

Freedom of Information Request – Response – 27831

I am writing to request copies of the current local operational agreements, procedures, and working arrangements governing joint child protection and safeguarding investigations involving Suffolk County Council.

Specifically, please provide electronic copies of the following:

1. Joint Working Protocols: Any current joint investigation protocols or operational agreements between Suffolk County Council Children's Social Care and Suffolk Constabulary regarding child abuse, neglect, and child protection inquiries under Section 47 of the Children Act 1989.

[Child Protection — Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership](#)

2. Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements: The current governance documents, local threshold guidance framework (explaining levels of need for support and protection), and multi-agency safeguarding procedures manual for the Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership.

[Safeguarding Framework and Threshold Matrix — Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership SSPMulti-AgencySafeguardingArrangements\(MASA\)2025-26.pdf](#)

[Policies, Procedures & Practice Guidance — Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership](#)

3. Information Sharing Protocols: Any local multi-agency agreements or guidance documents governing how personal data is shared between Children's Social Care, Suffolk Constabulary, and local NHS or Integrated Care Board health providers during statutory child protection investigations.

[Information Sharing Guidance — Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership](#)

4. Escalation & Dispute Resolution Policies: The official policy outlining how professional differences, inter-agency disagreements, or procedural non-compliance are formally raised and resolved among safeguarding partners.

[Escalations / Disputes — Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership](#)

Additional Notes

If any of these documents are already fully published and accessible online, providing direct links (URLs) to the exact download pages will satisfy that part of the request.