

01 Background:

The Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Children Partnership (RBSCP) is replacing the Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Children Board (RBSCB) from July 2019.

For many years the RBSCB has provided expertise and leadership in Rochdale by bringing together a wide range of professionals and agencies working with children and young people. As a statutory multi-agency body, RBSCB has commissioned and delivered training, undertaken audits and serious case reviews, led on policy and procedures, and monitored how we are performing in Rochdale and ensured everyone works together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.

Background:

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 and Working Together 2018 set out the requirement for new multi-agency safeguarding arrangements to be put into place to be led by three statutory agencies (Safeguarding Partners); the local authority, clinical commissioning group and police.

Although the statutory duty to make local arrangements rests with the three safeguarding partners, in Rochdale there is a strong commitment across the partnership to co-operate and drive forward these local safeguarding arrangements working closely with other relevant agencies, building on the strengths that come from effective multi-agency working.

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Worried about a child?

If you are worried about a child, please contact the Early Help and Safeguarding Hub:

0300 303 0440
ehash@rochdale.gov.uk

[Multi-Agency Referral Form](#)

If a child or young person is in immediate danger please contact the police on 999

Alternatively you can contact NSPCC on 0808 800 5000

Key guidance:

[Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Children Partnership New Arrangements](#)

[The Children and Social Work Act 2017](#)

[Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018](#)

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Why it matters?

The purpose of these new, local arrangements is to support and enable local organisations and agencies to work together in a system where children and young people are safeguarded and their welfare is promoted.

Rochdale partnership's vision is:

"To deliver a child centred and co-ordinated approach with a focus on continuous improvement where safeguarding is **everyone's business** and children and their families are supported by flexible and responsive services at the right time"



Information:

The new partnership will carry on with many of the functions previously performed by the RBSCB such as:

- *publishing safeguarding policies and procedures

- *commissioning and delivering free multi-agency training

- *ensuring arrangements are in place for the independent scrutiny of the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements although these will be enhanced further

RBSCP's core functions are listed in the new arrangements document.

Information:

RBSCP's new arrangements have been published. These outline how RBSCP will meet the new statutory requirement and details the objectives and functions of the partnership.

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