

## **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF BOARD MEMBERS**

### **OLDHAM SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD**

#### **1 Objective**

- 1.1 To contribute to the strategic leadership and management of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in Oldham. As set out in the Children Act 2004 and 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2006'.

#### **2 Roles and Responsibilities & Core Tasks**

- 2.1 To take decisions on behalf of the organisation the Member represents on the Board.
- 2.2 To share overall responsibility with other Board Members for the safeguarding and welfare of children in Oldham.
- 2.3 To endorse effective local work to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.
- 2.4 To work towards improving the well-being of children, especially "staying safe from maltreatment neglect, violence and sexual exploitation"
- 2.5 To ensure the co-ordination of local work to safeguard and promote the welfare of children by developing policies and procedures including
- Those for action where there are concerns, including thresholds
  - Training of people who work with children
  - Recruitment and supervision
  - Investigation of allegations
  - Privately fostered children
  - Co-operation with neighbouring authorities
  - Newly identified areas of concern or new legislation
- 2.6 To take a role in participating in the planning and commissioning of services for children in Oldham.
- 2.7 To promote effective communications across Oldham on the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, and to ensure these communications are effective within member's own organisation.
- 2.8 To encourage that procedures are followed resulting in a co-ordinated response to unexpected child deaths and to ensure the collection and analysis of information about child deaths

- 2.9 To ensure that necessary tasks are undertaken within member's own agency to ensure Serious Case Reviews are undertaken effectively.
- 2.10 To ensure the collection of performance data and information from within members own organisation to self evaluate under an agreed framework of benchmarks or indicators as part of the LSBC role in monitoring and evaluate the effectiveness of what is done to safeguard and promote the welfare of children
- 2.11 To ensure that services, policies and procedures are improved in the light of evaluations and to undertake specific responsibility for improvements within member's own organisation.
- 2.12 To chair a sub-group of the Oldham Safeguarding Children Board as required.
- 2.13 To regularly attend meetings and when unable to attend send a substitute and when neither can attend send apologies to the chair and or the Development Officer for the LSCB.
- 2.14 To ensure the member's own agency is fully represented on all relevant sub-groups.
- 2.15 To feedback information and recommendation from the Board to the member's own agency.