

LSCB Safeguarding Priorities 2019 – 2020

The Board agreed the priorities below as a framework for its multi-agency safeguarding work in 2019 – 2020. Each priority will be underpinned by work streams which will be monitored at each Board meeting.

1	Safeguarding Vulnerable Adolescents	Traditional approaches to child protection, focused on abuse and neglect within the family, are of limited effectiveness in addressing the risks and potential exploitation that young people may face on the streets and in the community – including sexual and criminal exploitation, gang involvement, county lines, and involvement in knife crime. We also recognise that vulnerability does not magically end on the eighteenth birthday.
2	Support to schools and other educational settings	The Board is committed to ensuring that changes to the statutory framework for overseeing multi-agency arrangements for safeguarding children do not inadvertently diminish recognition of the crucial role of educational settings in safeguarding, the importance of adequate support to them in delivering on that role, and the importance of their engagement in multi-agency working and decision making.
3	Learning from Practice	It is crucial that the experience and expertise of practitioners informs the continuing development of safeguarding practice. The Board will develop proposals for a systematic approach to learning from practice.
4	Learning from Children, Young People and Families	'Hearing the voice of the child' has been a theme of much work in the LSCB and in partner agencies over the past few years. The Board will ensure, as part of the introduction of new multi-agency safeguarding arrangements, that this commitment is embedded more systematically at the heart of those arrangements.

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