

## Health and Wellbeing Board

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## Durham Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2016-17



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## Report of Jane Geraghty Independent Chair Durham Local Safeguarding Children Board

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### Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present the Health and Wellbeing Board with the Durham Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2016-17. The full annual report is available on the LSCB website [www.durham-lscb.org.uk](http://www.durham-lscb.org.uk). Attached at Appendix 2 is the Young People version of the Annual Report.

### Background

2. Durham Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) is a statutory body established under the Children Act 2004. It is independently chaired (as required by statute) and consists of senior representatives of all the principle stakeholders working together to safeguard children and young people in County Durham.
3. The LSCB's primary responsibility is to provide a way for local organisations that have a responsibility in respect of child welfare, to agree how they will work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in County Durham and to ensure that they do so effectively.
4. Statutory Guidance from Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015) requires each Local Safeguarding Children Board to produce and publish an Annual Report evaluating the effectiveness of safeguarding in the local area.
5. Throughout April and May 2017 draft versions of the LSCB Annual Report were circulated to the LSCB Board; partner agencies; stakeholders and Corporate Management Team for consultation and comment. The feedback received has been incorporated into the final document.

### Durham LSCB Annual Report

6. The Durham LSCB Annual Report 2016-17 sets out the work of multi-agency partners to ensure effective arrangements are in place to safeguard and protect vulnerable children and young people from abuse and neglect.
7. The report describes the work undertaken against the 2016-17 priorities and sets out the future priorities for 2017-20. It describes the local governance arrangements and structure of Durham LSCB; the linkages to other strategic partnerships across County Durham.

8. The report provides an overview of the performance monitoring framework as well as providing a brief summary of the use of restraint in secure centres; Serious Case Reviews; Child Death Reviews; and the LSCB multi-agency training provision.
9. To develop this year's Young People's Annual Report staff have directly engaged with over 70 young people from Durham Constabulary's Police Cadets (spanning key stages 3-5) to act as an editor's group; providing feedback, critique, challenge and shaping how the final document looks.
10. Written in clear language, it provides general safeguarding information from a young person's perspective. The Durham LSCB Annual Report for Young People is primarily an interactive electronic document and is best viewed on a computer, tablet or smartphone.

### **LSCB Priorities for 2017-20**

11. Durham LSCB held a development day in February 2017 to review progress on the priorities; consider key challenges; and to set its future priorities. In setting the priorities for 2017-20 the Board considered a number of presentations and information sources which resulted in the following strategic priorities:

- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Neglect
- Empowering Young People
- Working Together

### **Achievements and Progress Highlights**

12. Below are some examples of achievements and progress made by the LSCB in 2016/17:

- A new methodology for Summary Care Records developed with learning events to over 700 staff delivered.
- Launch of new online Child Protection Procedures.
- Trained over 1,800 taxi drivers in Child Sexual Exploitation with safeguarding conditions now built into Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy.
- Specialist Briefings – Exploitation, Grooming and Radicalisation / Intervene to Protect a Child / Understanding Victims of Rape and Sexual Abuse Masterclass.
- Updated Child Sexual Exploitation Local Profile.
- Developed a range of tackling neglect toolkits. The Neglect Practice Guidance and Practice Toolkit / 0-19 Level of Need / Home Environment Assessment Tool; all rolled out.
- Updated single assessment procedures reflecting the added focus on neglect and hidden harm.
- Domestic abuse workers based in One Point and part of Early Help Forums are now well established.

- Developed a self-harm support pathway and a self-harm education package for all staff including schools and GP's.
- Introduced web-based multi-agency auditing.
- Website restructured with 13,591 users 97,907 website hits and 11,158 awareness raising materials circulated.
- 84 training courses delivered and attended by 1,520 staff.
- Virtual College 'total package' of e-learning purchased.
- Over 6,000 people have completed the PREVENT duty counter terrorism e-learning.

## **Conclusion**

13. The Durham Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2016-17 and Young People's Annual Report 2016-17 was agreed by the LSCB Board on the 08 July 2017.
14. The annual reports are available on the Durham LSCB website [www.durham-lscb.org.uk](http://www.durham-lscb.org.uk) and will be disseminated through partners own organisational governance structures.

## **Recommendations**

15. The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:
  - a. Receive the annual report for information

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Finance**

Yearly financial contributions to Durham LSCB are received from partner agencies and are detailed in the LSCB Annual Report.

### **Staffing**

The priorities identified in the LSCB Annual Report will be delivered using existing resources. Durham County Council will contribute to the delivery of the priorities in partnership with other responsible authorities.

### **Risk**

No adverse implications.

### **Equality and Diversity/ Public Sector Equality Duty**

The LSCB Annual Report identifies the actions to safeguard the needs of vulnerable children and young people.

### **Accommodation**

No adverse implications.

### **Crime and disorder**

The LSCB Annual Report reflects priorities and action that impact positively on crime and disorder in County Durham. The report shows effective partnership working with the Safe Durham Partnership.

### **Human rights**

No adverse implications.

### **Consultation**

Consultation with partner agencies and stakeholders has been undertaken as part of the development of the LSCB Annual Report.

### **Procurement**

No adverse implications.

### **Disability Issues**

No adverse implications.

### **Legal Implications**

Durham Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) is a statutory body established under the Children Act 2004. Working Together to Safeguard Children (Statutory Guidance) requires each Local Safeguarding Children Board to produce and publish an Annual Report evaluating the effectiveness of safeguarding in the local area.