



## Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)

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As outlined in Chapter 6 and Appendix 5 of "Working Together to Safeguard Children" (2010), the LADO will be informed of all allegations against adults working with children and provides advice and guidance to Senior Managers on the progress of cases to ensure they are resolved as quickly as possible. Information relating to allegations is collated and presented to the Lancashire Safeguarding Children Board to inform training, research, safer recruitment and awareness raising.

The LADO is located within Children's Services and should be alerted to all cases in which it is alleged that a person who works with children has:

- behaved in a way that has harmed, or may have harmed, a child
- possibly committed a criminal offence against children, or related to a child
- behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates s/he is unsuitable to work with children

The LADO role applies to paid, unpaid, volunteers, casual, agency or anyone self employed and they capture concerns, allegations or offences emanating from outside of work. The LADO is involved from the initial phase of the allegation through to the conclusion of the case.

The LADO will provide advice and guidance and help determine that the allegation sits within the scope of the procedures. Within the role the LADO helps co-ordinate information sharing. The LADO will also monitor and track any investigation with the expectation that it is resolved as quickly as possible.

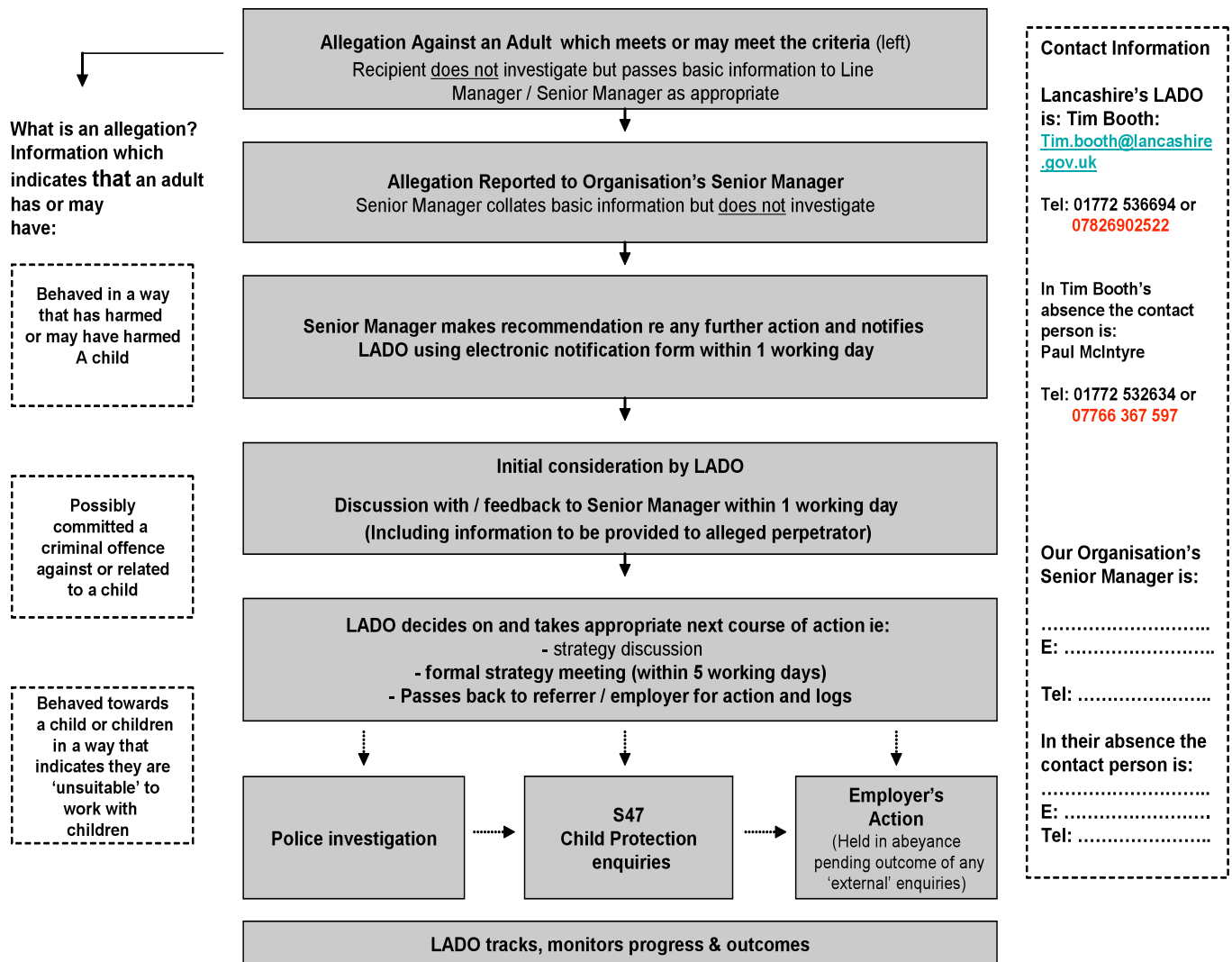
### **Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA):**

[www.isa-gov.org.uk](http://www.isa-gov.org.uk)      Tel: 0300 123 1111

### **Child Care Referrals:**

Customer Service Centre    Tel: 0845 0530009

# Flowchart: Procedure for Managing Allegations



**Remember:** The LADO must be contacted when you have received any allegation or concern about any person who works with children who may have:-

- Behaved in a way that has harmed, or may have harmed a child
- Possibly committed a criminal offence against, or related to, a child; or
- Behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates she/he is unsuitable to work with children