

Calderdale Safeguarding Children Board

Annual Report 2011 - 2012

Young People's Version

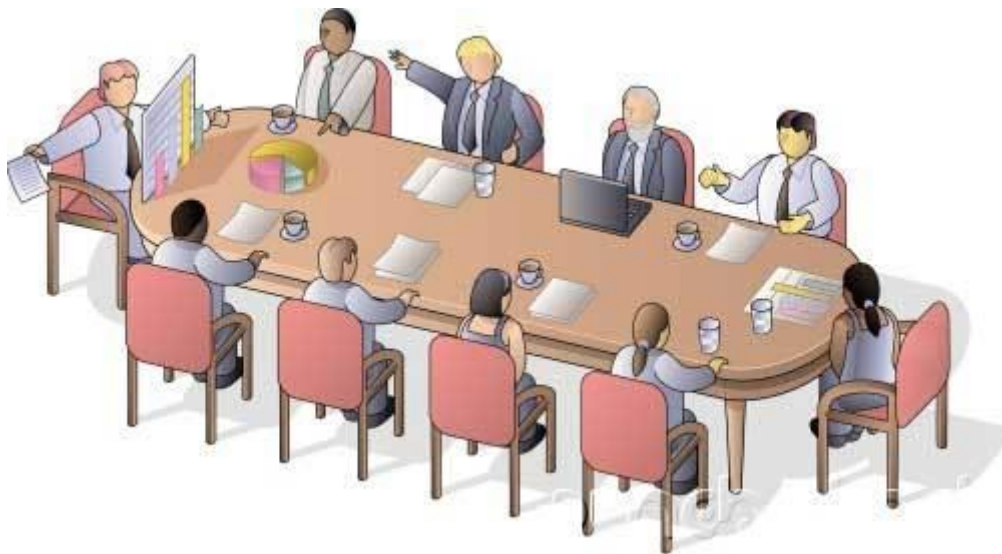


Introduction

This is the young person friendly version of the Calderdale Children's Safeguarding Board Annual Report. The Youth Advisory Board has changed the document so it appeals to you. We hope you like it and find the information helpful. Although some information has been altered, all the statistics and facts have remained the same. This document is to help you understand what Calderdale Safeguarding Children Board has been doing over the past year.

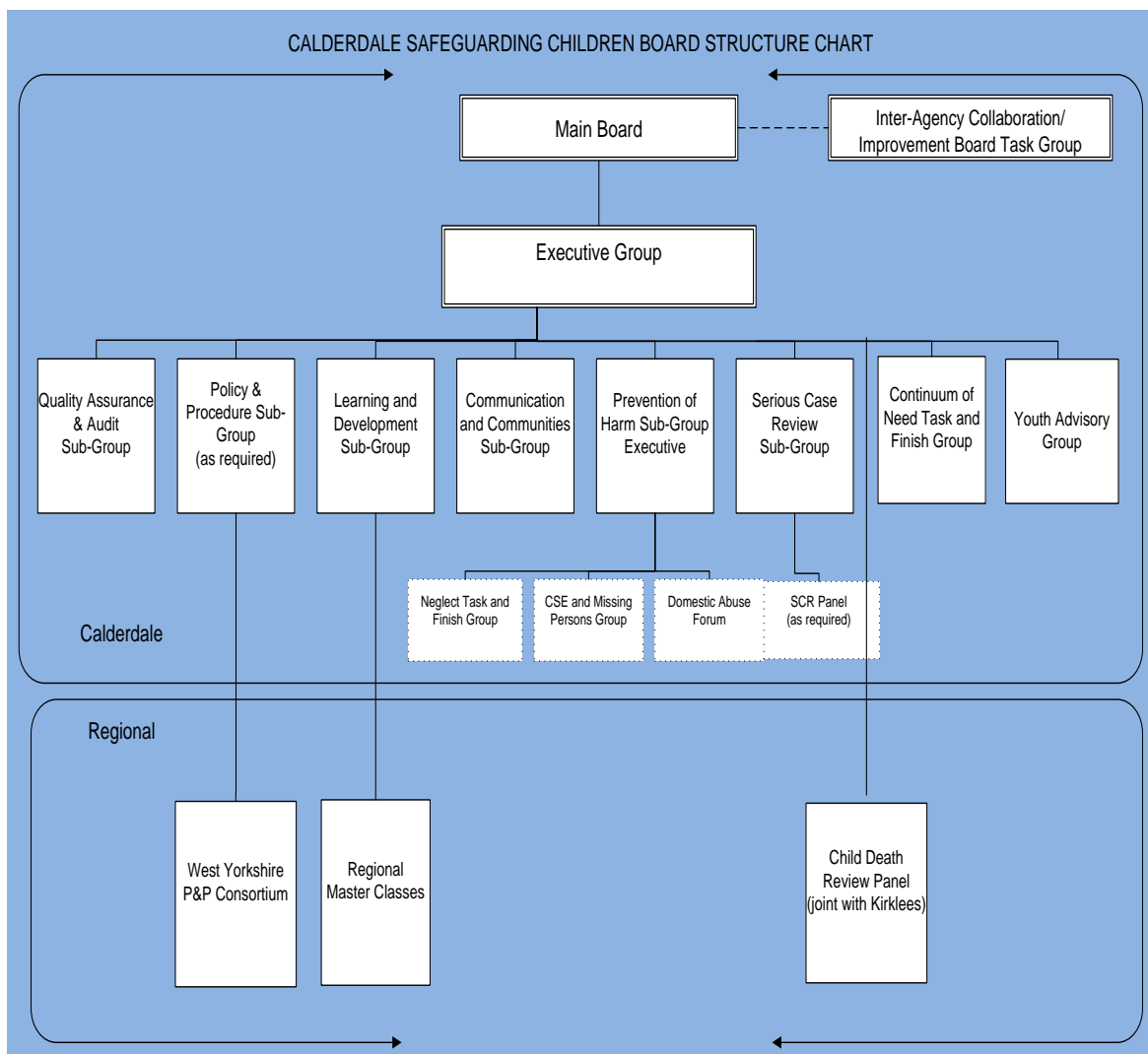
The Calderdale Safeguarding Children Board (CSCB) has been set up to enable all the key organisations, like the NHS Trust, West Yorkshire Police, and Calderdale Council, to work together to help safeguard children and young people. The Board does not take over the work from agencies. However it does ensure that services work together to make sure children and young people get the support they need when they need it.

The Board is made up of different managers and officers from different agencies and organisations.



There are also different sub-groups that work on different subjects. This includes;

- Quality Assurance and Audit Sub-Group
- Policy and Procedure Sub-Group
- Learning and Development Sub-Group
- Communication and Communities Sub-Group
- Prevention of Harm Sub-Group and Executive
- Serious Case Review Sub-Group
- Youth Advisory Group



(Amended by the Young Advisors to the Safeguarding Board)

Quality Assurance and Audit Sub-Group

This group checks that services who work with children and young people are doing what they say they are doing.

Policy and Procedure Sub-Group

This group writes up procedures for the website so professionals know what they should be doing.

Learning and Development Sub-Group

This group train staff that work with children and young people on Safeguarding.

Communication and Communities Sub-Group

This group works on advertising and sharing what the Safeguarding Board does. It sends out messages to the public. They oversee the website. Please visit the children and young people's section on www.calderdale-scb.org.uk/children_and_young_people

Prevention of Harm Sub-Group

This Sub Group look at all the ways that the Safeguarding Board and other partners can prevent children and young people from becoming harmed or becoming a self-harmer. This includes visits to schools presenting awareness training in assemblies and can provide training to partners.

Serious Case Review Sub-Group

Serious case reviews are carried out by Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) for every case where abuse or neglect is known or suspected and either:

- A child dies; or
- A child is seriously harmed and there are concerns about how organisations or professionals worked together to safeguard the child.

When reviews are finished we look at how we can learn from the case.

Youth Advisory Board

The purpose of this group is to inform the Safeguarding Board of young people's views regarding aspects of safeguarding in Calderdale. The Safeguarding Board was very keen to ensure that this group was genuinely involved. Discussions were held regarding the nature and level of their participation, this is organised by a number of separate meetings supported by Voice and Influence worker, Joanna Heyes.

Making an Allegation/What Happens

Child Abuse takes many forms but the key categories are Physical Abuse, Emotional Abuse, Sexual Abuse and Neglect. Sometimes child abuse is referred to as Significant Harm.

If you're concerned about your safety or the safety of your friend or family member, you can call the First Response Team on: 01422 393336. You can also request a referral form which can be seen on the Calderdale's Safeguarding Children's Board website. If you are not sure then have a look on the website.

http://calderdale-scb.org.uk/reporting_concerns.html

Achievements over the past year.



These are some of the achievements that the board have done this year:-

- ✚ Development of the new website which was launched at the Annual Conference on 15th March 2012
- ✚ Rebranding of the CSCB and development of a new logo for the Safeguarding documentation and website
- ✚ Recruitment of a Youth Advisory Board to allow the 'voice of children and young people'
- ✚ Involvement of stakeholders and young people via the Young Advisory Board in the website development and development of the new logo
- ✚ Links to the School's Survey
- ✚ Introduction of Safeguarding Awards which was a key recommendation from the Local Government Group Peer Review
- ✚ Training

DID YOU KNOW?!...



- **In Calderdale, 17.5% of Children receive a free school meal!**
- There are around 1500 Young Carers, yet only 270 are known to the Young Carers Service!
- **There were concerns that over 130 children and young people were being sexually exploited and referred to the Child Exploitation Service!**
- Around 3,000 Children and Young People aged 5-16 will have a mental health problem that can be identified!
- **There are around 775 disabled children with a range of different needs within Calderdale**
- This year alone, there has been a drop in the rate of teenage conception rate.
- There have been more workers this year that have been on Safeguarding Training.
- There was a successful Annual Conference attended by lots of adults working for different organisations/services within Calderdale.

The Youth Advisory Board, have picked out only a few out of many facts to show you. Some of these are shocking, yet interesting. We think that the board is working with other agencies and organisations to help children and young people stay safe. We think it should carry on doing it together with young people, asking them for their ideas and thoughts.