



How C4EO can support Local Authorities and the Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs)



Safeguarding and Child Protection

The “**Munro Review of Child Protection: A child centred system**”, set out the important role that Local Safeguarding Children Boards have in monitoring how professionals and services are working together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. It recognised that they are key to identifying emerging problems, through learning from practice and overseeing efforts to improve services .

In its response, the Government has been clear that LSCBs are seen as having a vital role within the local accountability system for child protection.

The Government strongly agrees that LSCBs are a fundamental aspect of local multi-agency arrangements to help and protect children and young people. They occupy a central position in being able to assess the effectiveness of local help and protective services, and it is important that this role is strengthened.

How C4EO can help

The expectations on LSCBs are huge and C4EO is well placed to provide sector specialist “peer to peer” Tailored Support to help local areas review practice and move forward. Following a range of successful safeguarding assignments across the country, C4EO is in a strong position to assist LSCBs including the review and development of performance management. Specific examples include:

- a) **Providing a dataset that is fit for purpose:**
C4EO can provide an external review of the current LSCBs data set and performance reporting, with recommendations for change, ensuring that all LSCBs have the information they need to be able to monitor and improve performance.
- b) **Ensuring the LSCBs and their members have a sound performance framework:**
C4EO can help support the development of an LSCB performance framework and help to implement it, so that LSCB members are effective in understanding ‘the story behind the data’ and what they need to do about it, ensuring they are both effective and focused on the outcomes for children and families.



Experience, understanding and support

C4EO has extensive experience working with Local Authorities and the Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs).

Ways C4EO can help include:

- Developing a comprehensive and integrated quality assurance system.
- Independently reviewing the effectiveness of LSCBs, identification of strengths, key issues needing to be addressed and development of action plans.
- Reviewing the effectiveness of “early help” services in reducing the incidence of maltreatment, including range, quality and access.
- Improving the understanding and application of thresholds on a multi-agency basis.
- Ensuring that there is a good understanding across all agencies of the evidence base in respect of working with highly resistant families and decision making with complex families.
- Using national research to inform developments at the front line.
- Validating “good” practice and ensuring effective dissemination, across all local services and agencies (and nationally, through the C4EO website).
- Peer mentoring and support from other experienced LSCB Chairs.
- Providing regional support to LSCB Chairs.
- Facilitating training events for Board members to meet local needs, including action learning sets, local or regional workshops/conferences or the development of training through on-line webinars.



C4EO Sector Specialists

C4EO draws on specialists from different professional backgrounds depending on the need identified, and will provide a multi-agency team when required. Our specialists have hands-on experience of the challenges LSCBs face.

C4EO sector specialists support improvement across all areas of Children's Services using the best available evidence, research and practice of "what works". This timely and trusted service is guided by the following principles:

- All support must be evidence based and add value.
- We work **with** services and agencies (not "doing to" or "doing for").
- All support is sector-led and leaves a legacy of sustainable improvement (transferring skills/knowledge, building local capacity).

All assignments are carefully scoped and quality controlled. Each assignment is individually tailored and sector specialists matched according to client need. C4EO is a 'not for profit' organisation and operates on a cost recovery basis. This allows us to keep all of our costs at an affordable level, whilst providing the highest quality service.

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