

11 October 2018

Dear Safeguarding Partners, Professionals and Practitioners,

As you will know, the Children Act 2004, as amended by the Children and Social Work Act 2017, directed that Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs), set up by local authorities, will be replaced. Under the new legislation, the three safeguarding partners (local authorities, chief officers of police, and clinical commissioning groups) must make arrangements to work together with relevant agencies (as they consider appropriate) to safeguard and protect the welfare of children in the area.

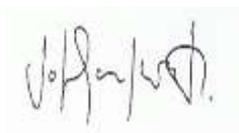
As the statutory safeguarding partners: Cumbria County Council, Cumbria Constabulary, Morecambe Bay Clinical Commissioning Group and North Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group), met on 25 September 2018 with the Independent Chair of the LSCB, Gill Rigg. At this initial meeting we wanted to agree the starting point for discussions as to how safeguarding for children in Cumbria would be best delivered, particularly the defining of "place". These discussions were extremely productive and we have agreed that the new safeguarding arrangements will cover the place of "Cumbria". We agreed that the current LSCB is working well and while we are clear we want to utilise the opportunities offered in the Working Together 2018 to improve how we work: there is a general feeling that to dismantle the Cumbria LSCB would be counter-productive. In addition, we have agreed that we would want to keep an Independent Chair of the Children's Safeguarding Partnership.

We will continue to meet to shape the new arrangements and our next meeting will be in November, following the next meeting of the LSCB and these future meetings will proceed with just the statutory partners and the Chair of the LSCB would perform the role of advisor as we develop our plans.

Please note that the current LSCB and associated policies and procedures remain in place until such time as the new arrangements come into force. We will communicate with you on a regular basis – through our internal organisational mechanisms as well as through the LSCB newsletters, 5 minute briefings and the LSCB website. ([www.cumbrialscb.com](http://www.cumbrialscb.com))

In the meantime, if you would like to discuss the content of this communication then please do this through your LSCB Member, or through the LSCB at [LSCB@Cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:LSCB@Cumbria.gov.uk)

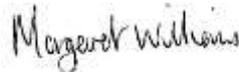
Yours sincerely



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