

CORE OFFER BUDGET FOR SAFEGUARDING

WHY DOES THE COUNCIL HAVE TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE AND WHAT DOES IT NEED TO COVER?

Safeguarding – Children and young people

The council hosts and part funds the Local Safeguarding children Board (LSCB). The LSCB is a statutory requirement for all local authority areas which is led by the Council. The Board is a multi-agency arrangement between key statutory and voluntary agencies that have responsibility for working together to ensure children at risk of child abuse, neglect and all forms maltreatment are protected from harm. The duties of all the partners are set out in Working Together 2015. The Board is chaired by an independent person and supported by a small business unit of 5 FTE staff. This includes the joint Business Manager who is responsible for coordinating the work of the LSCB and the Adults Safeguarding Board, a training and officer who delivers and coordinates multi-agency child protection training for staff across the key partners and a development officer who also acts as the Local Authority Designated Office (LADO) which is a statutory role responsible for managing allegations against staff who work with children and young people.

Safeguarding - Adults

The council fulfils its statutory obligations in terms of safeguarding adults as set out in the Care Act 2014. A Safeguarding Adults Board was set up in 2014. Since April 2015 this is now a statutory requirement. The Adults Safeguarding Board is also chaired by an independent person. The Joint Business Manager for the safeguarding unit coordinates the work of the Board and the other team members who support the Children's Safeguarding Board also provide additional support to the Adults Board.

There are two specialist officers who provide development and review work to ensure that practitioners in Darlington who work with adults have a good understanding in terms of meeting their statutory obligations regarding 'Making Safeguarding Personal' as well as raising awareness about how to best assess whether or not an adult who is deemed vulnerable has 'capacity' as envisaged by the Care Act 2014. This includes staff working across the wider partnership including the voluntary and independent sector. As well as providing safeguarding training, advice, and guidance they also monitor safeguarding alerts and referrals and liaise with Safeguarding Adults Managers (SAMs) to ensure that these are dealt with in a timely manner. The two officers also support the work of the Adults Safeguarding Board through its various sub-groups.

HOW DOES THE CORE OFFER BUDGET MEET THE COUNCIL'S OBLIGATIONS?

The Safeguarding services as set out enables the council to meet its obligations to safeguard children and vulnerable adults as per the standards as set out in statute particularly in Working Together 2015 and the Care Act 2014.

DOES THIS DIFFER FROM THE CURRENT SERVICE?

No

WHAT IS THE CORE BUDGET MADE UP OF?

2019/20 - £732,578 (Net of income and grants)

£28,984	Adult Safeguarding Service, (£69,894 gross)
£106,560	Local Safeguarding Children's Board, (£171,145 gross)
£114,026	Adults Development & Review Team, (£128,346 gross)
£483,008	Overheads