



One Minute Guide

PSCP New Arrangements



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What is changing?

The Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Board is becoming the Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership.

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 removed the requirement for all areas to have Local Children's Safeguarding Boards (LSCBs) and instead introduced a new duty on three statutory partners to make arrangements with other partners (as locally determined), to work together in the local area to protect and safeguard children and young people. The three statutory partners are specified as:

- The local authority
- A clinical commissioning group for an area any part of which falls within the local authority area
- The chief officer of police for an area any part of which falls within the local authority.

The Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership (PSCP) has been developed out of the previous LSCB and in response to the above legislation.

When will it change?

The PSCB (now PSCP) published its new arrangements on 27th June 2019, with changes taking official effect from 1st September 2019.

What will change?

Most people will not notice a huge change to the work of the partnership. The functions are still largely the same.

The PSCP will:

- Develop policies and procedures for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area of the authority
- Communicate to persons and bodies in Portsmouth the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children
- Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of what is done by the PSCP partners
- Participate in the planning and commissioning of services for children in the area of Portsmouth to ensure that they take safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children into account

- Undertake reviews of serious cases and advising the authority and their Board partners on lessons to be learned.
- Ensure there is a coordinated response by the PSCP partners and others to an unexpected death
- Engage in any other activity that facilitates, or is conducive to, the achievement of its objectives

The PSCP will be working closely with our neighbouring Local Authority areas (Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight) on key strategies, while maintaining separate action plans. We will have a joint Independent Chair, and will collaborate to review child deaths, ensuring that learning is shared more broadly. We will also share our online policies and procedures.

We will also continue to provide a local multi agency training offer.

For more information:

For more details on our training offer, please visit our [training website](#).

To read about the new arrangements in full, please visit the [PSCP website](#).

[Working Together 2018](#)

If you have any queries, please contact PSCP@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

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