

## **Children Act 2004 - Guidance**

The Children Act 2004 provides the legal underpinning for Every Child Matters: Change for Children programme. A series of documents have been published which provide guidance under the act to support local authorities and their partners in implementing new statutory duties. These and other guidance supporting the Every Child Matters programme has been published on the [Every Child Matters Website](#).

## **Inter-Agency Cooperation to Improve the Well-being of Children: Children's Trusts**

This guidance on the duty to cooperate (section 10 of the act), provides the underpinning framework for children's trusts. Well-being is the term used in the act to define the five Every Child Matters outcomes:

- Be healthy
- Stay safe
- Enjoy and achieve
- Make a positive contribution
- Achieve economic well-being

Click to read the [guidance on the duty to cooperate](#) or to get further background on [children's trusts](#).

## **Guidance on the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP)**

A key element in the implementation of children's trusts will be the development of a strategic plan by the local authority and its partners - the Children and Young People's Plan (see section 17 of the act).

Click to read [guidance on the CYPP](#) or to read more about the [Children and Young People's Plan](#).

## **Guidance on the roles and responsibilities of the Director of Children's Services and the Lead Member for Children's Services**

This guidance, which accompanies sections 18 and 19 of the act, emphasises the key leadership roles of the director of children's services and lead member for children's services, both within the local authority and in building the children's trusts partnership.

Click to read the [guidance](#) or to learn more about [Directors and Lead Members of Children's Services](#).

## **Local Safeguarding Children Board Guidance**

The establishment of local safeguarding children boards (LSCBs) is an important element of the improved safeguards for children put in place by the Children Act 2004 - the creation of LSCBs fulfils sections 13-16 of the act. The LSCB and its activities are part of the wider context of children's trust arrangements. Each local authority needs to have an LSCB in place by April 2006.

The LSCBs guidance forms chapter three of Working Together to Safeguard Children.

Click to read to read more about [LSCBs](#) on this site.

## **Working Together to Safeguard Children**

Working Together to Safeguard Children sets out how individuals and organisations should work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. The guidance has been updated since the previous version which was published in 1999. The new version reflects developments in legislation, policy and practice.

Click to read the [guidance](#).

## **Guidance on the Duty to Safeguard and Promote the Welfare of Children**

Working Together and the Guidance on the Duty to Safeguard and Promote the Welfare of Children, both deal with the key cross cutting issue of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

Click to read the [guidance](#).

### **Documents**

#### **[Every Child Matters: Change for Children - An Overview of Cross Government Guidance](#)**

This document provides details of all the cross-government guidance supporting Every Child Matters: Change for Children, including the aspects covered on this page.