



HARTLEPOOL
BOROUGH COUNCIL

CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEPARTMENT

HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL IS COMMITTED TO SAFEGUARDING AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

THIS POST IS SUBJECT TO SAFER RECRUITMENT MEASURES, INCLUDING A DBS CHECK.

JOB TITLE: HARTLEPOOL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD
(HSCB) Lay Member

DIVISION: SAFEGUARDING & SPECIALIST SERVICES

GRADE: VOLUNTARY

RESPONSIBLE TO: DIRECTOR OF CHILD AND ADULT SERVICES

POST REF NO:

Purpose of Post

Hartlepool Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) is committed to engaging communities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. A vacancy has arisen for a volunteer Lay Member to become a member of the Safeguarding Children Board. The role will be to bring a more 'grass roots' perspective to the work of the Board on safeguarding children; to think as a member of the public; and to play a part in the oversight and scrutiny of decisions and policies made by the Board.

Relationships

1. All staff will be expected to promote team working within their particular staff service area but also across the Department as a whole, with corporate colleagues, with staff from other agencies and representative groups and working with elected Members as appropriate.

2. Additionally, key relationships for this post will be:-

- Director of Child and Adult Services
- Lead Member for children
- Independent Chair of HSCB
- HSCB Business Manager
- HSCB Training Coordinator
- HSCB Administrator

Main Duties and Responsibilities

1. Attend and contribute to 6 half day HSCB meetings and participate in a small number of relevant Working Groups of the HSCB as appropriate;
2. Attend one development day per year;
3. Actively support stronger public engagement in local child safety issues and contributing to an improved understanding of the HSCB's child protection work in the wider community;
4. Challenge the HSCB on the accessibility by the public and children and young people of its plans and procedures
5. Help to make links between the HSCB and community groups.

Developments

The work of all Local Government departments changes and develops continuously which in turn requires staff to adapt and adjust. The functions/responsibilities above should not therefore be regarded as immutable but may change commensurate with the grading of the post. Any such changes will naturally be the subject of discussion and consultation.