



Slough Local Safeguarding Children's Board Education Sub Group

Terms Of Reference

Section 175 of the Education Act 2002 – requires local education authorities and the governing bodies of maintained schools and FE colleges to make arrangements to ensure that their functions are carried out with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

DfE statutory guidance “Keeping Children Safe in Education” 2016 states that schools must have regard to this guidance when carry out their duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Under section 14B Children Act 2004, the LSCB can require a school or college to supply information in order to perform its functions and this request must be complied with.

Slough Education Sub Group

Chair – Cate Duffy – Director of Children's Services, Slough Borough Council.
Vice Chair – TBC

Slough Education Sub Group Membership

Membership is attached as appendix 1 – membership should compose of individuals who are able to make decisions on behalf of the agency they are representing.

Other agencies may be co-opted to the sub group depending on the issues to be discussed.

If a member of the group is unable to attend the meeting for any reason, apologies should be sent. A Deputy Representative should attend who is fully appraised and able to make decisions on behalf of the agency being represented.

Education Sub Group Aim & Objectives

The Subgroup will focus on all education provisions in Slough which includes all schools whether maintained; non-maintained or independent schools; including academies and free schools; alternative provision academies; maintained nursery schools; early years provisions; pupil referral units; further education colleges and sixth-form colleges:

- To ensure education providers in Slough are compliant with their responsibilities to safeguard and promote the welfare of children attending the provision;
- To understand education providers role regarding Children at Risk: CME; domestic abuse; serious youth crime; peer on peer sexualised behaviour; elective home education and the consequences of these;
- To provide S175/157 audits, process, priorities; timing and analyse;
- To support Slough Borough Council delivery of its education responsibilities;
- To provide clarity and identify areas for development regarding education providers early help agenda;
- Regulation of independent education establishments;
- To ensure the learning from the subgroup in terms of good practice and areas for improvement are disseminated to multi – agency practitioners;
- To advise the LSCB of any major new developments and initiatives within this area of responsibility;



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- To establish any gaps of knowledge and skills for Schools Designated Safeguarding Leads and devise a solution to rectify this learning;
- To receive surety that all Slough education providers understand their responsibility for managing allegations against staff;
- To review national and local learning and disseminate accordingly; and
- To provide challenge to Board partners regarding practice and commitment.

Working in Partnership with other Groups

- The Education Subgroup Chair will lead the development of an annual report which will be shared and presented to SLSCB;
- It is the responsibility of each nominated representative on the Education Subgroup to ensure effective communication between their own agency and the group in relation to any learning identified within the group;
- The Education Subgroup will make links as appropriate to other areas of LSCB work and sub groups; and
- The Chair of the Education Subgroup will take responsibility to attend all scheduled Slough Subgroup Chairs Meetings to share findings and outcomes from the work of the Subgroup.

Decision Making

- The Chair of the Education Subgroup will submit any Learning; Concerns or Issues identified within the Subgroup to the LSCB for final consideration and endorsement of any recommendations; and
- Any matters arising from the Education Subgroup that are considered to be urgent; the Subgroup Chair will take responsibility to consult with the LSCB Independent Chair to secure agreement of its resolution.

Frequency of Meetings

- The Education Subgroup will meet at least four times each year;
- Meetings will be scheduled to analyse schools section 175/157 audits returns.

Administration Arrangements

- Administration arrangements will be supported by SLSCB Business Manager and Business Support Officer;
- In the absence of these roles, the Chair of the Education Subgroup will ensure administration support is available to the Subgroup.

Terms of Reference Agreed by Members

8th May 2017

To be reviewed in 6 months and every 12 months thereafter

Terms of Reference will be amended at the request of SLSCB Education Subgroup Chair