



Cumbria LSCB Safeguarding Policies and Procedures - Online Procedures Manual Update

Briefing Note: August 2015

Cumbria Local Safeguarding Children Board procedures have been updated. The revised multi-agency guidelines and procedures are up to date with Working Together 2015.

The direct link is <http://cumbrialscb.proceduresonline.com/>.

What's new?

Updated Chapters:

[Allegations Against Staff or Volunteers](#) This chapter was updated to reflect working Together 2015, in particularly Section 2, Roles and Responsibilities.

[Information Sharing Protocol](#) An updated version was added.

[Abuse Linked to Faith or Belief](#) A link was added to the The Safe Network website which contains information on Abuse in Faith Settings in the Further Information section.

[Child Sexual Exploitation](#) An updated version of Cumbria LSCB Child Sexual Exploitation Policy and Procedure and Appendix 6: Multi-Agency Safety Plan were added.

[Children from Abroad](#) This chapter was updated to reflect Care of unaccompanied and trafficked children: Statutory guidance for local authorities on the care of unaccompanied asylum seeking and trafficked children (2014). Where the age of a person is uncertain and there are reasons to believe that they are a child, they are presumed to be a child in order to receive immediate access to assistance, support and protection. Age assessments should not be a routine part of a local authority's assessment of unaccompanied or trafficked children. Where age assessments are conducted, they must be Merton Compliant.

[Children Missing from Education](#) This chapter was extensively updated and should be read throughout.

[Children of Parents who Misuse Substances](#) A link was added to Postnatal Care – NICE Clinical Guideline 37 in the Further Information section.

[E-Safety: Children Exposed to Abuse through the Digital Media](#) This chapter was updated to reflect the issue of social media and radicalisation. Information was also added with regards to The Serious Crime Act (2015) which introduced an offence of sexual communication with a child.

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[Female Genital Mutilation](#) A link was added to the Female Genital Mutilation: Resource Pack (GOV.UK) in the Further Information section.

[Forced Marriage](#) A link was added to the HM Courts and Tribunal Service - Forced Marriage Protection Orders - How can they protect me? in the Further Information section.

[Trafficked Children](#) A link was added in the Further Information section to Care of unaccompanied and trafficked children: Statutory guidance for local authorities on the care of unaccompanied asylum seeking and trafficked children (2014).

[Serious Case Reviews](#) A link was added in the Further Information section to Care of unaccompanied and trafficked children: Statutory guidance for local authorities on the care of unaccompanied asylum seeking and trafficked children (2014).

New Chapters:

[Guidance to Ensure The Voice of The Child is Heard](#) The views of children and their families are essential to good practice in social care. Everyone working with children and families in Cumbria must seek the voice of the child and reflect and respond to it in all aspects of the work. This is rooted in legislation and good practice. All Safeguarding Practice Guidance should be read in conjunction with this chapter.

[Supporting Children and Young People Vulnerable to Violent Extremism and Radicalisation](#) This document is intended to provide summary information to all partners on the procedures for identifying and dealing with children and young people vulnerable to violent extremism and radicalisation.

Support

Please take a look at the following links, user-guide and familiarise yourself with the manual.

[How to use the Manual](#)

[Top tips - Cumbria Local Safeguarding Children Board Procedures Manual \(PDF\)](#)

[User Guide - Cumbria Local Safeguarding Children Board Procedures Manual \(PDF\)](#)

Actions

- Please ensure your Designated Safeguarding Leads/Officers are aware of this briefing and updates.
- Please decommission any hard copies of existing LSCB procedures which may now be outdated. It is fundamental that paper manuals existing in whole or part, should be shredded and the new manual be used exclusively.

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- Please always refer to the LSCB website for the most up to date LSCB procedures and practice guidance.
- Register for policy and procedure alerts - we can alert you whenever the procedures manual is updated, to register for updates, please complete the form at:
http://cumbrialscb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/register_updates.html

Feedback

Your feedback on the content and usability of the Manual and its relevance to your daily job is crucial in improving future versions.

The Manual is updated every six months; we will continuously collect your feedback, comments and suggestions on the manual. All comments and suggestions are considered by the LSCB Policy and Procedures group and will be used to inform future updates to the manual. This includes the addition of new policies or practice guidance.

Work is about to begin on the next update which is due to go live in February 2016, please send any feedback or comments to **LSCB@cumbria.gov.uk**.

Thank you for your continuing support in this process.

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