



## 2011 CHAPTER 7

### **Functions of the Safeguarding Board**

3.—(1) The Safeguarding Board must develop policies and procedures for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

(2) The Safeguarding Board must promote an awareness of the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

(3) The Safeguarding Board must keep under review the effectiveness of what is done by each person or body represented on the Board (by virtue of section 1(2)(b) and (4)) to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

(4) The Safeguarding Board must undertake such case management reviews as may be prescribed in such circumstances as may be prescribed.

(5) The Safeguarding Board must review such information as may be prescribed in relation to deaths of children in Northern Ireland in such circumstances as may be prescribed.

(6) The Safeguarding Board must advise the Regional Health and Social Care Board and Local Commissioning Groups in relation to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children—

- (a) as soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of a request for advice; and
- (b) on such other occasions as the Safeguarding Board thinks appropriate.

(7) The Safeguarding Board must promote communication between the Board and children and young persons.

(8) The Safeguarding Board must make arrangements for consultation and discussion in relation to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

(9) The Safeguarding Board may—

- (a) compile and analyse information concerning safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children;

- (b) provide advice or information on any matter concerning safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children;
  - (c) subject to consultation with the Department, publish any matter concerning safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.
- (10) The Safeguarding Board may also engage in any other activity that facilitates, or is conducive to, the achievement of its objective.