#### Safeguarding Is Everyone's Responsibility

If you suspect that a child or young person is being abused, neglected, mistreated or in any danger you must take action.

#### **REPORT YOUR CONCERN**

Contact Walsall Children's Services MAST on

01922 658170.

**Out of Officer Hours:** 

0300 555 29622 or

0300 555 2836

#### In an emergency call the Police on 999

A Police Officer or Social Worker will follow up every report where they think a child or young person may be at risk of harm.

### Walsall Safeguarding Children Board

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is a shard responsibility and a high priority for Walsall agencies. It includes protecting children from abuse and neglect and ensuring that they grow up safely, having the best life chances to enter adulthood successfully.

Walsall Safeguarding Children Board is responsible for coordinating and ensuring the effectiveness of local work to

safeguard and promote the welfare of children in Walsall.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WALSALL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD (WSCB)

Visit the website at : www.wlscb.org.uk

**Email them on:** 

wscb@walsall.gov.uk

Or call them on: 01922 659520



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# Lockfield Surgery Child Safeguarding

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## MULTI-AGENCY THRESHOLD GUIDANCE IDENTIFYING NEED AND ANALYSING RISK WHEN WORKING WITH CHILDREN IN WALSALL

#### **Key Principles Underpinning Our Practice:**

#### Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility:

We need to work closely together to ensure that children and families get the right help at the right time to achieve their full potential.

#### **Information Sharing:**

Never assume someone else has passed the information on.

#### A Child Centred Approach:

Hear the child's voice and ensure all your intervention is rooted in child development.

#### **Intervene Early:**

Promoting the resilience of all children and intervening early to tackle problems that emerge will help to make this happen.

#### Parental Consent:

We should always seek parental consent. However, where parents refuse to give consent you need to make professional judgement about whether, without help, the needs of the child will increase.

#### **Thresholds For Support**

Children and young people have different needs and will need different types and levels of support to ensure that they meet their full potential both as children and later adults.

There are four levels of intervention:

#### Level 1

**Universal Services** 

#### Level 2

Early help through a single agency response to identify additional needs.

#### Level 3

Early Help Additional Support—

a co-ordinated multiagency response to identify additional needs.

#### Level 4

Statutory Intervention of Children's Social Care.

#### <u>Risk</u>

One of the challenges when considering the needs of a child or young person is determining when a level of need may escalate, or has escalated, to the point where we consider that there may be a risk of significant harm to the well being of the child or young person.

All professionals will work within their own agency's policies and procedures and all agencies share the WSCB Safeguarding policies and procedures which can be accessed at -

#### www.wlscb.org.uk

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