

Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018) sets out organisations responsibilities to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. It is statutory guidance and applies to all professionals who work with children

Chapter One

Assessing Need and Providing Help

Chapter One sets out the importance of early help, referral, assessment and process details:

- additions to early help focus include: gangs and organised crime groups, missing, drug and alcohol abuse, radicalisation, trafficking and exploitation
- guidance about information sharing and GDPR
- assessment of disabled children, young carers and young people in secure youth establishments added
- emphasis on contextual safeguarding
- specific health responsibilities added to strategy discussion guidance
- responsibility moving from LSCB's to safeguarding partners to monitor effectiveness of arrangements



Chapter Two

Organisational Responsibilities

Chapter Two defines agencies responsibilities to safeguard and promote the welfare of children:

- Section 11 duties for all agencies are unchanged
- emphasis on guidance applying in its entirety to all schools
- section added about responsibility of CCG to ensure provision of designated health professionals
- Children's Homes, MAPPA and sports clubs and associations added to Section 11 duty
- Safeguarding responsibilities emphasised for all professionals working in voluntary, charity, social enterprise and faith based organisations

Chapter Three

Multi-agency Safeguarding Arrangements

Chapter Three sets out responsibilities for the three statutory safeguarding partners to develop new local safeguarding arrangements:

- safeguarding partners are the Local Authority, Police and Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- the partners have full and equal responsibility to establish effective safeguarding arrangements
- organisations named as Relevant Agencies are required to cooperate with the arrangements
- new arrangements must be published and be in place by September 2019
- new arrangements will replace current safeguarding board arrangements

Chapter Four

Improving Child Protection and Safeguarding Practice

Chapter Four sets out the process for the safeguarding practice reviews (replacing Serious Case Reviews):

- new National Child Safeguarding Review Panel has been established. Panel will receive all serious incident notifications from the local authority.
- the panel will identify cases which raise issues of national significance to be reviewed as national child safeguarding practice reviews
- safeguarding partners are responsible for identifying and commissioning local reviews
- an initial rapid review will be undertaken on all cases

Chapter Five

Child Death Reviews

Chapter Five sets out the duty on the child death review partners to establish new arrangements to review child deaths:

- Local Authority and CCG are the statutory Child Death Review Partners
- the partners are responsible for establishing child death review arrangements – these can be based on current child death overview arrangements
- our current arrangements are on a West of England basis and this can continue
- current arrangements continue until replaced by new arrangements which must be in place by September 2019