

# Key contacts

## Children policy



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**SAFEGUARDING**

# Designated safeguarding leads

## Essex County Council Children's Social Care

☎ 0345 603 7627

This phonenumber is open Monday – Thursday 8.45am – 5.00pm and Fridays 8.45am-4.15pm.

For out of hours or bank holidays, call the emergency duty team on

☎ 0345 606 1212

## SOUTHEND COUNCIL CHILDRENS SOCIAL CARE

☎ 01702 215 007

🌐 [www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/Contact-us](http://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/Contact-us)

## THURROCK COUNCIL MULTI AGENCY SAFEGUARDING HUB

☎ 01375 652 802

✉ [thurrockmash@thurrock.gov.uk](mailto:thurrockmash@thurrock.gov.uk)

## CHILDLINE

Line for children to talk about anything. No problem is too big or too small.

☎ 0800 1111

🌐 <https://www.childline.org.uk/>

## Cheryl Lomas

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✉ [Cheryl.lomas@activeessex.org](mailto:Cheryl.lomas@activeessex.org)

## Wayne Hickey

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✉ [wayne.hickey@activeessex.org](mailto:wayne.hickey@activeessex.org)

## Marianne Appleton

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✉ [marianne.appleton@activeessex.org](mailto:marianne.appleton@activeessex.org)

# Helplines and supporting organisations

## NSPCC

Help for adults concerned about a child. The NSPCC helpline is a stress-free and comfortable safe space for concerns. The report can be kept anonymous and talking to a child support specialist will make sure the process puts you at ease.

☎ 0808 800 5000

🌐 <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

🌐 <https://thecpsu.org.uk/>

## STOP IT NOW

Confidential helpline for discussing concerns about child sexual abuse.

☎ 0808 1000 900

🌐 <https://www.stopitnow.org.uk>

## SUPPORTLINE

Support for children, young adults & adults including those affected by sexual, emotional & physical abuse.

☎ 01708 765200

🌐 <https://www.supportline.org.uk/>