

CSED 13001 Appendix 1

Summary of how BSCB meets its key statutory responsibilities (as set out in Section 14 of the Children Act 2004)

Statutory responsibilities	How they are met in Bromley
Ensuring there are policies and procedures in relation to the action to be taken where there are concerns about a child's safety or welfare, including thresholds for intervention	<p>BSCB is signed up to the London Child Protection Procedures which provides the framework for safeguarding children in individual cases. BSCB delivers regular briefings to ensure the procedures are understood across the partnership.</p> <p>BSCB has a performance framework which includes the multi-agency auditing of frontline practice to ensure the procedures are effective.</p> <p>BSCB has provided threshold guidance for all partners: The Child's Journey in Bromley – A Partnership model for providing services to support children and families in Bromley including the safeguarding thresholds guidance (July 2011)</p>
Training of persons who work with children or in services affecting the safety and welfare of children	<p>BSCB oversees an extensive programme of multi agency child protection training. http://www.bromleysafeguarding.org/pdfs/BSCB%20Training%20Brochure%20April%202013%20-%20March%202014%20-%20publ%20March%202013.pdf</p> <p>In 2012/13 789 staff from across Bromley agencies received safeguarding training. In addition 130 people attended the BSCB annual safeguarding conference on neglect.</p>
Policies and procedures in relation to recruitment and supervision of persons who work with children	BSCB runs a dedicated training programme around safer recruitment.
Investigation of allegations concerning persons who work with children	The Local Authority Designated Officer for the management of allegations against professionals who work with children presents an annual report to the BSCB for scrutiny. The last report was presented in May 2012.
Safety and welfare of	BSCB receives an annual report regarding the welfare of privately fostered children. The last report was

children who are privately fostered	considered in November 2012 when an action plan was agreed for promoting awareness raising in this area. BSCB is currently reviewing all procedures in relation to privately fostered children.
Communicating to persons and bodies in the area of the authority the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, raising their awareness of how this can best be done and encouraging them to do so	Recent briefings and policies have included awareness raising around: Children at risk from Gangs Anti-bullying Safeguarding disabled children E safety Signs of Safety Working with neglectful families Safeguarding children at risk of sexual exploitation
Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of what is done by the authority and their Board partners individually and collectively to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and advising them on ways to improve	This is the function of the Quality Assurance and Performance Monitoring sub group. This group regularly reviews safeguarding audits undertaken by individual agencies as well as Section 11 audits. The performance and improvement framework for BSCB can be found here: http://www.bromleysafeguarding.org/pdfs/BSCB%20Performance%20Management%20&%20Improvement%20%20Framework%20March%202013.pdf
Undertaking reviews of serious cases and advising the authority and their Board partners on lessons to be learned	Fortunately BSCB has not been required to undertake a serious case review since March 2010. However as part of the new performance and improvement framework and in line with WT 2013 there will be an expectation that learning takes place from regular reviews of cases where there are concerns about practice or good practice that can help improve outcomes for children.