



Cumbria LSCB Safeguarding Policies and Procedures - Online Procedures Manual Update

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Cumbria Local Safeguarding Children Board procedures have been updated. The revised multi-agency guidelines and procedures are now to be used exclusively. They can be accessed from CumbriaLSCB.com > Procedures.

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

What's new?

- Procedures are more streamlined and designed to be more helpful to practitioners.
- The new manual is easy to navigate and has numerous 'hyperlinks' so you can find relevant documents/websites and definitions of keywords.
- A search facility allows you to find information faster.
- Procedures will be kept up to date and compliant with regulations and standards, the latest version is available to everyone.
- A web enabled version of Working Together with search facility.
- Sign up to receive alerts when the manual is updated, to ensure that you never miss any future changes – please see 'Register for Updates' on the homepage.
- You will be able to access the manual from most mobile devices e.g. web enabled mobile phones and tablets.

Working Together 2015 and DfE Updates

You will be aware that there has recently been a considerable amount of activity from the Government ahead of the election which will impact upon safeguarding procedures. In addition to the publication of Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015, there are a number of key documents that our procedures provider (Tri.x) will be dealing with as part of our next scheduled update as follows:

[Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015 - Policy Briefing](#)

What to do if You're Worried a Child is Being Abused: Advice for Practitioners

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/419604/What_to_do_if_you_re_worried_a_child_is_being_abused.pdf

Information Sharing – Advice for practitioners providing safeguarding services to children, young people, parents and carers

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/419628/Information_sharing_advice_safeguarding_practitioners.pdf

NSPCC - [Information sharing and confidentiality for practitioners - things to know and issues to consider \(PDF\)](#)

Keeping Children Safe in Education

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/418686/Keeping_children_safe_in_education.pdf

NSPCC - [Briefing on updated statutory guidance for schools in England - keeping children safe in education \(PDF\)](#)

Permanence, long term foster placements and ceasing to look after a child – Statutory guidance for local authorities

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/416720/Stat_Guidance_Permanence_2015.pdf

Promoting the health and well-being of looked-after children: Statutory guidance for local authorities, clinical commissioning groups and NHS England

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/413368/Promoting_the_health_and_well-being_of_looked-after_children.pdf

This is by no means an exhaustive list, however please be assured that work is underway to review our procedures and to update. If you require further information or have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us at LSCB@cumbria.gov.uk.

Actions

- Please ensure your Designated Safeguarding Leads/Officers are aware of this briefing and updates.
- Please decommission any hard copies of existing LSCB procedures (previously referred to as Chapters). It is fundamental that paper manuals existing in whole or part, should be shredded and the new manual be used exclusively.
- 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

Every effort has been taken to ensure the information contained in the Manual is accurate, but practice is constantly evolving and new legislation which changes our practice seems to appear with increasing frequency. Therefore your feedback on the usability of the Manual and its relevance to your daily job is crucial in improving future versions.

The Manual will be updated every six months, so there will be regular and frequent opportunities to have an influence over the content. The first update is planned for Summer 2015, the process for which has already begun.

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 is your opportunity to feed in, share your ideas and suggestions and make a contribution to shaping services for the future.

Please send any feedback or comments to **LSCB@cumbria.gov.uk**.

Thank you

Thanks to everyone who attended last week's countywide launch sessions facilitated by our colleagues from Tri.x. You will continue to see us promote use of the new manual through LSCB Training and the Practitioner Forums.

In the meantime please take a look at the following user-guide and familiarise yourself with the manual.

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

Thank you for your continuing support in this process.

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