

# safe network



Safe Activities For Everyone

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## Looking to the future:

### Workshop

- Background to Safe Network
- Safe Network Standards Current political climate & looking to the future
- Group discussion on keeping children safe & current challenges

## What is Safe Network?

- A partnership between Children England and the NSPCC
- Funded by the Department for Education
- Launched June 2009
- Information, advice and guidance for the voluntary and community sector on:

**Child protection**

**Safer recruitment**

**Anti-bullying**

**Reducing avoidable accidents**



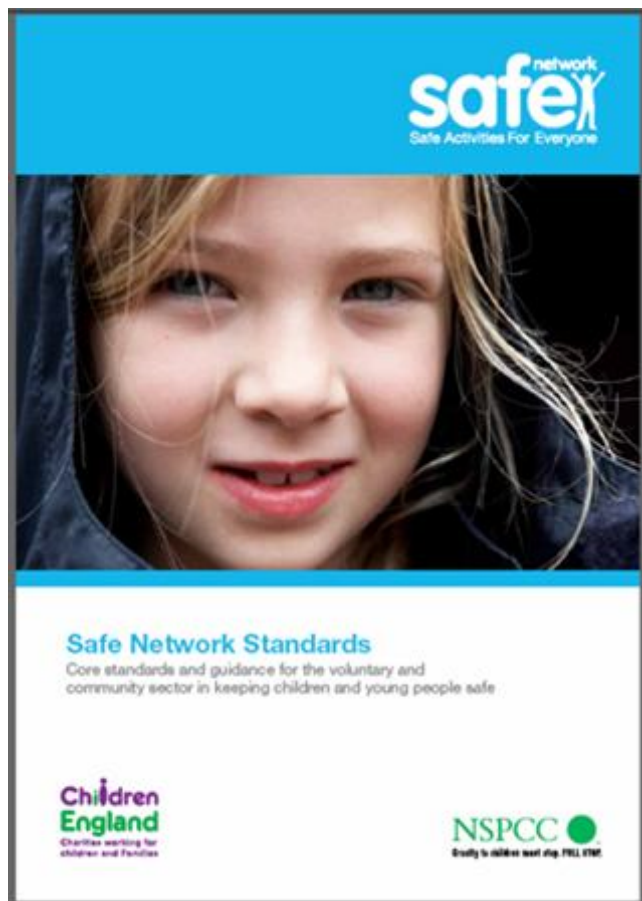
# What we provide

- **Advice and Information** – website, enquiries, newsletter, Regional Development Managers
- **Training materials**
  - Are they Safe? resource pack
  - Courses and workshops
  - Keeping our Children Safe – BME resource
  - EduCare training
- **Standards** – on-line resource with self-assessment tool and guidance/templates

# The Safe Network Standards



Core standards and guidance for the voluntary and community sector for keeping children and young people safe



## Who are they for?

Voluntary and community sector organisations who work with children and young people

## What is the aim?

To help organisations ensure that the work they do is:

- as safe as possible
- enjoyable and rewarding for all involved
- compliant with legislation.

## What areas do the standards cover?

- Safer staff and volunteers – recruitment, induction and supervision
- Child protection
- Preventing and responding to bullying
- Avoiding accidents and running safe activities and events

## What's in the standards?

- A standards document
- A self-assessment tool
- Resource toolboxes

# The self-assessment tool



- Interactive
- On line
- Can be completed section by section
- Can be saved for return visits
- Links directly to the toolbox resources
- Offers links to additional sources of support
- Provides advice on how to put missing elements in place

## I've done my assessment – what then?

- The self assessment tool provides a summary and generates an **action plan** to help you address the elements that need attention
- The action plan links to relevant **resources**
- It shows your **progress** against the standards, and indicates how many of the elements you have in place
- It provides **advice** on what you can do to address the missing elements



# The Standards toolboxes



- A toolbox for each standard
- Resources can be accessed directly from the self-assessment tool or downloaded from the website
- Toolbox resources include examples of policies, procedures, guidance, templates for forms, standard letters, information about useful posters and leaflets



# Looking to the future

- The current climate
- The Safe Network – champions programme



# A bigger society



## Values

### Freedom

*Frameworks that support social responsibility and civil liberties*

### Fairness

*Those who cannot, we always help*

### Responsibility

*Those who can, do*

**A Big Society  
matched by Big  
Citizens**

## Means

**Decentralisation  
& Localism**

**Public Service  
Reform**

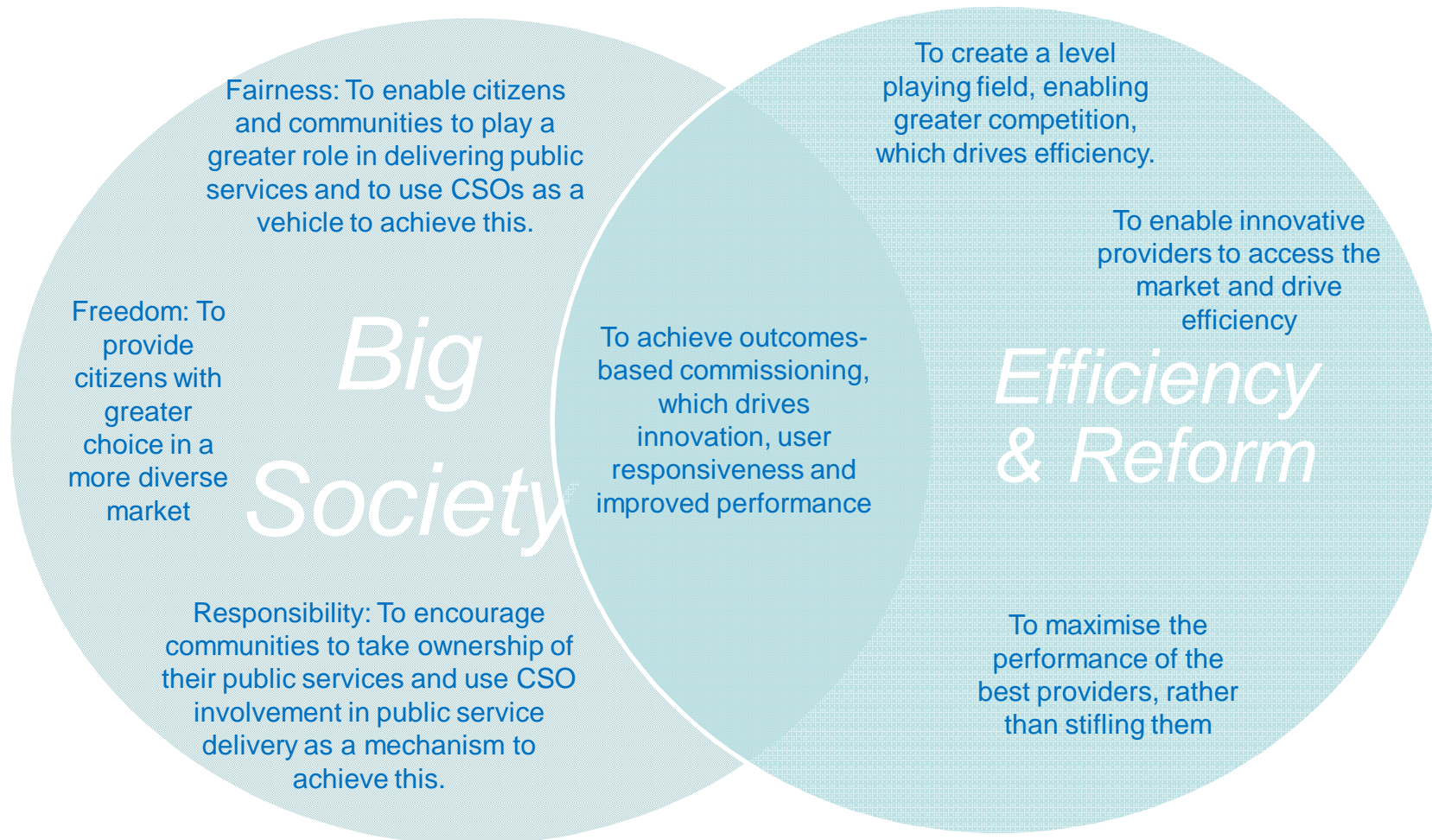
**Political Reform**

**Smaller State**

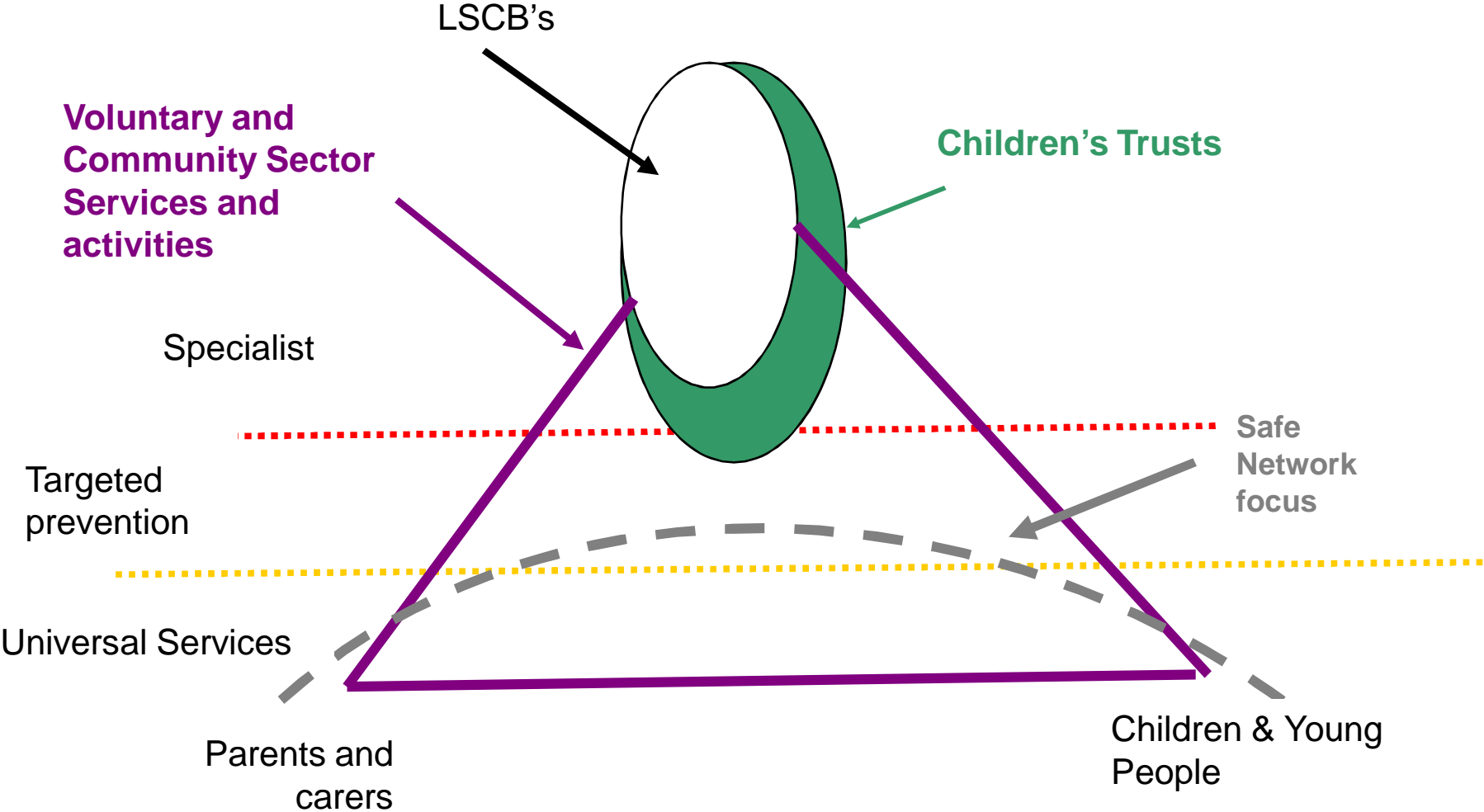
**Deficit Reduction  
& Economic  
Recovery**

**A successful Big Society will deliver economic prosperity and opportunity for all, strong families and communities, and a thriving democracy characterised by real power in the hands of every citizen.**

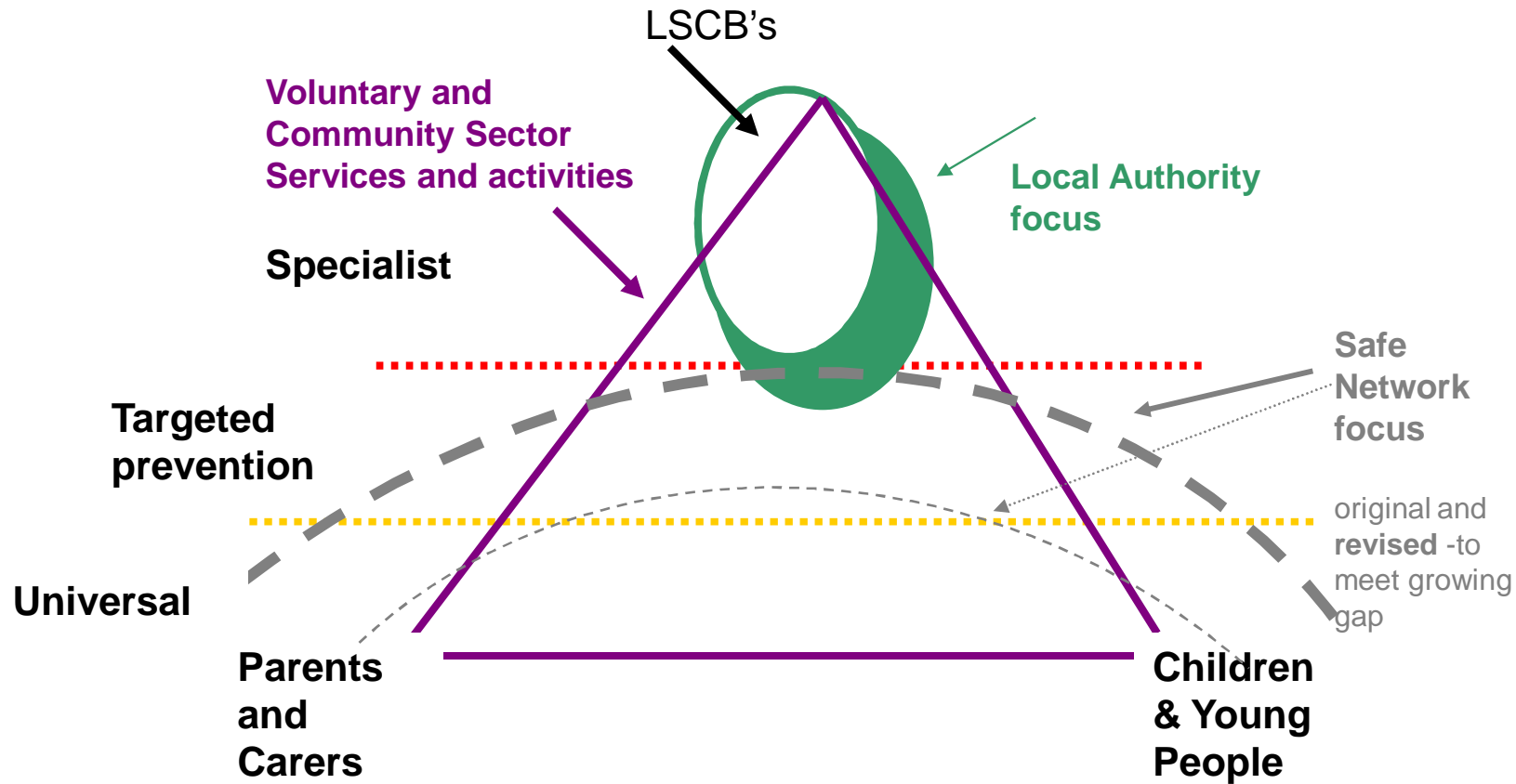
# A bigger but smaller society



# Translating this now for the sector



# Future position



## Safe Network Champions

**...the cornerstone of regional and local support  
Champions would be required to have:**

- Their organisation's backing
- A partnership agreement with Safe Network
- Strong links in their communities
- Capacity to deliver minimum number of events
- Capacity to attend briefing/training sessions and on-going support
- Ongoing support to the organisations that attend their events
- Trust and confidentiality
- Communication, training and organisational skills

## What's in it for the champions?

- Chance to strengthen skill base and that of your organisation
- Helpful peer support network nationally and locally
- Ability to tailor delivery to local need
- Support from Safe Network team to distribute Safe network products, tools and resources



# Safe Network queries

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# Group discussion

What are the current challenges that might be affecting your organisation's ability to keep children and young people safe?

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