

## Children's Services Volunteer Volunteer Role Description

**Role Title:** Community Lay Person – Thurrock Local Safeguarding Children Partnership

**Supported by:** Local Safeguarding Children Partnership Business Manager

**Role Purpose:** As a Lay Member you will be a community representative who will operate as a full member of the Partnership. You will attend and play a part in meetings and planning days assisting agencies including health, children's social care and police. The partnership role is to ensure that agencies work together to keep children safe and policies and procedures are effective.

**Location:** Main base: Civic Offices, Grays, Essex, RM17 6SL

**Eligibility:** You must be aged over 18 and live in Thurrock.

### Tasks and responsibilities

- Attendance at meetings and planning days
- Help ensure agencies work together
- Help review policies and procedures to ensure they are effective
- Reading any background material in advance of meetings

### Skills and experience

- Ability to communicate in meetings
- Confidence to ask questions and challenge, constructively, the views and assumptions of agencies
- A commitment to improving safeguarding outcomes for children and young people.
- Able to maintain confidentiality.

### Time commitment

- A minimum of four Executive Board meetings each year. These are usually held locally during the working day and will include reading any background material or seeking community views between meetings.
- Attendance at other partnership meetings and activities depending on availability.

### Council's commitment

- Induction training provided
- Reimbursement of agreed expenses

**This role requires a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) Check.**