



Vicky Buchanan

Head of Children's Social Care

www.sefton.gov.uk

Sefton Council 

What do Children's Social Care do ?

- Work with the most vulnerable children and their families, including children in need, children subject to child protection plans and looked after children and care leavers up to the age of 25
- All children have an allocated social worker or personal advisor for care leavers.



The Teams

- MASH (Multi – agency Safeguarding Hub), triage all contacts and referrals to children’s social care and consider level of need.

<http://seftonlscb.safeguardingpolicies.org.uk/may-2017/procedures-manual/12-level-of-need-guidance>

- Call 0345 140 0845 (minicom 0151 934 4657) between 8am and 6pm.
- Contact the emergency duty team on 0151 920 8234 for urgent advice outside of office hours (from 5.30pm Mon to Thurs, and 4pm Friday and weekends). If you think a child is in immediate danger call for police assistance



The Teams (Continued)

- Social Work Locality Teams (Children in need Child Protection and LAC). Nine Teams aligned to the new Locality Model
- Corporate Parenting and Care Leavers , three teams working with Looked After Children and one team working with Care Leavers
- Fostering Team (Recruitment and support of Foster Carers)
- Adoption in Merseyside – adoption service now part of the Regional Adoption Agency.
- Independent safeguarding Unit – Independent Reviewing of Looked After Children and Children on Child protection Plans
- Community Adolescent Service provides support to children on the edge of care who are open to social work service.
- Therapeutic team, provides therapeutic support to children open to social workers.



Elected Members Safeguarding Training

**Friday 18th May 1:00pm to 3:00pm & Wednesday 11th June 1:00pm to 3:00pm
Bootle Town Hall (More dates to follow).**

- To ensure Elected Members are aware of:
 - Signs that a child may be abused / neglected by a member of their family
 - Signs that a child may be sexually exploited
 - How to identify a child is being Privately Fostered
 - Current national investigations
 - How to support community members to make safeguarding referrals to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)
 - Actions agencies undertake to safeguard children
 - The statutory role of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB)
 - How Sefton LSCB undertakes analysis of the partnerships effectiveness in safeguarding children
- Identify how Elected Members can support local communities to ensure children are safe



Who are we?

- Trish Galloway Service Manager MASH, EDT, Social Work Locality South Teams. Patricia.Galloway@Sefton.gov.uk 0151 934 2970
- Joy Hughes Service Manager (& Principal Social Worker), Social Work Locality Central and North Teams, Community Adolescent Service, Joy.Hughes@sefton.gov.uk 0151 934 2970
- Peter Yates service Manager, Corporate Parenting, Fostering and Therapeutic Team. Peter.yates@sefton.gov.uk 0151 934 4443
- Kara Haskayne Service Manager Safeguarding Unit Kara.haskayne@Sefton.gov.uk 0151 934 4637
- Jenny Ness Head of Service – Adoption in Merseyside Jenny.ness@adoptioninmerseyside.co.uk 07833481042

