

What is Sandwell LSCB?

Sandwell LSCB is the group of people who ensure organisations work together to achieve your safety. We are made up of local organisations, including schools, which work together to make sure every child in Sandwell is safe.

What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding is taking action to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm. We will ensure that children grow up with safe and effective care to protect them from neglect, poverty and other issues that could impact on their health and development. 76,867 people under the age of 18 live in Sandwell. 29.6% of these children live in 'relative' poverty which means they don't have enough money to have an 'average' life.

What Are We Worried About?

We are worried about the rise in children needing our services. There are too many children suffering from things such as neglect in Sandwell. Neglect is the action of not taking proper care of someone or something. We need to develop our interaction with the community further and focus on the voice of the child more. We need to interact more with those from different communities and faiths.

In June 2017, Audrey Williamson commenced the role as Chair. She is working with the board to ensure that we have the right professionals working together for Sandwell's children.



What's Working Well?

We have continued to improve our communication with local schools and took the lead in enforcing safeguarding procedures with 8 other local areas. The Designated Safeguarding Practitioner (DSP) forum is becoming more and more rooted in our work. Throughout the year, 2494 domestic violence victims were supported by Sandwell Independent Domestic violence Advisors. Also, work to address female genital mutilation (FGM) has continued to be undertaken by the SSCB. The SSCB partnership (the Police; Children's Social Care; Health agencies; schools; the Probation Service; and the Voluntary Sector) has introduced more seminars and assemblies into schools within Sandwell. There was a 13% increase in women accommodated into refuges in Sandwell during 2016-17 when compared to the previous year. There were also increases in the number of accompanied children (53%) accommodated in Sandwell refuges during 2016-17 when compared with the previous year.

Key Priorities

- 1) Effective communication and more interaction to ensure children are heard and listened to;
- 2) Robust safeguarding systems to ensure children of all ages feel supported;
- 3) Effective arrangements to safeguard children against risks, including sexual exploitation, neglect, domestic abuse and mental health.

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