

Induction Pack

For ESCB Members and anyone interested in the work of the Essex Safeguarding Children Board



Safeguard and promote welfare of children



Strategic planning of children's services

The Essex Safeguarding Children Board



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The ESCB is the name for the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements (MASA) in Essex. Under the arrangements there are five agencies in Essex who are jointly responsible by law for keeping children safe. These are called the Statutory Partners and they are the key decision makers who form the ESCB Executive and are responsible for the direction of travel (with identified relevant partners).

There are four quadrant-based Stay Safe Groups (Mid, South, North and West), which address local safeguarding issues.

ESCB Sub-Committees address specific areas of partnership work.

The work of the Essex Safeguarding Children Board is coordinated by the [ESCB Support Team](#).

Purpose of the Essex Safeguarding Children Board

- Ensure children are safeguarded and their welfare promoted
- Partner agencies collaborate, share vision for how to achieve improved outcomes for vulnerable children. They must also challenge appropriately and hold one another to account effectively
- Early identification and analysis of new safeguarding issues and emerging risks
- Learning is promoted and embedded in a way that local services for children and families can become more reflective and implement changes to practice
- Information is shared effectively to facilitate more accurate and timely decision making for children and families



[Read more about the workings of the Board in the Multi-Agency Statutory Arrangements \(MASA\) on the ESCB website.](#)

Statutory Partners

There are five organisations (Statutory Partners) in Essex who are jointly responsible for the partnership arrangements for keeping children safe, these are Essex County Council, Essex Police and three Integrated Care Boards.



ESCB Executive Board



The ESCB Executive Board is a large group made up of senior colleagues from the Statutory Partners (the decision makers). The Executive Board is chaired by an Independent Chair Facilitator, David Archibald, who was appointed in 2019. Whilst his role does not hold any statutory responsibilities he provides a strong independent voice, ensuring that the ESCB operates effectively in promoting the safeguarding, wellbeing and interests of children and young people in Essex.

Executive Board is made up of:

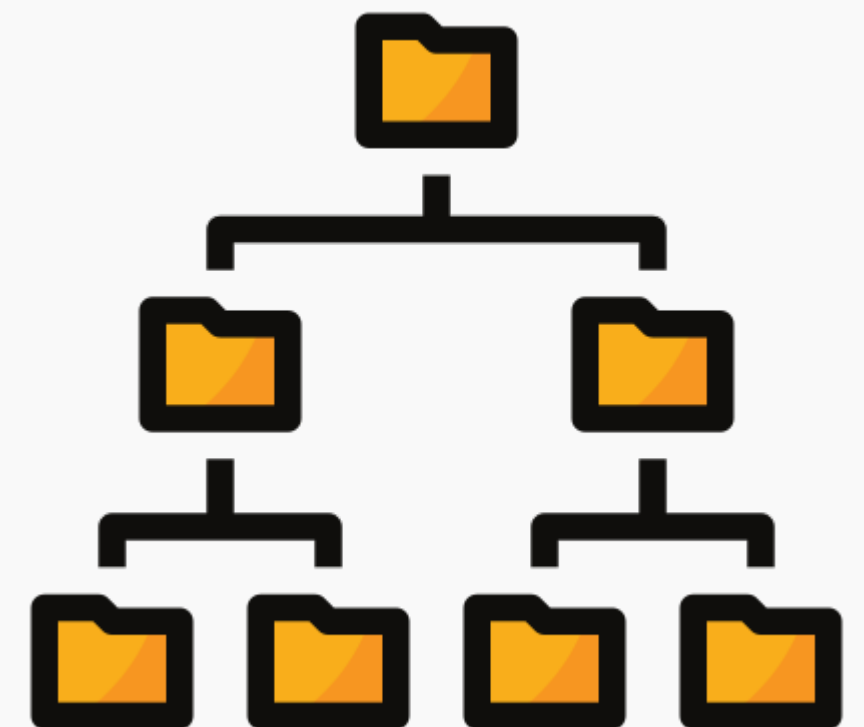
- Statutory Partners
- Education
- Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services (ECVYS)
- District, City & Borough Councils
- Office of Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner
- National Probation Service

ESCB links to other groups

- Safeguarding Adults Board
- Health and Wellbeing Board
- Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership
- Youth Justice Board
- Health Executive Forum
- Headteacher Forums
- Sexual Assault Strategic Partnership Board
- Violence and Vulnerability Board
- Safer Essex

Structure and Membership

[FULL STRUCTURE CHART](#)



Responsibilities

Essex Safeguarding Children Board is responsible for coordinating and ensuring the effectiveness of work undertaken by local agencies to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

The safeguarding partners and relevant agencies included in these arrangements will fulfil their statutory duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children from Essex who live or are placed outside of our local authority area.

Each agency retains their own existing lines of accountability for their services.



Roles and Responsibilities of ESCB Executive

Membership of the Executive should be at as senior level as possible; reflecting the Working Together guidance stating that they should hold a strategic position within their organisation with respect to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

Specifically, ESCB members must be able to:



- Speak for their organisation with authority
- Hold their organisation to account



- Ensure appropriate representation on the ESCB work streams as appropriate to their organisations

- Ensure that there is a clear communication pathway between the ESCB and their organisation and be able to effectively share information within their organisation



Sub-Committees

There are four Sub-Committees:

- Performance, Audit & Quality Assurance Sub-Committee
- Child Safeguarding Practice Review Sub-Committee
- Joint Learning and Development Sub-Committee (Children and Adults)
- Child Exploitation & Missing Sub-Committee



Stay Safe Groups

The four Stay Safe Groups co-ordinate and lead the local safeguarding agenda focusing on improving local outcomes and highlighting emerging issues and risks so that they can be appropriately addressed at operational level. They also act as learning hubs to ensure effective sharing of learning and practice and a multi-agency approach to safeguarding children. They provide annual reports to the Executive Board. A member of the Executive Board also links to the Stay Safe Groups and the Chair and Vice Chairs of each group meet with the Independent Chair/Facilitator of the Board quarterly.



ESCB Support Team

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