



Dorset Safeguarding  
Children Board



## Introduction to the pan-Dorset Inter-agency Safeguarding Procedures

Dorset's children should all be able to grow up in circumstances where they are safe and supported, so that they can have the best opportunities throughout childhood, teenage years and into adulthood.

To achieve this, organisations need to work together to safeguard children and prevent them from suffering harm.

Therefore the Dorset Safeguarding Children Board and the Bournemouth & Poole Local Safeguarding Children Board have developed procedures in order to provide all organisations working with children and young people with clear processes for responding to concerns about a child.

The pan-Dorset Inter-agency Safeguarding Procedures have been produced on behalf of the following agencies who are a part of the LSCBs:

- Dorset PCT
- Dorset Community Health Service
- Dorset County Council
- Bournemouth Borough Council
- Borough of Poole
- Dorset Police
- Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust
- Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- CAFCASS
- Dorset Probation Services
- UK Border Agency
- Purbeck District Council
- North Dorset District Council
- Weymouth & Portland Borough Council
- Christchurch Borough Council
- East Dorset District Council
- West Dorset District Council

The Pan-Dorset Inter-agency safeguarding procedures are relevant for professionals (including unqualified and volunteer staff) and front-line staff/managers who have a responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

To find out more about the work of both LSCBs and access the Pan-Dorset procedures, please go to:

[www.dorsetlscb.co.uk/site/advice-for-people-working-with-children/local-inter-agency-procedures](http://www.dorsetlscb.co.uk/site/advice-for-people-working-with-children/local-inter-agency-procedures)

or

[www.bournemouth-poole-lscb.org.uk/inter-agency\\_safeguarding\\_procedures](http://www.bournemouth-poole-lscb.org.uk/inter-agency_safeguarding_procedures)

The procedures are no longer available in a hard copy due to the regular update and review of content. The DSCB recommends that you do not print these procedures but refer to them electronically. In order to access directly, save this page to your internet favourites and put a note in staff areas informing them of how to access this and/or print the web-link and put this on staff notice boards explaining how to access the procedures via your computers

As procedures are updated they will be clearly marked on the website as 'updated' and each chapter will have a date of latest update marked on it.

You should receive updates by email via the safeguarding lead in your organisation. However, if you have a query about accessing the procedures, please contact:

Dorset LSCB: 01305 221196 [s.j.ferguson@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:s.j.ferguson@dorsetcc.gov.uk)  
Bournemouth & Poole LSCB: 01202 458873 [lynn.hall@bournemouth.gov.uk](mailto:lynn.hall@bournemouth.gov.uk)

### Content of the Procedures

The procedures are displayed in 4 chapters:

1. Introduction
2. Managing Individual Cases in Bournemouth, Dorset & Poole.
3. Bournemouth, Dorset & Poole: Locally agreed protocols for Managing Individual Cases.
4. Good Practice Guidance

Please access the chapter and sub-section relevant to your concern.

You will also find a copy of Working Together to Safeguard Children 2010 as a part of the procedures; this is attached as an additional document at the end of the procedures. This is the statutory guidance on which the procedures are based and was last revised by central government in March 2010.

Following the revision of this statutory guidance, the pan-Dorset Policy & Procedures group has updated the content of the pan-Dorset Inter-agency Safeguarding Procedures ensuring they reflect current expectation of practice.

If you have any comments or queries about the pan-Dorset procedures please contact your relevant LSCB Business Manager at:

Dorset: [n.halsey@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:n.halsey@dorsetcc.gov.uk)  
Bournemouth & Poole: [g.nash@poole.gov.uk](mailto:g.nash@poole.gov.uk)

### Equality Impact Assessment

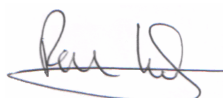
The Inter-Agency Safeguarding Children Procedures underwent an Equality Impact Assessment in August 2009. The assessment found that the:

"Implementation of the Safeguarding Children policies complied with anti-discrimination legislation and does **not** include discriminatory conditions or requirements in relation to age, colour, disability or illness, ethnic origin, gender, marital status, nationality, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation or social background."

Yours Sincerely,



Richard Stowe  
Independent Chair  
Dorset LSCB



Ron Lock  
Independent Chair  
Bournemouth & Poole LSCB