



APPOINTMENT OF TWO COMMUNITY LAY MEMBERS TO THE ESSEX SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD (ESCB)

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Essex Safeguarding Children Board (ESCB) is responsible for making sure agencies work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in the area.

The ESCB will be appointing two volunteer Community Lay Members from January 2012, for a period of 1 year. The role of the Lay Members will be to:

- support stronger public engagement in local child safety issues;
- provide a unique perspective on how the ESCB can better communicate and consult with the public
- further enhance the ESCB's links with community groups, particularly about child protection issues;
- provide oversight and scrutiny as a member of the local community into the decisions made by the Board.

You will have an interest in children's issues and the safety of children, an ability to communicate effectively in meetings and the confidence to ask questions and challenge people in a constructive way. You must live in Essex. You will have an awareness of, and a commitment to, equality and diversity and will be able to handle confidential information appropriately. You will be committed to improving the safety of children and young people in Essex alongside statutory and voluntary organisations.

We are particularly keen to ensure the Community Lay Members are able to offer a perspective on the views of children and young people as well as parents and carers.

Expenses will be reimbursed to cover travel. The successful applicant will be subject to statutory safeguarding checks including references, identity verification and an enhanced CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) disclosure.

If you are interested in becoming a Community Lay Member to ESCB, please visit our website to download the application form and role description or contact us for further information.

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