



Dear Colleagues,

On the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019, the Leicester City and Leicestershire & Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Boards became the Safeguarding Children Partnerships with new roles and responsibilities for safeguarding children & young people.

Along with these changes, it seems to be the appropriate time to introduce a new Thresholds Document designed to give clear guidance to those agencies and individuals who make referrals to Children's Social Care in Leicester City, Leicestershire and Rutland.

The Thresholds Document is a statutory requirement under Working Together 2018. The intent of this document is to provide that clarity and consistency. It has required widespread consultation with the Local Authorities and their partners.

It is our shared hope that clear thresholds and processes, together with a common understanding of them across local partners, will help to ensure that appropriate referrals for support are made. Such a common understanding can only improve the effectiveness of joint work, leading to improved outcomes for children and families.

From Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019, the new Thresholds Document will be live as part of the Safeguarding Partnerships multi-agency procedures online at:

<http://lrsb.org.uk/uploads/view-the-llr-scp-thresholds-for-access-to-services-for-children-and-families-in-leicester-leicestershire-rutland.pdf>

In addition, they will be included in multi-agency training and awareness events.

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