

Ealing Safeguarding Children Board (ESCB)

Ealing Safeguarding Children Board (ESCB) came into effect on 1 April 2006. Made up of multi-agency representatives, the core duty of the ESCB is to ensure that there are adequate arrangements in place across agencies to protect children from harm. They also have a duty to ensure that the welfare of children is promoted so that they are able to achieve the five Every Child Matters outcomes: stay safe, be healthy, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution and achieve economic well-being. It has a particular focus on the outcome 'staying safe'.

Though the ESCB has the lead role in ensuring that children are protected and their welfare is promoted, child protection is the responsibility of all those working with or coming into contact with children.

The ESCB is a mechanism for agreeing how relevant organisations will cooperate to safeguard and promote the welfare of children within the Ealing borough.

Children and Young People's Board

A revised Children and Young People's Board has been operational since January 2011. It promotes co-operation between partner organisations to improve children's well being; focusing on achieving the five positive outcomes of the Every Child Matters framework. The Board has updated its previous priorities and agreed a refreshed set for 2011-14.

The previous Children's Trust Board (2009 - 2011) was reviewed and agreement reached to amend existing arrangements by having one tier of partnership working, namely the wider Children and Young People's Board, with a small executive group to take forward business between meetings.

The membership of the Board and the executive continue to reflect the wider stakeholder group and the Board continues to be chaired by the Council Lead Member for Children and Young People. This arrangement has similarities with arrangements in adult services and with the children's safeguarding arrangements.