

## Useful contacts:

Contact Sandwell Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0121 569 3100 to speak to someone about your concerns.

Contact West Midlands Police on 101 (24-hour non-emergency number). In an emergency always dial 999.

Contact the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 (free service, lines open 24 hours a day). [www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/report-abuse](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/report-abuse)

Strengthening Families Service:

**Rowley** 0121 5697296

**Tipton** 0121 5697291

**Smethwick** 0121 5697297

**Oldbury** 0121 5697295

**Wednesbury** 0121 5697294

**West Bromwich** 0121 5697293

If you have any questions or want to know more, please contact Sandwell Children's Safeguarding Partnership Business Team.

[SCSP\\_Business@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:SCSP_Business@sandwell.gov.uk)

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Broadwell Rd,  
Oldbury,  
West Midlands  
B69 4HE

[www.sandwellcsp.org.uk](http://www.sandwellcsp.org.uk) - for information on learning, development & training, access to resources and information on safeguarding.

<https://westmidlands.procedures.org.uk/>

- for access to the different sections of the regional procedures – Statutory Child Protection Procedures; Regional Safeguarding Guidance & Local Area Specific Safeguarding Information and Procedures.



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SUPPORT FOR  
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FAITH GROUPS**



## What is needed?

- » To raise safeguarding awareness and embed good practice within the VCFS amongst all paid staff and volunteers.
- » To increase understanding of the request for services criteria and promote the process of utilizing MARF reporting of safeguarding concerns.
- » To increase awareness of where to access guidance and support on thresholds and on MARF reporting.
- » To increase early help interventions and the recognition of when multi-agency Early Help is needed.
- » To increase access to the relevant Early Help training to support with accessing the Early Help Module System, completing Early Help assessments and acting as Lead Professionals.
- » To strengthen policy frameworks and to increase all staff / volunteer's awareness around safeguarding and encourage a more positive safeguarding culture within organisations.
- » To increase awareness of the availability of safeguarding resources, learning, development and training by Sandwell Children's Safeguarding Partnership (SCSP).

## Overall Aims

- To build links with the Voluntary, Community and Faith based (VCFS) groups in Sandwell
- For the Voluntary, Community & Faith-Based groups to know where to access safeguarding support, training & understand Local and National policies and procedures on safeguarding matters
- To have a continued relationship between VCFS and the Sandwell Children's Safeguarding Partnership (SCSP)

## How to get involved?

It is very important we get to hear the voice of the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sectors on the support you feel you need to be able to keep children and young people and their families safe within your communities.

Join the Sandwell Safeguarding Network, which is held monthly for the Voluntary, Community & Faith Groups to meet to have support with safeguarding concerns across the sector, share good practice and be kept informed on local Processes & procedures.

