

**Springboard Sunderland Trust**

**Springboard Nursery**

**Working in Partnership with other Agencies**





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## Policy Statement

It is vitally important that we work together with other agencies to the best of our ability. We work in partnership with local agencies to promote the well-being of children.

For partnership working to be successful, we must be active in working alongside sharing expertise and knowledge with colleagues, and on occasion, seek advice from other agencies in order to support children's individual needs. We understand that in order for children's needs to be met, and optimum progress to be made we must work with other agencies to share information from development, next steps and assessment in order to support consistency.

We will seek permission from parents before any information is shared and will only do this in the best interest of the child

## Procedures

- We work in partnership or in tandem with, local and national agencies to promote the well-being of children.
- We work in conjunction with Speech and Language, Educational Psychologists, Teachers from schools Social Care Health Visitors.....amongst others.
- Procedures are in place for sharing of information about children and families with other agencies. These are set out in the Information Sharing Protocol, Safeguarding Children procedures and the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Procedures.
- Information shared by other agencies with us is regarded as third-party information. This is also kept in confidence and not shared without consent from that agency.
- If a child's progress in any area of learning or development gives cause for concern, this is discussed with parents/carers as to agree how best to support the child and if specialist intervention is appropriate
- Practitioners will link with parents/families to help them to access relevant services from other agencies as appropriate
- When working in partnership with staff from other agencies, we make those individuals welcome in the setting and their professional roles are respected.
- We follow the protocols for working with agencies, for example on child protection.
- Staff from other agencies do not have unsupervised access to the child they are visiting in the setting and do not have access to any other child(ren) during their visit.
- Our staff do not casually share information or seek informal advice about any named child/family.
- When necessary, we consult with local and national agencies who offer a wealth of advice and information that help us develop understanding of issues facing us and who can provide support and information for parents. For example, ethnic/cultural organisations, drug/alcohol agencies, welfare rights advisors or organisations promoting childcare and education, or adult education.

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