

ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP REVIEW FORM YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

PARTNERSHIP NAME:

Darlington Safeguarding Partnership

PARTNERSHIP FUNCTION:

Darlington Safeguarding Partnership is the key statutory mechanism for agreeing how the Statutory Safeguarding Partners will cooperate to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults with needs for care and support in Darlington and ensure the effectiveness of safeguarding practice in Darlington.

OBJECTIVES FOR THE YEAR 2021-22

Darlington Safeguarding Partnership:

- Ensure there are effective safeguarding arrangements in place to protect and promote the welfare of children and adults with needs for care and support who are at risk of abuse, neglect, injury or harm.
- Ensure there are effective scrutiny arrangements in place across the partnership.
- To develop detailed governance and structure arrangements to ensure the appropriate processes and systems are in place.
- Exploring how the Partnership can develop a more integrated approach to strengthening and develop safeguarding partnership arrangements
- Set out the structure of the partnership and sub groups who will support the work of the partnership and scrutiny and assurance arrangements
- To ensure the voice of the child or adult is evident across multi-agency work

PERFORMANCE AGAINST OBJECTIVES

Darlington Safeguarding Partnership will:

- Continue to have oversight of the provision of safeguarding services for children and adults in Darlington
- Ensure that the Darlington Safeguarding Partnership works effectively to protect and safeguard children and adults with needs for care and support and governance arrangements are effective
- Ensure early identification and analysis of new safeguarding issues and emerging threats
- Ensure information is shared effectively to facilitate more accurate and timely decision making for children, families and adults with need for care and support
- Quality assure and monitor performance through collation of multi-agency performance data
- Ensure learning and improvement processes including Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews and Safeguarding Adult Reviews are undertaken
- Ensure learning is promoted and embedded across the partnership
- Continues to work closely with other key relevant agencies and Partnership Boards to ensure safeguarding of children, young people and adults with care and support needs are threaded throughout.

BUDGET ADMINISTERED

	Revenue for 2020/2021
Darlington Borough Council	88,942
Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group	41,310
Durham Constabulary	34,404
County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust	16,973
Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust	2,000
Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company	1,000
Durham Tees Valley National Probation Service	770
Darlington College	1,600
Darlington QE College	1,515
Schools Forum	10,000
Income from Training	1,930
Total	200,444

DBC RESOURCES CONTRIBUTED e.g. finance, employees, accommodation, other assets

Staffing- The DSP (Statutory Partners and relevant agency partner contributions) fund a joint Business Unit:

- 1.0 Business Manager
- 1.0 Multi Agency Trainer
- 2.0 Development Officer/LADO
- 1.0 Business Support Officer

GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS OUTSTANDING ACTIONS, IF ANY, FROM PARTNERSHIP TOOLKIT QUESTIONNAIRE

None

ISSUES OF CONCERN, IF ANY e.g. finance, staffing etc.

Continual review of any funding pressures such as being able to adequately resource all statutory safeguarding partnership arrangements.

ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF CONCERN (including responsible officer and timescales)

Statutory Safeguarding Partners meet regularly to oversee arrangements and manage any areas of concern. Sub-Groups oversee working arrangements and escalate any concerns or issues to Statutory Safeguarding Partners.

IS THE PARTNERSHIP TO CONTINUE?

YES

OBJECTIVES FOR NEXT YEAR

Provision of annual report as set out in Statutory Guidance to summarise:

- Discussions are taking place to develop key objectives and priorities for the coming year.
- The partnership will ensure lessons learnt from how we safeguarded during the Pandemic will be taken forward.
- Continue to review ways of working to ensuring there is a strong collective oversight of safeguarding arrangements and to seek assurance that everyone is working closely together.
- Begin to focus on embedding the revised governance arrangements and develop the roles of the Sub Groups
- Further develop Scrutiny Processes
- Continue to respond and learn from SAR's/ CSPR's or local reviews undertaken
- Continue to evidence impact of work of the partnership

Completed By Lead Officer:

Name Amanda Hugill

Post Partnership Business Manager

Date 31/03/2022

Received By Assistant Director:

Name Joss Harbron

Post Assistant Director – Adult Services

Date 8/04/2022