- providing an independent Chair to the Council's Fostering Panel
- monitoring standards and the number of children who are privately fostered
- providing high quality administrative support to the Safeguarding Board, its working groups