



## **Voluntary Lay Member, Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board**

**Reference No:** HCC1177134

### **Voluntary**

**Additional Payments:** Travel expenses

**Work Location:** Winchester

**Hours per week:** Not applicable

### **Main Vacancy Text**

We're looking for a voluntary lay member to join us in making sure that safeguarding children in Hampshire is effective and co-ordinated.

Lay members help us to maintain a focus that reflects the needs of the community. It's a challenging role but you'll be well supported, receive training and be reimbursed for your travel expenses. You'll need to attend our Board meetings and to occasionally be involved in additional work such as attending sub-group meetings and consultation with community groups.

Having a real commitment to improving the lives of children, you'll be confident in your ability to communicate well with people at all levels. You'll also live within Hampshire.

Formal qualifications are not essential but you cannot have worked for one of our partner agencies for the last five years. To find out more about Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board, our work and Partners please visit [www.hampshiresafeguardingchildrenboard.org.uk](http://www.hampshiresafeguardingchildrenboard.org.uk).

### **Job purpose**

- Safeguarding children and young people depends on all agencies, working well together and fulfilling their safeguarding responsibilities. To ensure this, the Children Act 2004 required each local authority to establish a Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB).
- The Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) is a multi-agency forum that brings together senior representatives from the main organisations and agencies that work with Hampshire's children and young people. It helps co-ordinate safeguarding work across agencies and ensures that this work is effective in

improving safeguarding outcomes for children and young people.

- The role of the lay member will include actively supporting stronger public engagement in local child safety issues and contributing to an improved understanding of the LSCB's child protection work in the wider community and, contribute to the oversight and scrutiny of decisions and policies made by the Board.

#### **Essential qualifications**

N/A

#### **Desirable Qualifications**

N/A

#### **Essential knowledge, skills & experience**

- A strong commitment to improving outcomes for children and keeping children and young people safe.
- A good understanding of the needs of children, young people and their families.
- To be able to demonstrate an ability to contribute to the work of the HSCB.
- To be available to attend four Board and four sub-group meetings per year and undertake necessary preparation.
- An ability to read and assimilate information from Board papers.
- An ability to communicate effectively within meetings and the confidence to ask questions and challenge people in a constructive way.
- An understanding of the requirement for confidentiality in dealing with some of the information shared within the HSCB.
- A willingness to undertake training and development to help equip you to carry out the role.
- An understanding and commitment to equality and diversity in promoting good outcomes for children and young people in the Borough.
- Not to be employed by any agency represented on the HSCB in the past 5 years.
- To be a resident of Hampshire.
- Knowledge and experience of involvement with community groups.

#### **Desirable knowledge, skills & experience**

N/A

#### **Additional information on the application process**

Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board and Hampshire Children's Services is committed to safeguarding children and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all employees, workers and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment.

These posts are subject to an Enhanced DBS check.

**Contact name for an informal discussion:**

Sophie Butt or Jonathan Davies, HSCB Strategic Partnerships Manager on 01962 876231 or email [hscb@hants.gov.uk](mailto:hscb@hants.gov.uk)

**How to apply:**

For more information please visit <http://www.hampshiresafeguardingchildrenboard.org.uk>.

**To apply** please submit a C.V. and written letter of application detailing why you are interested in applying for the role and how you meet the essential criteria and other related requirements to [hscb@hants.gov.uk](mailto:hscb@hants.gov.uk)

**Interview date:** 28 September 2017 (morning) in Winchester

**Closing Date:** 23:59 hours on **17 September 2017**

*Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) is a statutory body which co-ordinates, monitors and challenges agencies responsible for safeguarding children in Hampshire. To keep children safe and promote their welfare all agencies and the wider community need to understand their responsibilities towards children. Hampshire Safeguarding Children Board provides the platform to discuss and challenge each other to enable the right discussions to be take place and address the very real issues that face children and young people in Hampshire today. All children and young people regardless of age, disability, gender, race or sexuality are considered within the work of the Board. HSCB works with all key statutory and voluntary partner organisations.*