

Response from Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership

Good afternoon louis

I'm responding to this consultation on your statement of principles

As discussed there is no such Board in existence as the GSCB. It has been disbanded and replaced under Working Together 2018 legislation with a Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership. We would need to remove all reference to the GSCB.

For the purposes of the policy I would recommend that the district name the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership (GSCP) as a Responsible Authority regards the safeguarding of children. The GSCP Executive would consider that its represented already as both the Constabulary and Public Health are a Responsible Authority. The GSCP would then set out in their 'Published Arrangements' its arrangements under the Licensing Act and Gambling Act. I'm in the process of updating the paper I sent you to add the Public Health details too.

You may want to adopt the wording I've suggested below as this may suffice once the discussion has been had and requires the GSCP Executive to review those arrangements periodically. This then would allow for any possible change to the suggested approach

Protection of children from harm

The Licensing Authority is required by regulations to state the principles it will apply in exercising its powers (2005 Act, s.157(h)) to designate, in writing, a body which is competent to advise the authority about the protection of children from harm. The principles are:

- **The need for the body to be responsible for an area covering the whole of the Licensing Authority's area; and**
- **The need for the body to be answerable to democratically elected persons, rather than any particular vested interest group.**

In accordance with the suggestion in the Guidance the Licensing Authority has designated the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership (GSCP), comprising of Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group, Gloucestershire County Council and Gloucestershire Constabulary. The GSCP Executive will review and delegate its duties as Responsible Authority to the most suitable safeguarding partner for this purpose every three years setting out its arrangements in its own 'Published Arrangements' document.

On that basis we may need to discuss the contact details on the statement the Business Unit is not a suitable location to be listed which Cheltenham don't and with the above there is no need for any other contact other than the police and Public Health, I noticed however you don't have the public Health contact details in your appendix. If in the body of your policy you have the above wording and in our Published Arrangements we set out who the GSCP nominate the duty to, tallying with the list of Nominated Authorities in your contacts list that should square the circle.

I have this sent to FOD and Cotswolds and Stroud too and am already discussing with the constabulary.

Happy to discuss further

Hope this helps?

I followed the link to the Taxi licensing consultation, is it not up yet ? if not could you tell me when it is?

Thanks

Regards

Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership