

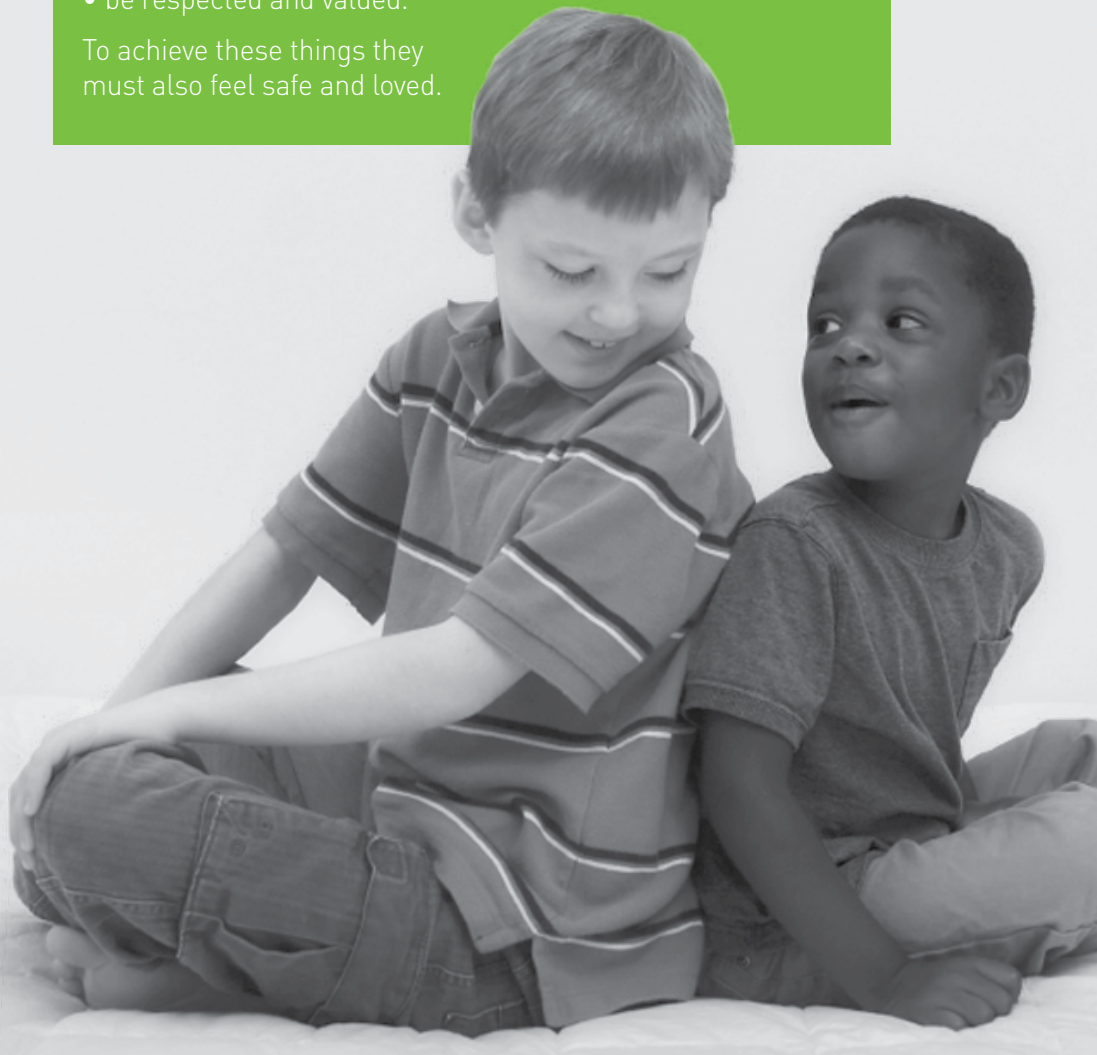
# Salford Safeguarding Children Board

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**We believe that all children and young people have the right to:**

- be happy and healthy
- learn and succeed
- be respected and valued.

To achieve these things they must also feel safe and loved.





**Our vision in Salford is to provide the very best for all children and young people by creating an accessible 'one-service' culture both within Salford City Council and with partners.**

We are passionate about making a difference to children's lives. We are ambitious on behalf of all our children and young people and we are committed to reducing inequalities.

The task of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children needs effective co-operation and co-ordination between all relevant partners in Salford. This includes the protection of children from harm.

Salford Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) is responsible for co-ordinating, monitoring and improving services to make sure that children and young people receive the care and support they deserve.

The SSCB is made up from members of a wide range of organisations including Salford City Council, Salford Primary Care Trust, Salford Hospital Trusts, Greater Manchester Police, Probation and the voluntary sector.

The work of SSCB is closely linked to the work carried out by the Salford Children and Young People's Partnership Board, although it is independent from it.

# Sub groups

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The work of the SSCB is carried out by nine sub groups. Each sub group focuses on a distinct area, working to an action plan to achieve specific aims. Every two months the sub groups report on progress to the Executive Committee which oversees work as a whole. The work plan of the groups is set by the strategic priorities of the SSCB, details of which can be found online at [www.salford.gov.uk/sscb](http://www.salford.gov.uk/sscb)

The areas and responsibility of each sub group is explained here.

## ➤ Executive Committee

- Bring together the operational sub groups, ensuring that the work is co-ordinated across all member agencies and that progress is made on agreed actions. The chairs of each of the sub groups are members of the Executive Committee.

## ➤ Accident prevention

- Promote and develop good practice to reduce the number of children and young people involved in accidents and fatalities.
- Ensure that staff in all services have access to accident prevention training.

## ➤ Finance, management and procurement

- Establish a pooled fund for the SSCB that can develop to meet the needs of the whole board.
- Monitor and review the financial contributions of agencies in order to achieve SSCB priorities.
- Set the budget each year, report on expenditure and highlight any pressures to the board at an early stage.

## ➤ Policies and procedures

- Develop and update multi-agency policies and procedures for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.
- Ensure all agencies have access to the policies and procedures via the SSCB web pages on the Salford City Council website.

## ➤ Publicity and communication

- Develop proposals for promoting the work of the SSCB between and across agencies, to the Salford community and particularly to children, young people, carers and parents.

## ➤ Performance management

- Promote good practice by monitoring the effectiveness of local, inter-agency safeguarding arrangements and identifying and reporting on examples of good practice and areas for improvement.

### **➤ Safe working practice**

- Review and update inter-agency procedures for dealing with:
  - allegations against people who work with children and young people
  - safe recruitment and selection of people who work with children and young people.
- Ensure all agencies are effective in protecting children and young people from workers or volunteers who could do them harm.

### **➤ Strategic training group**

- Provide high quality multi-agency child protection training to meet the needs of agencies working with children, young people and their families in Salford.
- Manage a training pool made up from staff across agencies who share responsibility for delivering the training programme.

### **➤ E-safety**

- Raise awareness of the use of the internet and digital technologies in order to keep children and young people safe.
- Work with the policy sub group to develop a Salford E-safety Strategy.

### **➤ Anti-bullying steering group**

- The Anti-bullying steering group has developed a strategy to support anti-bullying work in Salford.
- The strategy aims to:
  - promote good practice to reduce bullying in schools and the community
  - provide information on how bullying can be tackled.
- The steering group will review research into bullying and coordinate training for all staff on how to provide an effective consultancy service and work together to reduce bullying across Salford.

## **Key priorities of the SSCB**

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- Establishing a robust process to monitor and review the progress of the board against agreed standards and targets.
- Establishing a framework for engagement through consultation/participation.
- Ensuring consistency and compliance to inter-agency policies and procedures.
- Establishing a safe, skilled and effective workforce.
- Developing an infrastructure of continuous improvement to inter-agency working.

# Values and principles

The following values and principles will underpin the work of the SSCB.

## **➤ Openness and honesty**

We will:

- be open and honest with the families, children and young people we work with
- develop honest working relationships within the board
- share appropriate information with each other in order to get the job done.

## **➤ Accountability**

We will:

- ensure that each board member is accountable for their organisation's work in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

## **➤ Being child and family focused**

We will:

- work with the best interests of the child or young person in mind
- listen to the views of children, young people and their families and communities in helping to shape services.

## **➤ Commitment to partnership working**

We will:

- share learning based on experiences to ensure that practice and services are improved
- be innovative and willing to change
- ensure that all partner organisations are engaged in the Safeguarding Agenda.

## **➤ Respect and inclusivity**

We will:

- ensure that all partner agencies are enabled and supported to contribute in an effective manner.

To get more information about the SSCB and to access resources and training please go online to [www.salford.gov.uk/sscb](http://www.salford.gov.uk/sscb)

Our online resources have been updated to include:

- practical advice on how to identify any potential problems
- guidance on the correct procedures to follow
- downloadable documents for use in safeguarding
- links to useful websites and resources
- information about available training
- online e-learning course in Child Protection.

This document can be provided in large print, audio, electronic and Braille formats.

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