

Annual Report 2006/07 & Business Plan 2007/08



Swindon Local Safeguarding Children Board

Safeguarding Swindon's Children Together



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Foreword by Swindon Local Safeguarding Children Board Chair

The Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) in Swindon has a common shared aim, "To keep all children safe".

Safeguarding children is everyone's business and all the partners across the different agencies in Swindon work together to ensure that we provide the best possible integrated service supporting children and families. The core duty is to co-ordinate, promote and ensure effective safeguarding of all children in Swindon.

The partners joined together to develop the new business plan, which outlines all key priorities for the year. These priorities are funded jointly by the agencies on the Board. Working together we make a difference through our varied contributions to the safeguarding agenda.

We are in the middle of significant change in the delivery of Children Services within Swindon. It is planned that the majority of children health professionals will be shortly seconded to the Local Authority. The delivery of services will be through four locally based teams and a fifth team to support disabled children and young people.

This is a really exciting and challenging time. The multi-agency teams will embrace services for schools and vulnerable children to ensure that we deliver the five elements of the *Every Child Matters* agenda: being healthy, staying safe, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution and economic well-being.

At this point I wish to acknowledge the commitment of professionals and voluntary staff that work tirelessly to ensure Swindon children are protected from harm. Staff have to make difficult decisions, in constrained circumstances and balancing the risks, which have significant and positive impact on children's lives.

The LSCB, within this new context, will continue to ensure that there are policies and procedures to safeguard children and that these will be monitored and evaluated. We will ensure there is effective training and communication. In addition we will review child deaths to ensure that lessons learnt are implemented by each agency represented on the Board.

Safeguarding children is a major responsibility and the Board is there to ensure we have a common agenda and accountability.

As the Chair of the Swindon LSCB, I welcome the commitment of partners in implementing this new business plan

Hilary Pitts
Chair, Swindon LSCB
Group Director, Children, Swindon Borough Council

Swindon LSCB Vision

“Working together to keep children safe in Swindon.”

Swindon LSCB Core Objectives

- To co-ordinate the work of agencies to safeguard children and promote the welfare of children within Swindon
- To ensure the effectiveness of safeguarding children in Swindon

Swindon LSCB Key Objectives by Function¹

Policies & Procedures Function

- To develop and agree local multi-agency policies and procedures for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in Swindon.
- To ensure that both single and multi-agency training on safeguarding and promoting welfare is available as needed throughout Swindon and is reaching the relevant staff.

Communication & Awareness Raising Function

- To raise awareness within Swindon of the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, encouraging involvement at all levels within the community.
- To ensure that agencies share a common understanding of how and when action should be taken to protect a child.
- To ensure that any lessons learned, either locally or nationally, are shared, understood and acted upon.
- To help develop good working relationships between different professional groups based on trust and mutual understanding.

Monitoring & Evaluation Function

- To oversee how well local services work together to protect children.
- To monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of both collective and individual agency arrangements for safeguarding children and promoting their welfare.

Function of Participating in Planning & Commissioning

- To participate in the planning of children services in Swindon.

¹ LSCB Functions as defined in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children', 2006, Chapter 3

- To agree what is to be done to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and how this will be measured, within the framework set out in the *Children and Young People's Plan*.

Functions Relating to Child Deaths

- To collect and analyse information about all child deaths within Swindon (this will be required from 1 April 2008).

Serious Case Review Function

- To carry out serious case reviews where a child has died and abuse or neglect has been confirmed or is suspected. In certain circumstances, a serious case review may also take place where a child has been very seriously harmed.

Working Together 2006 also states that:

“An LSCB may also engage in any other activity that facilitates, or is conducive to, the achievement of its objectives.”

Swindon LSCB Guiding Principles

Swindon LSCB believes that:

- the welfare and safety of the child is paramount.
- we are stronger in protecting children if we all work together. This includes statutory and voluntary agencies and the wider communities.
- we should support families in bringing up their children safely.
- we should provide an equitable, quality service to all children and their families.
- services should be provided which are appropriate to race, religion, culture, language, gender, sexual orientation and disability
- we need to be accountable for our actions, open to challenge, and to learn from practice in order to achieve continuous improvement.
- that procedures and processes should be open and transparent.

Swindon LSCB will further ensure that:

- personal information is held confidentially and only by those who need to know.
- child protection is viewed in the wider context of children's needs and rights.

Headline Achievements April 2006 to March 2007

Swindon LSCB Achievements Against Key Objectives

- **Swindon LSCB:** to work together to safeguard Swindon's children, delivering a quality service as defined in our Core and Key Objectives (see page 3).

- *Participating in the development of new **South West Child Protection Procedures** and successfully launching these through road shows.*
- *Completing two serious case reviews.*
- *Through the QA Sub-group, undertaking a programme of case audits, with thematic audits including De-registrations, Drugs and Alcohol, Neglect, Unborn Babies and Domestic Violence.*
- *Carrying out an audit of partner agency implementation of arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children under Section 11 of the Children Act 2004.*
- *Developing a new LSCB Website with information for families, children and young people as well as for those who work with them.*
- *Delivering a quarterly LSCB E-zine highlighting safeguarding issues and new developments to an increasingly wide audience.*
- *Setting up a multi-agency Media Sub-group to develop and lead an LSCB media strategy.*

- **Links with other organisations:** to develop and improve links with other relevant local organisations including the Children's Trust Board, MAPPA and the Community Safety Partnership.

- *Increasing awareness of MAPPA's role through a presentation to the LSCB in December, following on from a short 'carousel' presentation at our Launch Conference. The Head of Safeguarding sits on MAPPA's strategic group.*
- *Developing mechanisms for the flow of information between the LSCB and the Children's Board, the Community Safety Partnership, the Domestic Violence Steering Group and other local bodies.*
- *Including a programme of presentations within both LSCB and Management Group meetings to develop awareness of key issues and cultivate close working relationships (e.g. Private Fostering, Domestic Violence, Substance Misuse).*

- **Raising awareness of Swindon LSCB and of the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children:** to organise an event to launch Swindon LSCB and to use the launch to generate wider publicity about the LSCB and safeguarding.

- *Launching Swindon LSCB to the professional community at a lively conference attended by staff from a wide range of organisations.*

- *Involving students from Swindon College in our launch conference through a series of powerful performances illustrating what 'being safe' means to them.*
- *Organising a successful public event in a local shopping centre to publicise the new procedures and draw attention to safeguarding issues and Swindon LSCB.*

- **Multi-agency Training:** to deliver a training programme that is responsive to needs identified both in Serious Case Reviews and through consultation across agencies.

- *Delivering a comprehensive Safeguarding Training programme that included new courses on; Conferences & Core Groups; Supervising Staff Where There Are Child Protection Concerns; Working with Neglect; & Safeguarding Children in Faith Communities.*
- *Running our first 'Training the Trainers (T4T)' course.*
- *Initiating a programme of lunchtime seminars for multi-agency staff on key safeguarding topics (e.g. Neglect, Sudden Infant Death).*
- *Carrying out a multi-agency training audit to inform future planning.*

- **Participation:** to improve participation of children and parents in the child protection process through improved access to advocacy services and by addressing the training needs of staff.

- *Providing new, improved child protection case conference facilities, for which we have commissioned paintings by young people.*
- *Contributing to the setting up of a new advocacy service for parents and children in the child protection process as part of a wider Children's Rights initiative.*
- *Supporting an interim advocacy service while the new service was being developed.*

- **Children and young people exploited through prostitution:** to provide an inter-agency response to children exploited through prostitution.

- *Re-focusing the work of the LSCB Forum as a practitioner forum.*
- *Delivering the LSCB multi-agency awareness-raising course on children and young people sexually exploited through prostitution.*

- **Children and young people who show sexually harmful behaviour:** to implement a multi-agency strategy for intervention with children and young people who show sexually harmful behaviour.

- *Engaging all local agencies in implementing the strategy.*
- *Publicising the Swindon strategy through the publication of a leaflet and on the LSCB Website.*
- *Setting up a pilot project and associated training.*

Swindon LSCB - Key Facts and Figures April 2006 to March 2007

- **30** child protection cases were audited by the QA Sub-group.
- **142** children were placed on the Child Protection Register in Swindon.
- **313** Section 47 enquiries and **163** initial child protection conferences were held.
- **592** enquiries were made to the Child Protection Register.
- **68** families received advocacy for one or more children within the child protection process in the first six months of offering an advocacy service. A further 10 families were offered but refused advocacy.
- **370** multi-agency staff were introduced to the new South West Child Protection Procedures on the Swindon Road Show Bus.
- **149** local professionals attended the LSCB Launch Conference (October 2006).
- **428** multi-agency staff were trained by Swindon LSCB through courses on a wide range of safeguarding issues.
- **8** of these were trained to deliver child protection training within their own agency and for the LSCB through the new *Training the Trainers* course.
- **6** people were trained to deliver safe recruitment training.
- **2** serious case reviews were completed during the year.
- **6078** unique visits were recorded to the Swindon LSCB website, between its launch in October 2006 and the end of March 2007, with visits increasing steadily from 382 in October to 1666 in March.
- **3** LSCB E-zines and updates were circulated widely within the local professional and voluntary sector community to keep people informed about safeguarding locally.
- **£40,000** was made available by the LSCB to provide advocacy for children and parents within the child protection process, with an ongoing commitment and contribution to a new Children's Rights Service.
- **£15,645** was agreed by the LSCB for the production of a *Parenting Handbook* to provide local families with guidance on safeguarding issues. This will be launched during 2007-2008.

Swindon LSCB Business Plan April 2007 to March 2008 and beyond

Swindon LSCB 3 Year Business Plan (Outline)

Activity*	2006/7	Year 1 2007/8	Year 2 2008/9	Year 3 2009/10
Developing Relationships ^(7.2)		(Linked bodies)		
Section 11 ^(3.2)	(Audit)	Monitoring		
Allegations Against Staff ^(1.2)		New requirements		
Child Death Reviews ⁽⁵⁾	(SW Pilot)	New requirements		
Licensing & Gambling ⁽⁹⁾		New requirements		
Underage Sex ⁽¹⁰⁾				
Alcohol ⁽¹¹⁾		Needs Assessment	Implementation	Monitoring
Sexually Harmful Behaviour ⁽¹²⁾	(AIM Project)			
Safeguarding Promotion ^(2.2)	(Safe Parenting Handbook)			
Service User Consultation ⁽⁸⁾	(Within Advocacy Development)			
Community Engagement				
Children Looked After			Audit	Monitoring
Disabled Children				
Hidden Harm				Audit
New Projects				

Core Work	2006/7	2007/8	2008/9	2009/10
Participate in Local Planning ⁽⁴⁾				
Promote good multi-agency working ^(2.3)				
Carry out/monitor SCRs ⁽⁶⁾	(SCR Sub-group, Overview Panels, Management Group)			
Maintain up to date CP Procedures ⁽¹⁾	(Procedures Sub-group)			
Multi-agency CP Audit Programme ⁽³⁾	(QA Sub-group)			
Safeguarding Training Programme ^(1.3, 1.4)	(Safeguarding Trainer & Training Sub-group)			
LSCB Promotion ^(2.1, 2.2)	(Media Sub-group and LSCB Working Groups)			
Advocacy Service ⁽⁸⁾	(Includes service user consultation)			
Identify/resolve operational issues				

(* Numbers provide cross-referencing to the Swindon LSCB Work Plan)

Swindon LSCB - Principal Business Plan Objectives for 2007/8

- **Swindon LSCB:** to work together to safeguard Swindon's children, delivering a quality service as defined in our *Core and Key Objectives* (see page 3).
- **Multi-agency Training:** to deliver a training programme that is responsive to needs identified both in Serious Case Reviews and through consultation across agencies.
- **Developing Relationships:** to build on links already made with other relevant local organisations including the Children's Trust Board, MAPPA and the Community Safety Partnership.
- **Child Death Reviews:** to establish and implement the required Child Death Review procedures in partnership with neighbouring LSCBs.
- **LSCB Funding:** to ensure sufficient funding and staffing are available to enable the LSCB to deliver its increasingly wide agenda.
- **Licensing & Gambling:** to develop awareness of safeguarding issues and strengthen intelligence flow between agencies.
- **Underage Sex:** to promote the use of Swindon's assessment tool for the identification of the sexual health related needs for under 16's and provide guidance on underage sex for practitioners working with sexually active young people.
- **Alcohol:** to gain an understanding of local needs to inform future work regarding young people and alcohol.
- **Sexually Harmful Behaviour:** to complete the implementation of a multi-agency strategy for intervention with children and young people who show sexually harmful behaviour.

(For further information, you may wish to refer to our detailed *Work Plan* derived from these core objectives on the Swindon LSCB website, www.swindonlscb.org.uk in the ***About Us – LSCB Documents*** section of the site.)

Swindon LSCB Training Programme 2007 to 2008

During 2007/08, Swindon LSCB plans to deliver the following training courses:

Foundation Child Protection (0.5 day course) x 6

Aim: To provide individuals with basic awareness and understanding of the issues in relation to safeguarding children.

Child Protection 1 (2 day course) x 6

Aim: This is a multi agency course with the purpose of familiarising all participants with a working knowledge of local safeguarding child protection procedures and guidelines.

Child Protection 2 (1 day course) x 10

Aim: This is a multi-agency course, which builds the knowledge skills and values developed from Child Protection 1.

Child Protection Conferences and Core Groups (2 day course) x 5

Aim: To provide an improved understanding and have an opportunity to practice and develop skills in working together with a focus on Child Protection Conferences and subsequent actions.

Child Protection Joint Investigation Course (6 day course) x 2

Aim: By the end of the course participants will be able to conduct an interview in accordance with *Achieving Best Evidence and Criminal Proceedings Guidance*. This course is for Police Officers and Social Workers who carry out Section 47 (Children Act 1989) Joint Investigations.

AIM Project Training (1 day course) x 1

Aim: To develop and maintain clear, consistent agreements and working practices in responding to children and young people who exhibit sexually harmful behaviour.

Safeguarding Disabled Children (1 day course) x 1

Aim: To explore good practice in safeguarding disabled children.

The Effects of Parental/Carers Mental Health on Children & Young People (1 day course) x 3

Aim: To explore the effects of parental/carers' mental health on children and young people.

Children & Young People Sexually Exploited Through Child Prostitution (1 day course) x 2

Aim: To raise the profile of children and young people exploited through child prostitution to improve multi-agency working.

Safeguarding Children and Domestic Violence (2 day course) x 2

Aim: To enable participants to recognise the inter-relationship between domestic violence and child abuse, the impact on children living with a domestic violence situation and the importance of a multi-agency approach to working with children and their carers.

Training the Trainers (T4T) (3 day course) x1

Aim: To develop the confidence, skills and knowledge to plan and deliver child protection training in their own agency and for the LSCB, and to provide a consistent approach to safeguarding children locally.

Supervising staff and managing risks where there are Child Protection Concerns (1 day course) x 1

Aim: To explore the issues associated with the successful supervision of staff who are involved in working with families where there are child protection concerns.

Working with Neglect (1 day course) x 2

Aim: To gain an understanding in identifying indicators of neglect.

Safeguarding Children in Faith Communities (3x 2 hours) x 1 and (1 day course) x1

Aim: To offer representatives of faith groups the opportunity to increase their general awareness of all issues around the safeguarding of children & young people. This course is for members of Faith Groups/ Communities.

Safer Recruitment (1 day course) x 8

Aim: To help managers fulfil their responsibilities in the recruitment of staff.

Managing Allegations against Staff

Aim: To explore and develop the new roles for managing allegations and to gain a better understanding of these responsibilities.

Lunchtime Seminars (1 hour) x 6

Aim: To offer individuals the opportunity to increase their general awareness of issues around the safeguarding agenda.

LSCB Annual Conference (1 day course) x1

(You will find full details of the [Swindon LSCB Training Programme](http://www.swindonlscb.org.uk) on our website, www.swindonlscb.org.uk.)

Appendix 1 – Background Information

As part of the government's drive to improve outcomes for children, new legislation (*The Children Act 2004*) was passed in November 2004. This required that every local authority replace their Area Child Protection Committee (ACPC) with a Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) by April 2006.

LSCBs are statutory bodies, placing child protection high on everyone's agenda. All agencies have to comply with the duty placed on them by the 2004 Act to "*safeguard and promote the welfare of children*".

The core legislation underpinning the work of the LSCB is the *Children Act 1989* and the *Children Act 2004*, which provide a comprehensive framework for the care and protection of children whilst reflecting the principles of the *Rights of the Child* and the *European Convention on Human Rights*.

The services provided by LSCB are shaped by guidance issued by the Department for Education and Skills, the Department of Health and the Home Office, notably the newly updated *Working Together to Safeguard Children (2006)*.

Swindon LSCB - Wider Structures

Swindon LSCB brings together all the main organisations that work with children and families in Swindon, with the aim of ensuring that they work together effectively to keep children safe. It is a multi-agency body that contributes to and operates within the framework established with partner agencies to produce the *Swindon Children and Young People's Plan*.

Swindon Borough Council's Children Services takes lead responsibility for the effective function of the LSCB, while all main constituent members are responsible for contributing fully and efficiently to its work.

The LSCB stands alongside the Swindon Children's Trust Board. It has a key role in overseeing the '*Staying Safe*' outcome and both reports to and reviews the work of the Children's Trust Board.

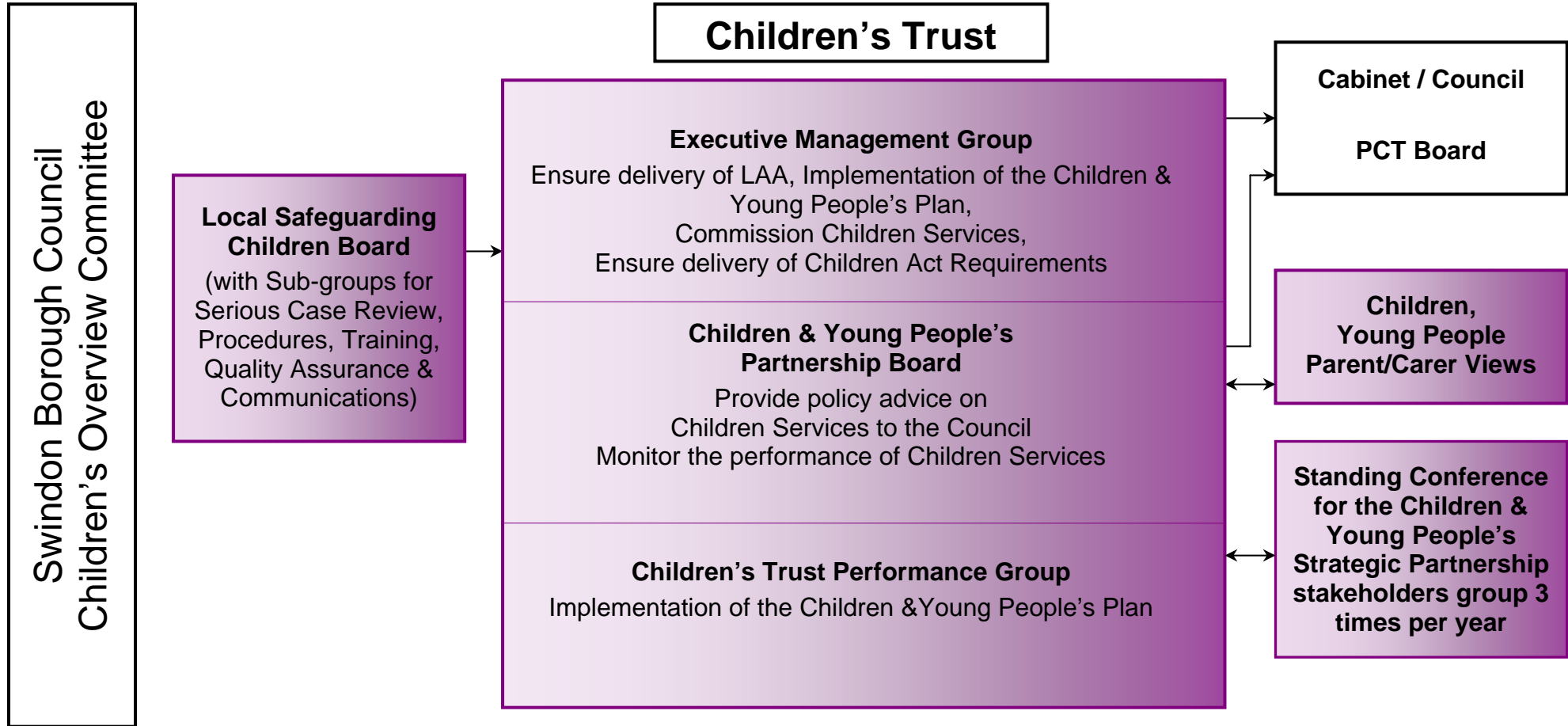
The LSCB meets quarterly and its Management Group meets in the intervening months to take work forward.

To enable it to carry out its work, the LSCB has five main sub-groups: Serious Case Review, Procedures, Training, Quality Assurance and Media.

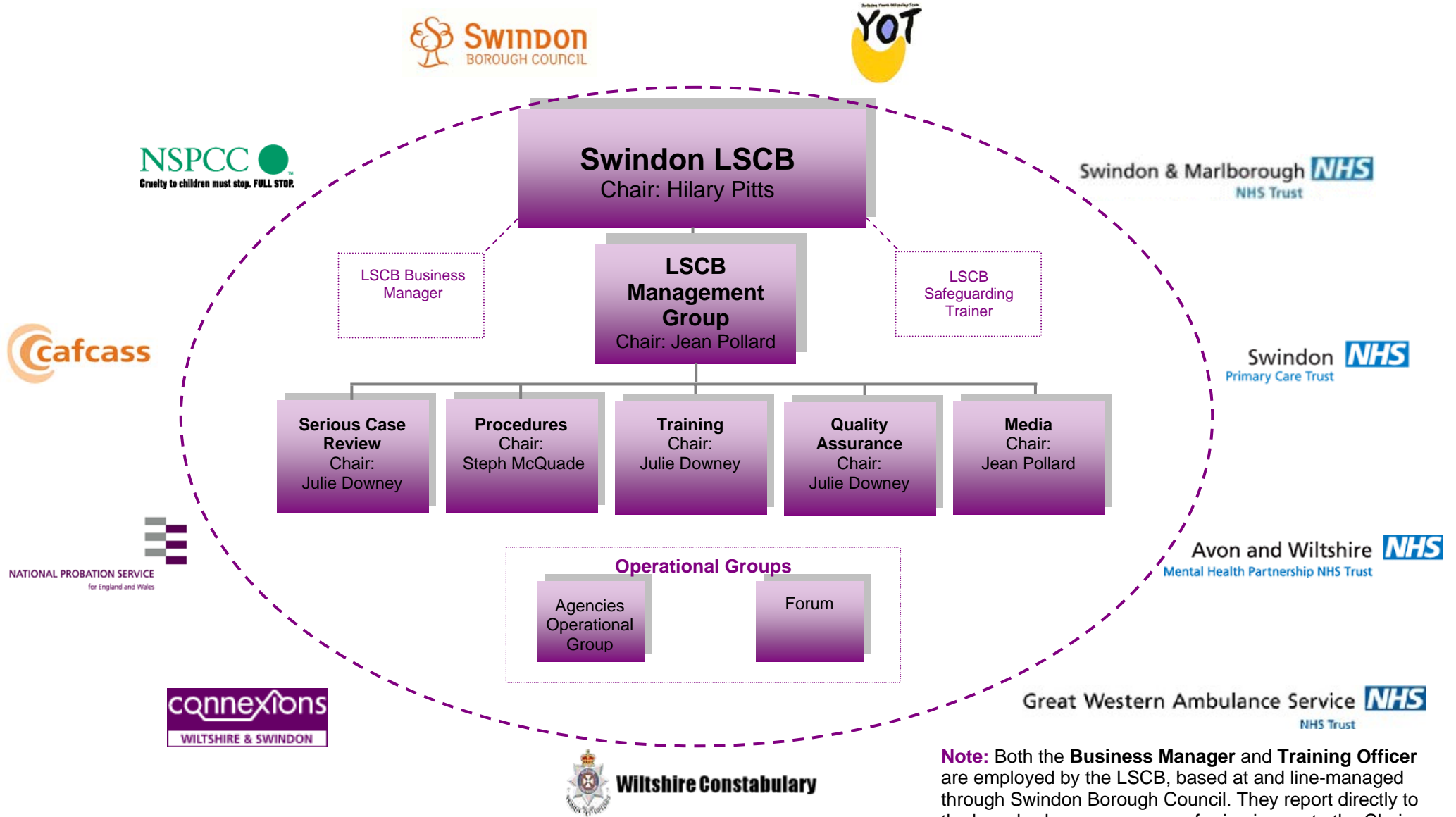
In addition, two further operational groups explore specific areas of work on behalf of the LSCB; the Agencies Operational Group and the Forum - Children Exploited Through Prostitution.

(You will find details of the membership, terms of reference and meeting schedules for all these groups on the Swindon LSCB Website, www.swindonlscb.org.uk in the ***About Us*** section.)

Swindon Children's Trust - Structure Diagram



Swindon LSCB - Structure Diagram (as at April 2007)



Note: Both the **Business Manager** and **Training Officer** are employed by the LSCB, based at and line-managed through Swindon Borough Council. They report directly to the board, where necessary referring issues to the Chair.

Swindon LSCB – Board Membership (as at April 2007)

CHAIR:

Hilary Pitts, Group Director, Children, Swindon Borough Council

VICE CHAIR:

Adina Grace, Designated Nurse for Child Protection, Assistant Director Commissioning for Children Young People & Family Services, Swindon PCT

Swindon Borough Council: Children Services

Jean Pollard, Director, Children & Families

Julie Downey, Head of Safeguarding

Stephanie McQuade, QA Manager, Children & Families (Chair: Procedures Sub-group)

Peter Robinson, Services to Children and Young People lead on Child Protection

Swindon Borough Council: Housing

Mike Ash, Head of Service - Housing Strategy

Swindon Borough Council: Youth Offending Team

Kevin Leaning, Head of Youth Offending Services

Swindon Primary Care Trust (PCT):

Lynda Wearn, Deputy Director of Public Health

General Practitioner:

Liz Mearns, GP

Strategic Health Authority:

Mandy Cox, NSF Lead

Swindon & Marlborough NHS Trust:

Sue Rowley, Director of Nursing, Executive Lead for Children's Services

Janet King, Designated Doctor for Child Protection, Swindon

Great Western Ambulance Service NHS Trust:

David Wilmot, Clinical Effectiveness Manager (Standards)

Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership Trust:

Mark Dean, Head of Safeguarding, Integrated Governance & Nursing Directorate

Wiltshire Constabulary:

Richard Rowland, Superintendent Operations (Swindon)

Connexions Wiltshire & Swindon:

Merfyn Williams, Head of Connexions Service

NSPCC:

Trish O'Donnell, Area Children's Services Manager

Probation Service:

Alison Minch, Assistant Chief Officer (Specialist Services)

Children & Family Court Advisory Service (CAFCASS):

Claire McConnel, Service Manager Wiltshire

PROFESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:

Pharmacy Representative: Toni Lloyd

Primary School Headteachers: Sue Tinker, Headteacher, Eldene Primary School

Secondary School Headteachers: Chris Walton

Colleges: Duncan Webster

Special Schools: Kathie Bryan

Voluntary Sector Representative: Stephanie Hathaway

DV Co-ordinator: Lin Williams

You will find details of membership of the LSCB Management Group and all LSCB Sub-groups on the Swindon LSCB Website, www.swindonlscb.org.uk in the **About Us** section.)

Appendix 2 - Serious Case Reviews

Important lessons are learned from the detailed review of cases where children have died or received a life-threatening injury due to abuse or neglect. Swindon LSCB conducts formal reviews of these and other serious child abuse cases in accordance with central government guidance contained in *Working Together to Safeguard Children 2006*.

The Serious Case Review Sub-group oversees Serious Case Reviews (SCRs), with a membership of very experienced senior managers drawn from LSCB agencies. Overview Panel members are identified according to the needs of each case to ensure that the panel is independent of involvement in the case and has access to any expert knowledge required.

During the year to March 2007, two reviews were presented to the LSCB, one involving a young person who died shortly after her discharge from a secure unit and the other a baby who died as a consequence of neglect.

The Swindon LSCB Website, www.swindonlscb.org.uk, provides an easily accessible means of keeping people informed of new developments. Executive Summaries from Serious Case Reviews undertaken by Swindon LSCB are made available on the website once reviews (and any criminal proceedings) are complete.

The Serious Case Review Process

We have continued to develop our Serious Case Review Process, with improvements to the way in which we check and monitor agency action plans. Our current focus is to expand our ability to capture key outcomes for service users and staff. Following a presentation on our process at the National LSCB event, we have received numerous enquiries and will shortly be making an information pack available for a small fee..

During this year we have also finalised a leaflet on Serious Case Reviews for families affected by them. You can download a copy of this leaflet on the Swindon LSCB Website, www.swindonlscb.org.uk.

Outcomes from Serious Case Reviews

Among the outcomes from recent Serious Case Reviews are:

- New multi-agency training courses (*Working With Neglect* and *Supervising staff and managing risks where there are Child Protection Concerns*) and lunchtime seminars in direct response to Serious Case Review recommendations (see the *Swindon LSCB Training Programme 2007 to 2008*, page 10 for details).
- The development of more co-ordinated substance misuse services, including the launch of U-Turn and new guidance on *Response to Children and Young People Involved in Substance Misuse* (now incorporated into the *South West Child Protection Procedures*).

Appendix 3 – Child Protection Statistics 2006 to 2007

When looking at statistical information for Swindon it is important to note that numbers are relatively small. In some instances, this means that a single case can make an apparently large difference to the figures.

- A total of 90 children were on the Swindon Child Protection Register at 31.3.07.
 - This represents an increase of 64% on the previous year. Nationally, numbers on the register showed a small increase in the year 2005/6 having previously shown a steady decrease since 1995.
 - Of these, 42% were boys (51% nationally) and 53% girls (49% nationally). Four children were unborn.
 - The ethnicity of 87% was recorded as 'white', 5.5% as 'mixed', with one Bangladeshi child and one from 'any other ethnic group'. Four children were unborn.
 - 20% of these were 'children looked after'. Nationally, 10% of the children on the register at 31 March 2006 were also looked after by local authorities.

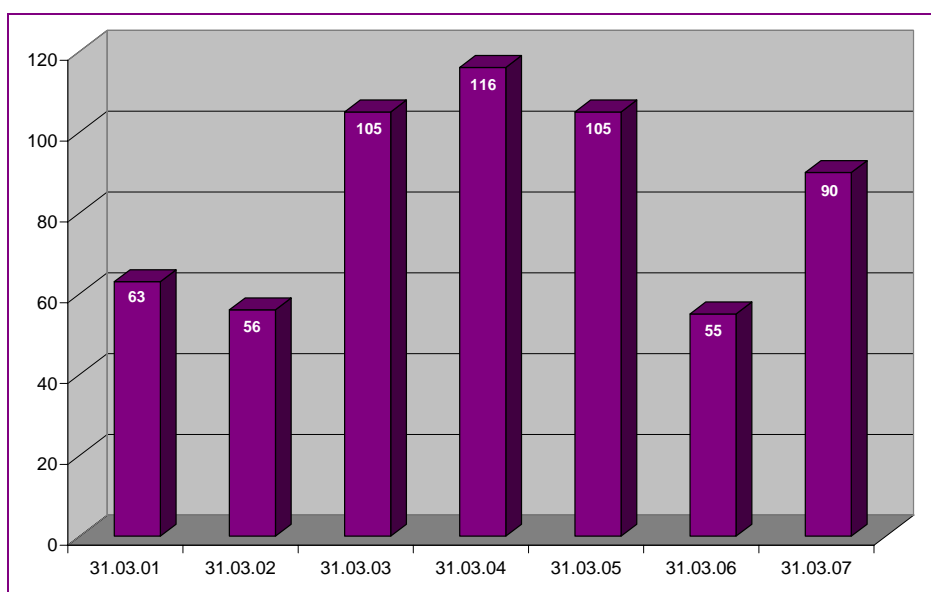


Figure 1 - Swindon Child Protection Register

- Swindon registered 142 children during 2006/7, compared with 102 in 2005/6. This represents an increase in registrations of 39%, returning to a similar level to that recorded in 2004/5. Registrations for 2005/06 were low as were the numbers on the register so an increase is positive for 2006/07, as more in line with the national average.
- There were 25 re-registrations, compared with 13 in the previous year. This represents 17.6% of all registrations (up from 12.7% in 2005/6). Nationally, 14% of children registered during 2005/6 had previously been registered. In March 07 there were 3 families with large numbers of siblings re-registered and this was the main cause for the increase in

re-registrations compared with the previous year. Small numbers do cause fluctuations in performance here. Top performance is between 10-15%.

- 7 children who had been on the register for more than 2 years were removed from the register during the year compared to 6 last year. This represents 6.5% of all de-registrations, up from 3.8% last year. Nationally, in 2005/6, 6% of children removed from the register had been on it for over 2 years. This maintains top performance for this indicator, which is between 0-10%.

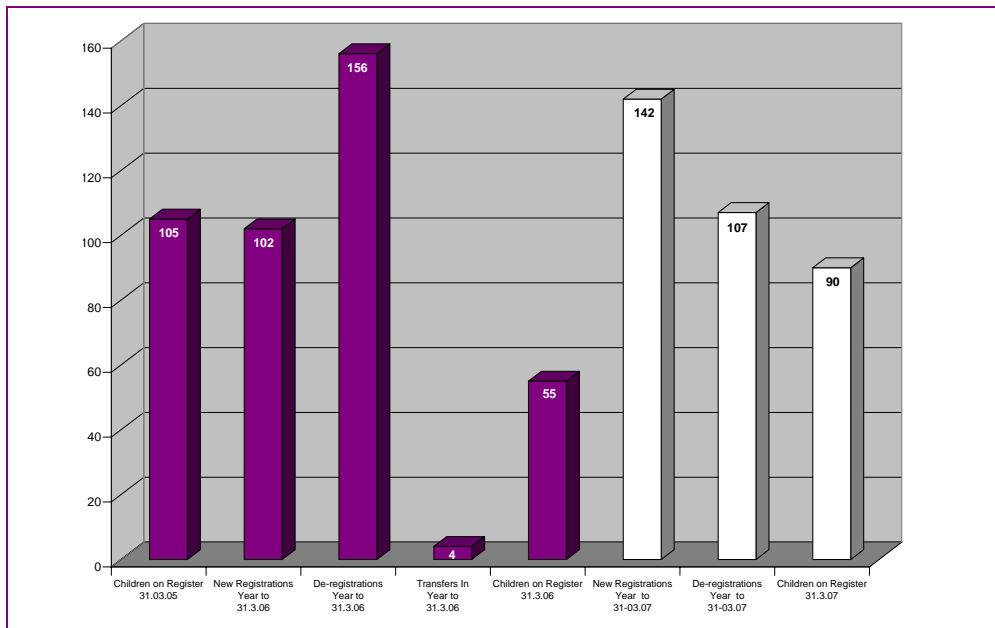


Figure 2 - Movements on Swindon Child Protection Register

- 313 Section 47 investigations and 163 initial child protection conferences were held between April 2006 and March 2007.
- Swindon has again achieved a high level of parental participation in child protection conferences, with parents attending in 84% of cases.
- 26% of child protection conferences were attended by one or more children (up from 20% last year). We expect a continued increase in the participation of children now that an Advocacy Service has been established.
- Since our Advocacy Service was introduced in November 2006, 77% of families where one or more child was over the age of 10 took up the offer of a children's advocate.
- During 2006/7 Swindon maintained 100% compliance with child protection review timescales. This is a Best Value indicator and maintained top quartile performance. Scheduling systems are firmly embedded and ensure that a child's review is arranged well within timescales. Performance Management of this indicator is owned at Multi-Agency level as is dependent on all parties committing to attendance at Reviews to ensure that timescales are met.

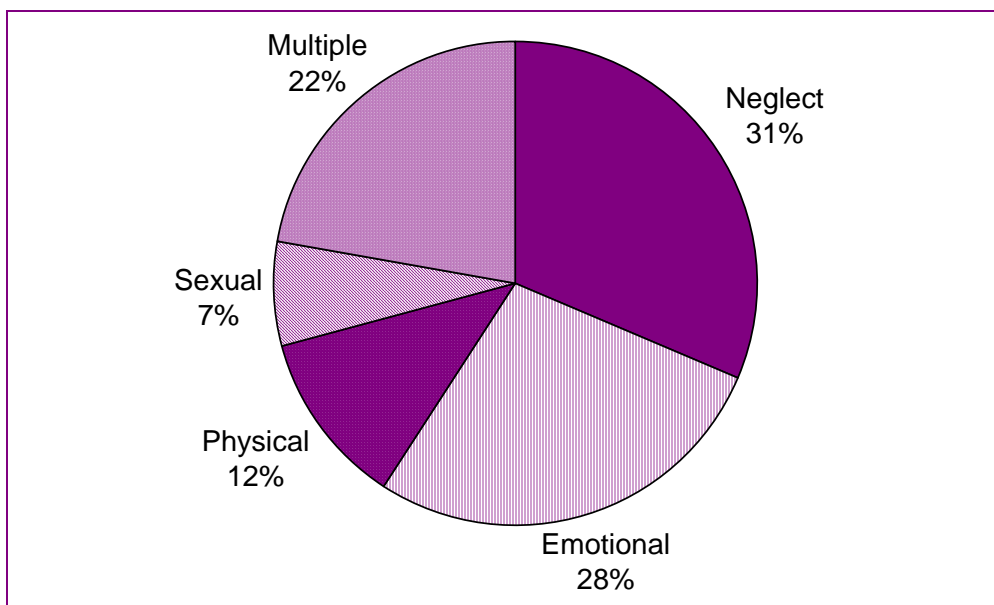


Figure 3 - Categories of Child Protection Registration 2005/06

- In Swindon neglect accounted for 32% of cases in 2006/7. Nationally, neglect remains the most frequent reason for registration at 43% in 2005/6.
- As was the case nationally in 2005/6, sexual abuse accounts for the fewest registrations in Swindon. There is national research underway to help us understand why referrals on sexual abuse have reduced in recent years.

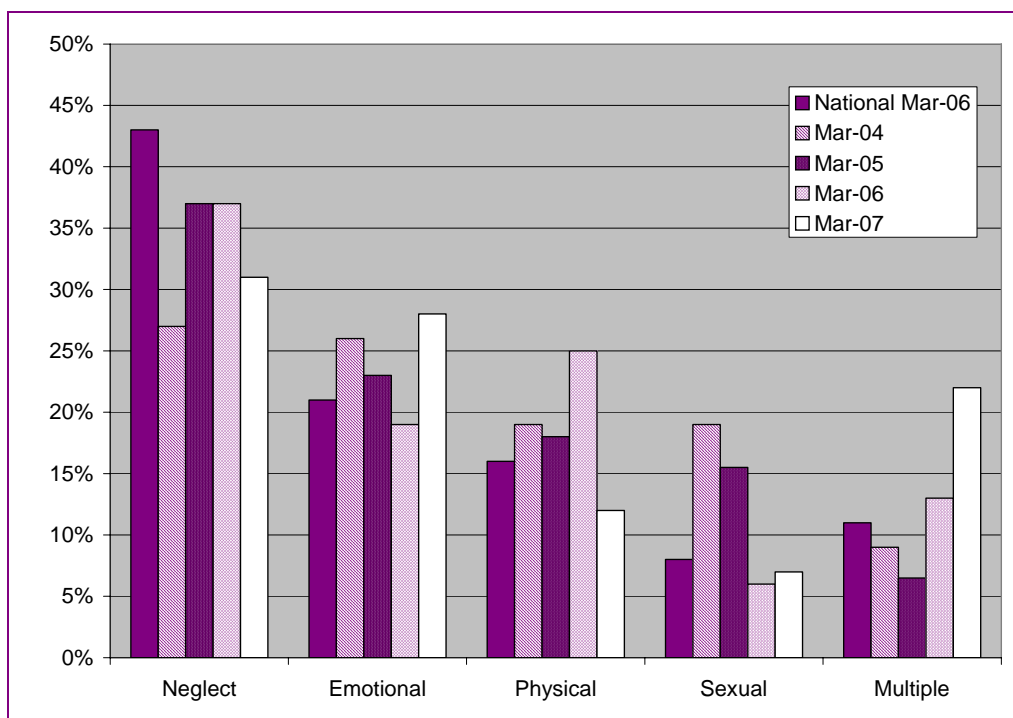


Figure 4 - Registration Trends in Category of Abuse

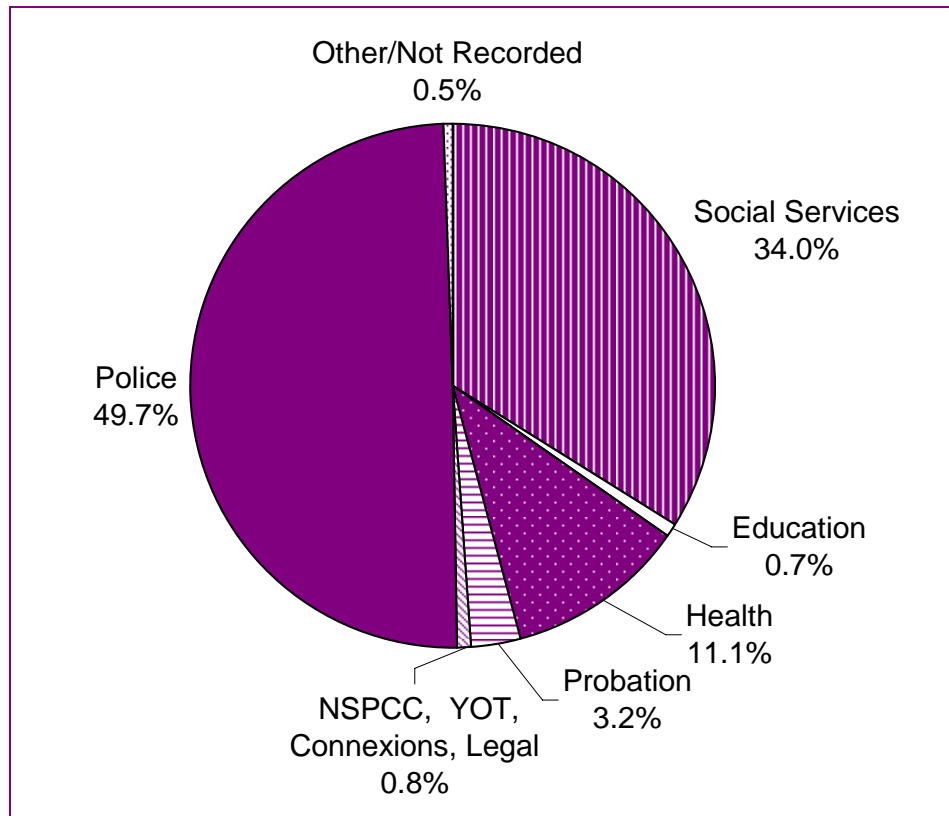


Figure 5 – Enquiries to the Child Protection Registration 2006/07

- There were 592 enquiries to the register in 2006/7 (795 in 2005/6).

National Statistics taken from **Referrals, Assessments, and Children and Young People on Child Protection Registers, England - Year ending 31 March 2006** (DfES)

Appendix 4 – Financial Information

Swindon LSCB Income and Expenditure 2006 to 2007

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Contributions	2006/7		2006/7
Local Authority	£89,850	Multi-Agency Training	
PCT	£19,500	Programme ⁽²⁾	£17,632
S&MNHS Trust	£13,575	Employment Costs	
Police	£13,000	LSCB Posts ⁽³⁾	£72,268
Probation	£5,000	CP Minuting ⁽⁴⁾	£27,204
Connexions	£5,000	LSCB Support	
CAFCASS	£558	Administration ⁽⁵⁾	£11,158
Total Contributions	£146,483	LSCB Projects	
Grant ⁽¹⁾	£3,000	Advocacy	£24,000
Training Income	£125	Parenting Handbook	£15,645
Subtotal	£149,608	Subtotal	£167,907
B/F ⁽²⁾	£30,982	C/F ⁽¹⁾	£12,683
TOTAL	£180,590	TOTAL	£180,590

1. Grant from *Parenting Support Fund* specifically for extra copies of the Parenting Handbook (to be carried into 2007/8 for this purpose).
2. The B/F figure was largely attributable to the long-term sickness of the Training Officer and subsequent vacant post, also resulting in a reduced training programme. A significant proportion of this was allocated to extra training delivery during 2006/7.
3. Permanent: LSCB Business Manager (30 hrs per week) and LSCB Safeguarding Trainer (F/T from May). Temporary: LSCB Clerk (18.5 hrs per week June 06 to January 07) and Training Administrator (10 hrs per week from November 06).
4. Normally provides an additional 32 hours (between two P/T posts) of minuting capacity for Child Protection Conferences (total current capacity is 93 hours, with the remainder funded by Social Services). The LSCB made additional funds available in 2006/07 to provide temporary cover for long-term sickness.
5. Includes contribution to and launch of the SW Child Protection Procedures, printing of Annual Report & Business Plan, graphics (logo and covers), hospitality, room hire, software, furniture/ equipment & travel/mileage. An amount of £5,000 was allowed for Serious Case Reviews that was not used during the last year.

Swindon LSCB Budget Requirement 2007 to 2008

INDICATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS		BUDGET REQUIREMENT	
Local Authority	£92,750	Multi-Agency Training	
Health	£40,250	Programme	£20,000
Police	£13,325	Employment Costs	
Connexions	£5,000	LSCB Posts ⁽²⁾	£82,000
Probation	£5,000	CP Minuting ⁽³⁾	£20,000
Learning & Skills Council	£10,000	LSCB Support	
CAFCASS		Administration ⁽⁴⁾	£12,258
		Staff & Member Dev.	£3,500
		LSCB Projects	
B/F from 2006/07 ⁽¹⁾	£12,683	Advocacy ⁽⁵⁾	£30,250
		Parenting Handbook	£11,000
TOTAL AVAILABLE	£179,008	TOTAL REQUIRED	£179,008

1. The B/F figure includes £3,000 specifically for extra copies of the Parenting Handbook.
2. LSCB Business Manager (30 hrs per week), LSCB Safeguarding Trainer (F/T), LSCB Clerk/Training Administrator (30 hrs per week from October), Temporary Training Administrator (10 hrs per week until September).
3. Provides an additional 32 hours (split between two P/T posts) of minuting capacity for Child Protection Conferences (total current capacity is 93 hours, with the remainder funded by Social Services).
4. Includes our contribution to the maintenance of the SW Child Protection Procedures and an allowance for ongoing rollout, Serious Case Reviews, printing of Annual Report & Business Plan, graphics (logo and covers), hospitality, room hire, software, furniture/ equipment, staff & LSCB member development & travel/mileage.
5. To provide an advocacy service for children and parents within the Child Protection Process as part of a wider Children's Rights service.

Note: we have not this year retained a contingency fund as previously.

Appendix 5 - References (Documents Referred To)

National Documents

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European Convention of Human Rights. Rome, 1950

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Referrals, Assessments, and Children and Young People on Child Protection Registers, England - Year ending 31 March 2006 (DfES)

<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/SFR/s000692/index.shtml>

Local Documents

South West Child Protection Procedures www.swcpp.org.uk (Web based procedures, launched February 2007)

Children and young people who show sexually harmful behaviour leaflet and web page

<http://www.swindonlscb.org.uk/lscb-index/lscb-workers-home/lscb-workers-resources/lscb-workers-resources-shb.htm>

Work Plan: April 2007 to March 2008, Swindon Local Safeguarding Children Board

<http://www.swindonlscb.org.uk/lscb-index/lscb-general-about/lscb-about-us-documents.htm>

LSCB Training Programme: April 2007 to March 2008

<http://www.swindonlscb.org.uk/lscb-index/lscb-workers-home/lscb-workers-training.htm>

Children and Young People's Plan 2006 - 2009. Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership, Swindon 2006

http://www.swindon.gov.uk/cypsp_plan_2006.pdf

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