



Coventry Safeguarding Children PARTNERSHIP

Safeguarding Arrangements

This leaflet tells you about the Coventry Safeguarding Children Partnership, who we are, and what we do. It explains why you need to know about the Partnership, what we can do for you and how you can get involved! The last page has some useful contact details for you and tells you how you can request that we come to your school and hear your voice.

A guide for children and young people



Who are we?

The Coventry Safeguarding Children Partnership (CSCP) is a group of people from organisations across the city including Coventry City Council, schools, Police, doctors and hospital staff and the fire service. Our job is to make sure that everyone is looking after children and young people properly and that the help you would receive, if you need it, is good enough. Safeguarding means keeping you safe from harm, either by helping to prevent bad things before they happen or helping to stop them if they do.



What do we do?

We do lots of things to find out whether services are keeping people safe, and to help services get better if they aren't good enough.

For example:

- We write policies – these are instructions for organisations telling them how they should do things to make sure they are getting them right
- We do audits – this means asking questions and testing organisations to check they are doing things well
- We have regular meetings with the chiefs of organisations - we can help them to make plans to improve if things aren't good enough

We only do this for services and people in Coventry, because every area has its own Safeguarding Children Partnership. But – if you are a Looked After Child and you have been given somewhere to live outside of Coventry we will continue to look into whether services are doing the right thing for you.

Who is involved?

Our Partnership has 3 main organisations that run it. **They are:**



West Midlands Police - they help us when people break the law but they can also work with people before bad things happen to try keep them safe.



Clinical Commissioning Group - they decide who delivers health services in Coventry and watch over them to make sure they're doing it well.



Coventry City Council have lots of staff like bin men, social workers and the Mayor, and they make decisions about what happens in Coventry.

Why is knowing about the Partnership important for you?

The Partnership exists to make sure services are good enough for you, and there are times you might be involved with our work, **for example:**

If you need help

- If you need the Police to help you they work in a way the Partnership has agreed and we monitor and check they do it well
- If things aren't going well at home Coventry City Council might give your family a social worker to help, and they are part of our Partnership too

If you can help us

- Your school is part of our Partnership, and sometimes schools help us understand what we should be looking at to check whether children and young people are safe
- Hearing what children and young people say is important, you have opportunities to tell us what you think is working well and what should be different

How can you contact us?

You are welcome to get in touch with us whenever you like, either by yourself or with someone else like a teacher or someone who looks after you, if you prefer. We will always be pleased to hear from you to tell us what is going well or if there is something that you're not very happy about.

We are currently visiting schools to talk to young people about their views and experiences of feeling safe. We listen to what you tell us and make sure that people who make decisions about young people in Coventry know how you feel. If you would like us to come to your school, please email us using the address below and let us know. It's okay for you or a teacher to do this. You can get in touch with us in these ways:

Website www.coventry.gov.uk/cscp

Twitter @CoventryCSCP

Telephone 024 7697 5477

If you are worried that you or someone else is going to be hurt you can always call the Police to help you. If you think it is an emergency (it's going to happen straight away or soon) then call them on 999.

If it is not an emergency you can use a different number to speak to the police to let them know you are worried. To do this call 101.