

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN SPORT

The role of the Local Safeguarding
Children Board (LSCB)

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THE LSCB

- History
- Roles and responsibilities
- Membership
- Local arrangements
- Responsibilities relevant to sports



THE LSCB - HISTORY

- Area Child Protection Committees (ACPC)
- Victoria Climbié and the Laming Report
- Every Child Matters (5 outcomes)
- 2004 Children Act.
 - Children's Commissioner
 - LSCBs on statutory basis
 - Directors of Children's Services and Lead Member
 - 'Section 11' duty – to promote and safeguard welfare
 - Inspection – Joint Area Reviews
- Soham and Bichard
- Working Together 2006
- Staying Safe Action Plan Feb 2008



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Child Protection to Safeguarding

The LSCB is a statutory mechanism for

- Co-ordinating safeguarding activity
- Ensuring that appropriate training takes place
- Ensuring effectiveness within and across agencies – a much strengthened audit role

Must have an independent voice

Links to the Children and Young People's Board



LSCB MEMBERSHIP

- The Local Authority (lead)
 - Includes social care, education, libraries etc.
- Health Services
- Police
- Probation
- District Councils
- Voluntary Sector
- Youth Offending Service
- Connexions
- Cafcass
- Schools and FE colleges represented



LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

- LSCB covers 3 LAs: Leicestershire, Leicester City and Rutland.
- Independent Chair
- Supported by a Policy Officer, Training Co-ordinator, Practice and Policy Review Officer and an admin team
- Currently under review as expectations and requirements increase.

RESPONSIBILITIES RELEVANT TO SPORTS 1

- Safer Recruitment and Safer Working Practices
 - Procedures
 - Training
 - Guidance: e.g. on CRB disclosures
- Allegations Management – the LADO role
 - Chapter 13 of LSCB procedures
 - Reporting requirements
 - Advice
 - Follow up
 - Reports to LSCB

RESPONSIBILITIES RELEVANT TO SPORTS 2

- Development of procedures – available only on LSCB web-site. Includes referral process.
- Inter-agency training
- General advice available on safeguarding issues

SAFER RECRUITMENT

- Aim is to ensure appropriate people are working with children.
- Sound recruitment practices
- Pre-employment checks and references
- Induction and training
- Supervision and management
- Complaints
- Allegations and concerns
- Clear, defensible and recorded decision making

SAFER WORKING PRACTICES

- Clarity of expectation – job descriptions
- Clear guidance and codes of conduct – Dos and Don'ts
- Ensure children are safe
- Tackling bullying
- Proportionality
- Some myths

Leicestershire and Rutland Sports – Safeguarding Policy – July 2007

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www.everychildmatters.gov.uk

Any questions?

