

1 Minute Guide to the ESCB

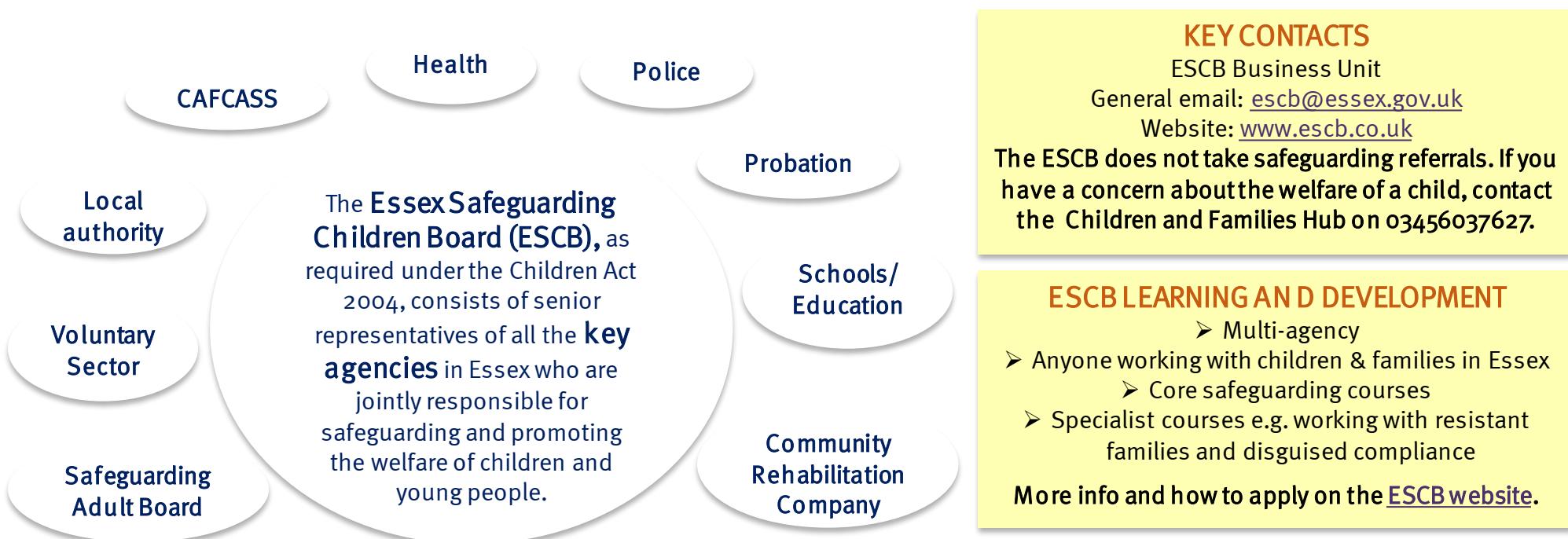
OUR OBJECTIVE

Co-ordinate local work undertaken by all agencies and individuals to **safeguard and promote the welfare** of children and young people **AND** ensure the effectiveness of that work.

Children and young people, their welfare, protection and the promotion of their best interests are at the heart of everything the ESCB does.

OUR VISION

For Essex to be a child friendly county in which children and young people are safe from harm in their families, their communities and their neighbourhoods.



KEY CONTACTS

ESCB Business Unit

General email: escb@essex.gov.uk

Website: www.escb.co.uk

The ESCB does not take safeguarding referrals. If you have a concern about the welfare of a child, contact the Children and Families Hub on 03456037627.

ESCB LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

➤ Multi-agency

- Anyone working with children & families in Essex
 - Core safeguarding courses
 - Specialist courses e.g. working with resistant families and disguised compliance

More info and how to apply on the [ESCB website](http://www.escb.co.uk).

HOW DOES THE BOARD WORK?

The ESCB is the **whole partnership structure**. It includes a **Strategic Executive** responsible for making key strategic decisions relating to safeguarding matters, an Essex-wide **ESCB Assembly** of wider safeguarding partners that meets twice a year and quadrant-based **Stay Safe Groups**, which address local safeguarding issues, while **ESCB Sub Committees** address specific areas of partnership work.

The work of the Board is co-ordinated by the ESCB Support Team. The Board **publishes an Annual Report** on the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements in the county on its website.

FUNCTIONS OF BOARD

- Develop safeguarding policies and procedures
- Communicate to partner agencies and raise awareness of the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children
- Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of what is done by partner agencies, individually and collectively, to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people
- Participate in the planning of children's services in Essex
- Undertake serious case reviews and advise partners on lessons to be learned.

SUB-COMMITTEES

Each sub-committee focusses on a specific area of work and has senior representation from ESCB partner agencies.

- Serious Case Review
- Child Death Review
- Learning and Development
- Performance, Audit & Quality Assurance
- Policy, Procedures and Practice Development
- Child Exploitation and Missing
- Communications

SAFEGUARDING FORUMS

- Health Executive Forum
- City, District and Borough Councils safeguarding leads group

OTHER STRATEGIC GROUPS

- Children's and Young People's Partnership
- Health and Wellbeing Board

WHAT ARE SERIOUS CASE REVIEWS?

The ESCB is responsible for initiating a Serious Case Review (SCR) where there has been a death of a child or young person and abuse or neglect is known or suspected, or where there has been a serious injury and there are concerns about interagency working.

PURPOSE

- Lessons to be learnt from the case?
- Lessons to be learnt from the way in which local professionals and organisations worked together?

From these lessons, the ESCB can **identify what agencies need to do to improve** inter-agency safeguarding.

SERIOUS CASE REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE

- ✓ Considers potential cases for review
- ✓ Makes recommendations to the ESCB Chair as to whether criteria are met for undertaking an SCR
- ✓ Makes decisions about the process for reviews; and oversees each one.

SCRs must be conducted in line with the 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' guidance (2015), and completed reviews published on the ESCB website.