

## WHAT IS KNOWSLEY SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD (KSCB?)

Knowsley Safeguarding Children Board is a group of people who work together to make Knowsley safe for you.

It ensures organisations work together

It ensures that this work is effective

## WHAT IS SAFEGUARDING?



Safeguarding is when a person or group of people have responsibility to keep you safe.

## ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY 2016/17

Would you like to get involved in helping us to make Knowsley a safer place to live?

Call  
0151 443 4311

## KSCB 3 KEY PRIORITIES 2016-18

Children are safeguarded and protected.

That your voice is listened to and acted on

To learn from reviews of serious incidents and take action to reduce:

- Neglect
- Domestic abuse
- Child exploitation

## WHAT HAVE WE DONE THIS YEAR?

- We have continued to focus on our three main priorities from the previous year, which were reducing neglect, domestic abuse and child exploitation. We have agreed that in 2017/18 we will continue to focus on these issues.
- Team Shield has played a significant role in leading a partnership approach to reduce the risk of children in Knowsley being exploited
- We developed ways to provide early help for children and families to reduce the chances of matters getting worse by improving their health and wellbeing.
- We formed a Children's Engagement Group that will help children speak to us and influence our priorities.
- We created an animation that is posted on the KSCB web site, ([www.knowsleyscb.org.uk](http://www.knowsleyscb.org.uk)) which explains what is meant by the term 'safeguarding' and the role of the local safeguarding board
- We have demonstrated our commitment to improving the skills and abilities of people who are involved in the safeguarding and protection of children, by delivering a wide range of training to professionals.
- We have strived to ensure that children who are adopted and / or leaving care receive the right level of support and help they need.
- This includes advice and support in their search for employment or further education.
- The Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (M.A.S.H) has continued to perform well, which helps us to promptly identify children who may be at risk of harm.
- We have worked with partner agencies to provide equipment to improve the way we assess and identify children who may be neglected or subject to domestic abuse and reduce the risk of them coming to harm.