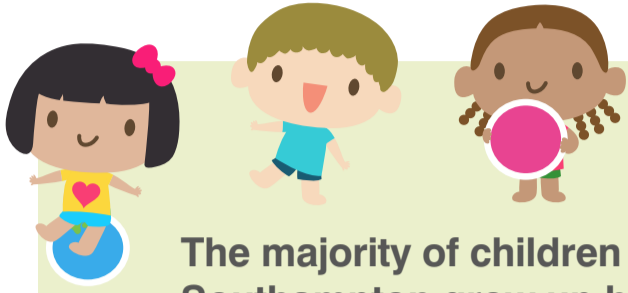


LSCB { Southampton Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) is a statutory body that leads on keeping children safe and ensuring their wellbeing in Southampton.



The majority of children and young people in Southampton grow up happy, safe and well in secure families and communities...

The LSCB is a group of agencies that work together to make sure that services in the city are working together to keep children safe.



...unfortunately there are children and young people in the city that face significant challenges and risks in their lives.



Children in Southampton

49,150

children under the age of 18 live in the city

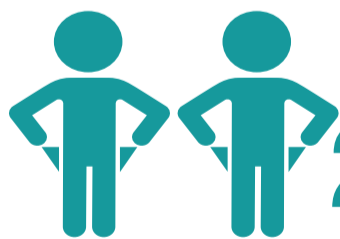


Children in the city who's first language is not English

Primary schools **27.3%**

Secondary schools **21.3%**

The health and wellbeing of children in Southampton is generally worse than the England average. Infant and child mortality rates are similar to the England average.



22.7% of children are living in poverty



29.9%

of 5 year olds have one or more decayed, filled or missing teeth

Early years and education



Ofsted say: **86%** of schools are outstanding or good



4.7%

of young people are not in employment, education or training (NEET)

26,270



is the number of days needed to bring the attendance rate up to the same level as the national average (compared to 25,099 in 2014-15)

Children in need of help and protection

4,091 

new referrals received for children in need of help or protection

70 per 
10,000

Children on a child protection plan at the end of March 2016 (compared to 82 at the end of March 2015)


591

looked after children (children in care) at the end of March 2016 (compared to 582 at the end of March 2015)

Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH):

 13,846

contacts were made to MASH about safeguarding concerns during April 15 – March 16

Talking to families


x3 


The LSCB has three Lay Members to help us make links with the community


500 


We interacted with over 500 people during Safeguarding Week in June 2015

Our priorities for the next three years

1  Make sure that all professionals think about the whole family, whether they are working with the adult or the child. Especially when there is a focus on mental health, substance misuse, alcohol or domestic abuse

2  Help professionals and the public to recognise child neglect and respond appropriately

3  Focus on improving the lives of vulnerable children including;
Looked after Children (children in care)
Those at risk of going missing, being exploited or trafficked (MET)

4  Improve communication between services at management and front line staff levels

Working together to keep people safe

If you are worried about the safety of a child or young person contact:

Southampton MASH Telephone: 023 8083 3336 Email: mash@southampton.gov.uk

For more details see www.southamptonlscb.co.uk