



Safeguarding Children and Young People in County Durham

Annual Update for Young People
2018

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

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What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding is about keeping children and young people **safe** and **protecting** them from **harm**, while making sure they grow up in a safe environment.



What does the LSCB do?

We promote the **welfare** of children and young people, **safeguarding** them from harm and **protecting** those children who are at significant risk of **harm or neglect**.



What does it mean for me?

Agencies including the Councils' Children and Young People's Services, the Police, Schools and Colleges and Health Services such as GPs, Hospitals and Health Visitors are **all here to help**.

Our Vision: Every child and young person in County Durham feels safe and grows up safe from harm

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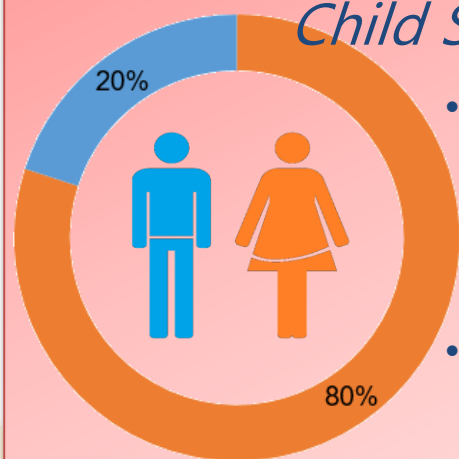
Some Facts and Figures about Safeguarding

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Child Sexual Exploitation



- **Online Grooming** is the most common model
- Of those young people targeted **80% are girls**
- **177 referrals** were made for children at risk



Serious Case Reviews

Themes we have seen in the reviews we have undertaken are:

- Concealed Pregnancy
- Parents Drug and Alcohol misuse
- Neglect
- Children not brought to Appointments

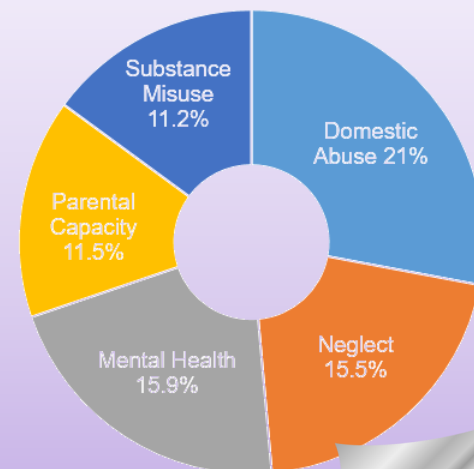
Child Protection

- **498 Children** in County Durham are subject to a Child Protection Plan
- **71% of Children** who were made subject to a child protection plan under five years old were made so due to neglect



Neglect

Domestic Abuse is the main parental **risk factor** leading to children becoming subject of a **Child Protection Plan**



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The Durham Local Safeguarding Children Board agreed the following **priorities for 2017/18**

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Reducing
Child Sexual
Exploitation

Working
Together

Reducing
Neglect

Empowering
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People



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Priority: *Child Sexual Exploitation*

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What is Child Sexual Exploitation?

- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is a form of **child abuse**
- It can happen to anyone who is **persuaded, bullied or forced** into having **sex or sexual activity** such as taking and sharing naked photos of themselves
- This can be in return for things like **alcohol, money, drugs** or other gifts
- It can happen **online and face to face**
- It **ruins lives** and has serious **long-term effects** on young people and their families



The film **Jigsaw** is a story about a young girl called Becky who likes to use **online social media** to share information and photos of herself and her friends. Becky has been **talking** to somebody who she believes to be **another child**. It turns out to be a man who has **lied to her**.

Get Help

There are people who know how to help children and young people in this situation.

They will believe you. There is a way out.

Ring the Police 101

If you are not ready to report something you can speak to Childline 0800 1111



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What does Child Sexual Exploitation mean for me?

Watch Chris Harper, who played Nathan in Coronation Street speak about how his storyline has helped to raise the issue of child sexual exploitation.



Listen to our **ERASE Support Workers** talk about the risk factors of Child Sexual Exploitation.



In **school sessions** young people told us that these were some of the things that people use to **manipulate** a young person in to **sexual activity**

Buying or
giving you
alcohol

Offering
you money

Taking you
out to
places

Buying you
presents

Hurting or
threatening
to hurt you

Giving you a
place to
stay

Telling you
that they
love you

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What is Working Together?

- The aim is to **achieve excellent partnership working** across all areas of LSCB Business
- Drilling down into **problems** and **finding solutions** that work for every agency
- Changing agency culture to **improve multi-agency practice**

We have been working to implement learning from **Serious Case Reviews**. This two minute video asks workers re-think '**did not attend**' notifications.
(Shared with permissions of Nottinghamshire LSCB)



We focus on the following

- **Prevention** – So that problems do not happen in the first place
- **Targeted Intervention** – So that problems are sorted out at an early stage
- **Improve Support** – So that help and support from a trained professional is in place for problems that are serious or may continue for a long time

Get Help

Services can work with **everyone** in the family helping them to find solutions to their problems.



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Priority: Reducing Neglect

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What is Neglect?

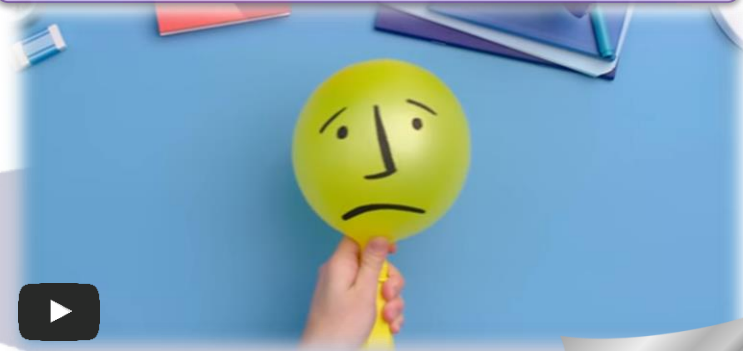
- Child neglect is a **failure** to look after a child and could result in **poor health** or development
- Children (including unborn babies), need food, water, shelter, warmth, protection and health care to **grow and develop**
- Children need their parents or carers to **love and care** for them
- Neglect can also include **physical abuse, emotional abuse and sexual abuse**

Get Help

Every child and young person has the **right to be looked after** properly. If you're not getting the important things you need at home, you could be being neglected.

If you are not ready to report something you can speak to **Childline 0800 1111**

Watch the video to **see what happens** when you contact Childline



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What does Neglect mean for me?

Thank you for **everything you have** done for me, you have helped me so much. Yes I know it's your job but you have **changed my life**.

You have watch me grow from a little girl into a stropky teenager, **I like myself** a lot more now. I still **write in my diary** how my day has been.

We have had **many ups and downs** where I may have disagreed with you but in the end I know it's **because you wanted what was best for me**.

I will never forget you.

Neglect Video: *Michelle's Story*

This is the story of Michelle and her experience of neglect as she was growing up.

Click the picture to watch the video



Get Help

Domestic Abuse is the main parental **risk factor** leading to children becoming subject of a **Child Protection Plan**

Harbour support children, click on the leaflet for more info



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Priority: *Empowering Young People*

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What is Empowering Young People?

- To increase the **voice of the child** to make sure that services take **young people's views and opinions** into account when they plan services
- Providing **education, resilience and 'up-skilling'** opportunities for young people in **safeguarding and risk awareness**
- Staff working with children and young people want to know **what they think** and how things can be made **better for them**

Bullying, and online safety are one of your concerns. Click on 'Get Safe Online' to learn more

Get safe online in Durham

Click here for more information and impartial advice on protecting yourself, your family, your business, your computer and mobile devices while online



How you continue to help

The LSCB meet **young people** in their **local areas** to learn more about what is important to them.



'This **direct link** to young people and understanding the 'Voice of the Child' has brought a positive and different perspective into the LSCB'.

Jane Geraghty, Independent Chair receiving the Investing in Children award



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How you made a difference to workers?



Durham LSCB promotes the hashtag **#hearmyvoice** as a simple way for young people to express their views on **social media**

Listen to Amy-Louise shares her story about being bullied online.

Online bullying: Amy Louise's story by ChildLine



*'Both as a **professional and a parent**, their stories provided a thought provoking **human element** of their experiences and for that **I feel very privileged**'.*



Over 70 Durham **Police Cadets** have helped us develop your Annual Update.

Working hard!

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Our plans for the future

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Neglect

- **Understand Neglect** – See the local picture of neglect; raise awareness and thresholds for action
- **Early Identification** – Improve the recognition and assessment of neglect
- **Effective Provision** – Refine effective and successful support that helps reduce neglect
- **Family Focus** – Use the experience of our families and the voice of the child in services

Working Together

- **Thresholds** – Strengthen agreed levels of action across the partnership
- **Focused Intervention** – Making sure children receive focused intervention
- **Remove Barriers** – Understanding the lessons learned and improving outcomes
- **Improve Information Sharing** – Remove the barriers to local sharing of information

Empowering Young People

- **Voice of the Child** – Every child has a voice within the child protection process
- **Empower Young People** – To recognise abuse, feel confident to report concerns
- **Visibility and Support** – Obtain the child's story and support is child focused
- **Peer Support** – Develop skills for young people to support other young people

Child Sexual Exploitation

- **Preventing CSE** – Making it more difficult to exploit children and young people
- **Protecting children and young people from CSE** – Identifying and safeguarding those children and young people at risk
- **Pursuing perpetrators of CSE** – Identifying, arresting and prosecuting offenders

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Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys **NHS**
NHS Foundation Trust

Durham & Darlington
CAMHS Crisis & Liaison Team

making a difference together



For more information, click on the images to go to various websites and contacts



If you are concerned that a child is being harmed or neglected call



First Contact
03000 26 79 79

24 hours a day

If the child or young person is at immediate risk of harm ☎ 999



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County Durham
Families Information Service

ERASE
EXPLOITATION
ERASEABUSE.ORG



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Contact details for LSCB Partners

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Durham LSCB	03000 265 770	City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust 0191 565 6256
Durham County Council	03000 260 000	NHS England North 0113 825 1609
Durham Constabulary	101	Cafcass (County Durham) 0300 456 4000
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust	0191 333 2333	Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company (probation) 0808 168 4848
North Durham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	0191 389 8600	National Probation Service North East Division 01325 246 260
Durham Dales, Easington & Sedgefield CCG	0191 371 3222	National Offender Management Service 0300 047 6325
Tees, Esk & Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust	01325 552 000	Schools and Colleges web link only
North Tees & Hartlepool Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	01642 617 617	Voluntary and Community Sector web link only
Harrogate & District NHS Foundation Trust	01423 885 959	

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