



Somerset Youth Forum – young people working with the SSCP

All Somerset children and young people have the right to be heard and have their views valued and acted upon. The powerful messages we hear when children and young people tell us about their lived experiences and advise us on how their experiences can be changed for the better, help us to enhance the quality of services provided and create services that they want and need. The Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP) is committed to involving children and young people in their work and in 2020 they are creating a Somerset-wide Youth Forum with children and young people to work alongside the key decision makers in the county.

Three organisations – Somerset County Council, Avon and Somerset Constabulary, and the Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group – now have joint and equal responsibility to safeguard children and young people, under the name of the [Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership](#). They work in partnership to fulfil their statutory duties as set out in the 'Children and Social Work Act' (2017) and 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' (2018), to protect and safeguard children in the local area.

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility and our processes haven't changed under these new arrangements so you must continue to report and take action on concerns about children who may be vulnerable; the [SSCP website](#) reminds you of the different ways in which you can do so. Additionally, the Early Help Assessment ([EHA](#)) is a simple, easy to use assessment, which captures all of a child/young person's and family's needs at the earliest opportunity. It is a shared tool which can be used by all agencies in Somerset who are delivering early help in a co-ordinated way, so that they understand and respond to the needs of children/young people.

Do you work with a young person/s who might want to be involved the new Youth Forum to improve services for children in Somerset? Please see the poster for more details.

*Are you aged 10-18 (SEND 10-25)
and passionate about tackling
issues that affect young people in
Somerset??*

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF A NEW YOUTH FORUM FOR 2020..?

The FORUM:

The Forum meets three times a year to discuss young people's **safety and wellbeing**, and will have the opportunity to challenge leaders and decision makers

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