

**PLYMOUTH  
SAFEGUARDING  
CHILDREN BOARD**

# **Safeguarding Children is everybody's Business**

For all Child Protection  
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## **What is Safeguarding?**

Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of Children and Young People has been defined as:

- Safe from maltreatment, neglect, violence & sexual exploitation
- Safe from accidental injury & death
- Safe from bullying & discrimination
- Safe from crime & anti-social behaviour in and out of school
- Have security, stability and are cared for
- Parents, carers & families provide safe homes & stability

## **Child Protection**

Child Protection is the process of protecting individual children identified as either suffering, or at risk of suffering, significant harm as a result of abuse or neglect; (*Working Together to Safeguard Children*, HM Government 2006).

Children are our most valuable assets. They are also the most vulnerable members of society. Protecting and safeguarding children from becoming the victims of abuse is **everybody's** responsibility. Child abuse can happen to a child at any age, from birth to when they have left school. It can happen in well-off families and in poor families, it can happen to children from any ethnic background or to children with or without disabilities.

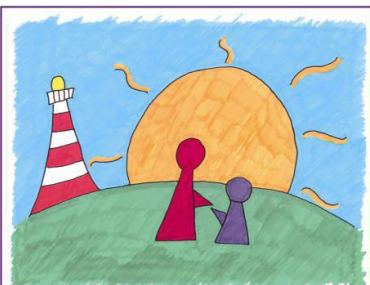
## **Children's Rights**

Everyone has rights, but sometimes when you are a child or young person it feels as though you don't have any.

On the 16th December 1991, the United Kingdom adopted the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child. This means that legally children and young people must be treated fairly.

The law says that children everywhere must be treated fairly regardless of which country they live in or whether they are rich or poor.

Living in safety, with access to care and support, secure attachment to care givers, respect, personal dignity and the resources to achieve their potential should be the universal right of every child.



## PLYMOUTH SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

### Members of Plymouth Local Safeguarding Children Board include

(in alphabetical order):

CAFCASS  
Church of England DB  
City College, Plymouth  
Connexions  
Devon and Cornwall Police  
Devon & Cornwall Probation  
NCH  
NSPCC  
Naval Personnel & Family Services  
Plymouth Children &  
Young People's Trust  
Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust  
Plymouth Primary Care Trust

### Free Multi-Agency Training Courses during 2009:

- **Introduction to Child Protection**  
(One Day— fortnightly—  
this is the gateway  
course for all other  
multi-agency training)
- **Two Day Child  
Protection  
Procedures and  
Practice**  
(bi-monthly)
- **Sexual Abuse**
- **Hidden Harm**
- **Domestic Abuse**
- **E-safety**
- **Training for  
Trainers**  
All courses are certificated

### E-Mail

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# Plymouth Safeguarding Children Board

## Why have a Local Safeguarding Children Board?

The PSCB is the key statutory mechanism for agreeing how all organizations concerned with children will co-operate to safeguard and promote the welfare of local children, and for ensuring the effectiveness of what they do, both as individual agencies and in partnership. All agencies now contribute to the five key outcomes for children identified by Every Child Matters:

- **be healthy**
- **stay safe**
- **enjoy and achieve**
- **make a positive contribution**
- **achieve economic well being**

## The statutory functions of the Plymouth Safeguarding Children Board are to:

- **Communicate** and raise awareness by people and their communities around safeguarding
- **Ensure** multi-agency approach to safeguarding children
- **Promote** the welfare of children and young people
- **Review** child deaths and to co-ordinate the response to unexpected child deaths
- **Develop** safeguarding policies
- **Write** new procedures for Safeguarding Children to include prevention, for example, concerning the safety and welfare of children who are privately fostered, policy on recruitment, and investigations concerning people working with children
- **Monitor and assess** the effectiveness of Safeguarding Children in Plymouth

## Multi-Agency Child Protection Handbook

Plymouth is one of 12 Local Safeguarding Children Boards throughout the South West responsible for commissioning the regional child protection handbook based on *Every Child Matters* "Working Together 2006". The new guidelines came into force in January 2007:

- Please visit the [www.swcpp.org.uk](http://www.swcpp.org.uk) website for the child protection procedures for Plymouth.
- The **Every Child Matters** website is a constant source of valuable information: [www.everychildmatters.gov.uk](http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk)
- For further information visit our website: [www.plymouthscb.org.uk](http://www.plymouthscb.org.uk)