



Briefing in a minute

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Newcastle Safeguarding Children Board

Is a statutory partnership responsible for ensuring that arrangements to safeguard and protect children and young from the effects of abuse and neglect are robust and effective in Newcastle; this includes systems, procedures and practice.

The Board's functions, responsibilities and membership are set out in statutory guidance Working Together 2015. It fulfills its responsibilities through undertaking multi-agency audits of practice, analysing performance data, ensuring up to date procedures and training are available and undertaking serious case reviews on children who die or are seriously injured and abuse or neglect are suspected

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2> The Board is chaired by an Independent Chairperson

What does it mean for you?

- Be familiar with and understand the Multi-agency Thresholds Guidance and Continuum of Help and Support Framework
http://newcastlescb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/p_cont_help_supp.html
- Be clear about your roles and responsibilities for safeguarding and protecting children and young people set out in procedure and guidance
- Know where to go to access procedures and guidance and register for update alerts <http://newcastlescb.proceduresonline.com/>
- Consider your own learning and training needs; and
- You will be asked to send to the NSCB a copy of your S11/175 safeguarding audit
- You could be involved in a serious case review or other practice learning review,
- You could also be asked to join a task or working group on a safeguarding issue

Who can I contact for more information?

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