



## About the LSCB and Budget – 2016-2017

### Leadership and Governance

SSCB board members are accountable for delivering the objectives and actions agreed by the Board and for ensuring that their agency delivers on safeguarding children responsibilities. However, the SSCB is not accountable for the operational work of partners nor does it have the power to direct them.

The SSCB is comprised of senior members from a range of Shropshire agencies that work with and/or have contact with children and who are able to:

- Speak for their agency;
- Hold their agency to account and challenge its practices;
- Make decisions about safeguarding as required and allocate resources;
- Ensure that safeguarding is given strategic priority within their own agency.

Partners work:

- Collaboratively to ensure that good outcomes for the most vulnerable children are achieved through quality services, which place children and young people at the centre;
- To safeguard children and promote their wellbeing with a particular focus on children who are in need of protection.

The relationship between the LSCB, the Children's Trust and the Health and Wellbeing Board is one of mutual challenge and holding to account, and is set out in a memorandum of understanding which is available on the SSCB website. Links have also been established with the Safeguarding Adults Board and Safer Stronger Communities Partnership, forming a pentangle of partnerships with the aim of aligning strategic priorities and avoiding duplication of work.

The Independent Chair of the LSCB is appointed by the local authority, with the agreement of a panel including LSCB partners, and is accountable to the Chief Executive. The chair has a crucial role in making certain that the Board operates effectively and secures an independent voice for the LSCB. The Chief Executive, drawing on other LSCB partners and, where appropriate, the Lead Member holds the Chair to account for the effective working of the LSCB. The Chair is a participating observer of the Children's Trust and presents the LSCB annual report to the Trust, the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Police and Crime Commissioner and senior leaders across the Council and its partners.

The Board also has explicit links with other strategic groups with safeguarding responsibilities, including:

- MAPPA (Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements)
- MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference)
- County Domestic Abuse Forum

- West Midlands' Regional LADO Network
- West Mercia and Warwickshire CSE Strategic Leads Group
- West Midlands' Regional IRO Network

## **Membership**

The following agencies are represented on the Board with many more being standing members of the sub-groups and/or contributing to the work of task and finish groups.

- Shropshire Council Children's Social Care
- Education (Primary, Secondary and FE provision)
- Shropshire CCG
- Shropshire Community Health Trust
- NHS Trust Hospitals
- NHS England
- National Probation Service
- Community Rehabilitation Company
- West Mercia Police
- CAFCASS
- Youth Offending Service
- Voluntary Sector
- Community Members
- South Staffordshire & Shropshire Foundation Trust
- Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service

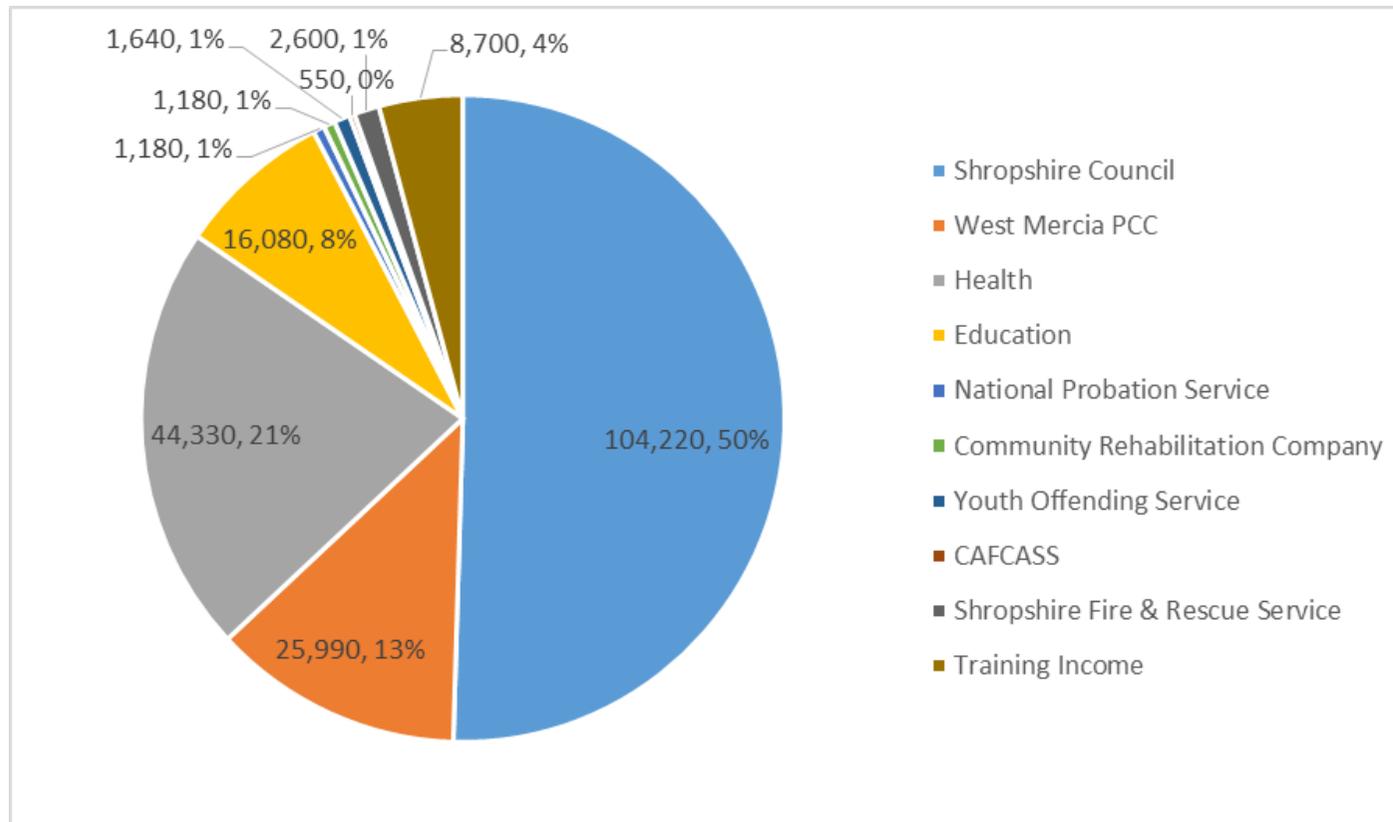
The Lead (Elected) Member for Safeguarding is a 'participant observer' at the Board.

## Resources and Capacity

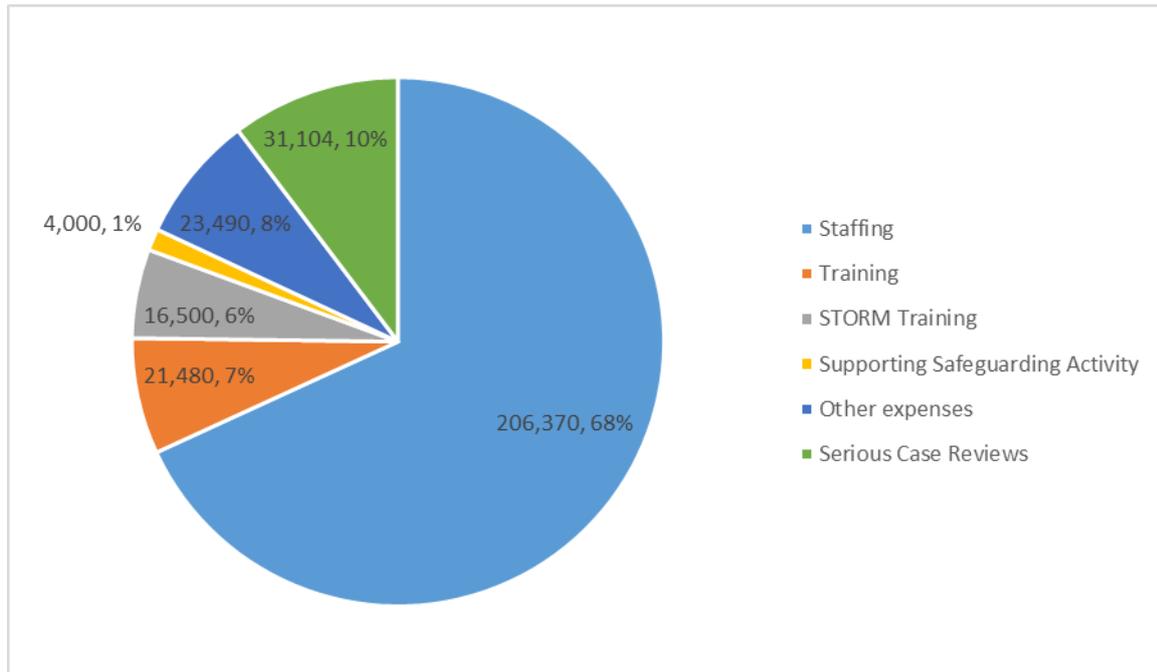
*Working Together 2015 states that "All LSCB member organisations have an obligation to provide LSCBs with reliable resources (including finance) that enable the LSCB to be strong and effective. Members should share the financial responsibility for the LSCB in such a way that a disproportionate burden does not fall on a small number of partner agencies."*

In Shropshire, the core financial contributions are made up by the local authority, police and health economies. Other agencies contribute in funding and in kind according to their resources and local circumstances, for example through making staff and premises available to deliver SSCB training, or by providing venues to host Board meetings.

## Budget Contributions by Agencies



## Budget Allocation



The SSCB budget has been used to support key SSCB officer's posts, including the Independent Chair, to progress the SSCB Business Plan and deliver multi-agency training.

The staffing for the SSCB team is as follows:

- 1 SSCB Business Manager – 1 FTE
- 1 SSCB Development Officer – 1 FTE vacant
- 1 SSCB Training Co-ordinator – 1 FTE
- 1 SSCB Administrator – 0.6 FTE
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A contingency fund of £31k has been built up and ring fenced for serious case reviews.

One-off funding has also been secured to deliver STORM Suicide Prevention Training (£16k) and to fund a Child Sexual Exploitation post to review Shropshire's response to CSE (£30k).