

Safeguarding is Everyone's Business

The Torbay Safeguarding Children Board (TSCB) believes that everyone in society has a role to play in keeping children and young people safe from harm. No one professional and no one member of the public can do this alone. We all need to trust our instincts, share our concerns and work together to protect children from abuse and neglect.

What is the Torbay Safeguarding Children Board?

Under the Children Act 2004, the Government required councils to establish a Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB).

The Torbay Safeguarding Children Board (TSCB) is there to ensure that everyone works together to safeguard and protect children and young people from abuse and neglect, and to promote the idea that safeguarding is everyone's business.

The TSCB brings together all the main organisations who work with children and their parents and carers in Torbay, (including the police, social care, education, probation and a number of health agencies as well as community and voluntary groups) to make sure that the child protection work undertaken in these organisations meets a good standard.

What does the Torbay Safeguarding Children Board do?

- We are responsible for helping to keep children and young people safe from harm
- We monitor how well people who work with children, young people and families are doing to try and help keep children and young people safe



**Working together to ensure
every child stays safe in Torbay**

- We help develop policies and procedures to make sure staff who work with children and young people are all working to the statutory requirements
- We provide training to people who work with children and young people to help them do their jobs as well as they can
- We undertake Serious Case Reviews about children and young people who have died or been seriously harmed and abuse or neglect is suspected

Where can I get more information from?

If you would like more information about the Torbay Safeguarding Children Board, you can visit our website at www.torbay.gov.uk/tscb

Alternatively, you can contact the TSCB Business Unit on 01803 207176

What should I do if I am worried about a child or young person?

Children and young people depend on the adults around them to keep them safe and to be well cared for. If you are a parent, carer, child, young person or a professional and you have concerns about the safety and welfare of a child or young person **don't keep it to yourself.**

Please call:

Torbay's Safeguarding Hub (MASH):

01803 208100

Out of hours service:

01803 524519

