

## **BSCB Member - Role Description**

The individual members of the BSCB have a duty as members to contribute to the effective work of the BSCB – e.g. in making the BSCB's assessment of performance as objective as possible, and in recommending or deciding on the necessary steps to resolve any problems. This should take precedence, if necessary over their role as a representative of their organisation. Members of the BSCB are provided with a written statement of their roles and responsibilities:

Members must:

- attend meetings of the BSCB regularly and consistently – and special meetings as and when required
- have sufficient authority within their own agency to be able to represent their organisation's view to the Board
- be able to commit the resources of their organisation to support the work of the BSCB
- ensure that the BSCB is informed of all relevant professional and practice issues that will impact on the ability of the organisation represented on the BSCB to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in Buckinghamshire
- be able to influence the strategic planning for safeguarding children within their organisation
- help their organisation understand their responsibilities under s11 of the Children Act 2004, and where applicable, s175/157 of the Education Act 2002 – and to challenge any apparent failures or gaps in provision
- share responsibility with all BSCB members for ensuring that the BSCB identifies any impediments to safeguarding practice, including impediments to the effectiveness of the BSCB itself
- commit their organisation on policy and practice matters
- confirm their organisation's commitment to the budget of the BSCB
- ensure that decisions of the BSCB are taken forward within their own organisation, and any impediments or delays are reported to the BSCB
- participate or nominate representation on all relevant BSCB Sub-Committees
- play a part in raising awareness of safeguarding within the wider community in Buckinghamshire
- produce or ensure the production of reports to and from their organisation as required
- contribute to the development of the annual BSCB Business Plan and to its achievement
- comply with and support any audit undertaken of the effectiveness of the BSCB or safeguarding practice within their own organisation
- maintain up-to-date knowledge of safeguarding issues, undertaking personal training as required