

# Safeguarding Children: Recent Developments

## **Working Together to Safeguard Children – revised draft guidance**

Launched on 18th December 2009, this revised draft guidance addresses 17 of Lord Laming's recommendations, as indicated in the National Safeguarding Delivery Unit's earlier pre-consultation. The revised draft also updates the guidance to reflect changes to the policy and legislative landscape since Working Together was last published in 2006.

**Closing Date: Thursday 11 February 2010.**

[www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1667&external=no](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1667&external=no)

## **Working Together to Safeguard Children, Chapter 8: Serious Case Reviews (2009) – revised guidance**

Working Together to Safeguard Children sets out how individuals and organisations should work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. 'Chapter 8' of the guidance has been updated to reflect Lord Laming's recommendations on Serious Case Reviews (SCRs) and the outcomes of the recent public consultation. This revised statutory guidance replaces 'Chapter 8' of Working Together to Safeguard Children (2006).

The guidance is addressed to all practitioners and front-line managers

who have particular responsibilities for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Local safeguarding children boards (LSCBs), agencies and professionals are required to implement the statutory guidance on SRCs with immediate effect.

[www.dcsf.gov.uk/everychildmatters/resources-and-practice/IG00634/](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/everychildmatters/resources-and-practice/IG00634/)

## **Local Safeguarding Children Boards Practice Guidance – summary outline and call for evidence**

The National Safeguarding Delivery Unit (NSDU) invites Local Safeguarding Children's Boards (LSCBs) and other professionals with an interest in safeguarding to share good practice to inform LSCB Practice Guidance.

In The Protection of Children in England: A Progress Report, Lord Laming recommended that DCSF provide further guidance to LSCBs on how to operate as effectively as possible. A summary outline, based on key findings from Loughborough University, has been produced to form the basis of a call for evidence. To share your expertise, email NSDU at

[lscb.guidance@nsdu.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:lscb.guidance@nsdu.gsi.gov.uk)

## **Comments are welcomed by 29 January 2010.**

The Government aims to issue, for full consultation, draft non-statutory practice guidance to support LSCBs

alongside the fully revised Working Together to Safeguard Children statutory guidance, in March 2010.

<http://publications.dcsf.gov.uk/default.aspx?PageFunction=productdetails&PageMode=publications&ProductId=DCSF-01184-2009>

## **NSDU Interim Progress Report**

The National Safeguarding Delivery Unit has published an interim progress report outlining its work plan and progress made on Lord Laming's recommendations.

The report sets out the Unit's priorities for the next few months, including:

- developing a model for the recruitment and training of independent serious case review (SCR) panel chairs and authors
- embedding good practice in information sharing between local agencies on the ground; and
- identifying, interpreting and disseminating lessons learned from SCR and Child Death Overview Panels.

<http://publications.dcsf.gov.uk/default.aspx?PageFunction=productdetails&PageMode=publications&ProductId=DCSF-01181-2009&>

## **Multi-agency safeguarding audit tools**

The Government Office for London and the London Safeguarding Children Board have created this pack