



# Northumberland

County Council

Families and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Date: 8th November 2018

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## Northumberland Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2017-2018

Report of the Independent Chair of the Northumberland Safeguarding Children Board Paula Mead

### **Purpose of report.**

To provide an overview of the work completed by the Northumberland Safeguarding Children Board undertaken in 2017-2018.

### **Recommendations**

**It is recommended that the Families and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee,**

- 1) **Note the contents of this report.**

### **Link to Corporate Plan**

This report is relevant to the Health and Well Being and Stronger Communities and Families priorities included in the NCC Corporate Plan 2013-2017.

### **Key issues**

1. Three Serious Case Reviews (SCR's) that were undertaken during 2016-2017 have now been published. The learning has been embedded through the prompt delivery on the action plans and through a series of roadshows across the County to over 600 front line staff.
2. Operation Encompass which shares information about domestic violence incidents was launched across Northumberland Schools in 2016-2017. It has now been extended through the Designated Nurse's work within the Clinical Commissioning Group across Primary Care in Northumberland.

3. Children's Social Care Improvement Plan has been presented and monitored by the NSCB throughout the year to identify any areas that they feel require additional scrutiny or challenge.
4. The "OneCall" approach in Northumberland, incorporating Northumberland MASH, has been nationally recognised by Sir Tom Windsor, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services as best practice and should be adopted nationally.
5. A review of the information and intelligence considered by the NSCB throughout 2017/18 and analysed through the annual review process suggests that overall the direction of travel is appropriate, good progress is being made and we are in a good place to transition into the new arrangements set out by the Children and Social Work Act 2017

## BACKGROUND

### IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT

<b>Policy:</b>	The new arrangements set out by the Children and Social Work Act 2017 establish the Local Authority as one of three safeguarding partners, alongside Northumbria Police, and Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group. These new arrangements are being discussed at a Tyne and Wear basis with the Director of Children's Services for Northumberland leading the steering group.
<b>Finance and value for money:</b>	The NSCB continues to provide the legal duty currently set out to safeguard children with a best value model.
<b>Legal:</b>	As above
<b>Procurement:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Human Resources:</b>	None
<b>Property:</b>	None
<b>Equalities:</b> (Impact Assessment attached)  Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Risk Assessment:</b>	None
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder:</b>	The NSCB continues to work with Safe Northumberland Partnership, the Police and Probation services to ensure intelligence is

	shared in a timely and safe manner to safeguard vulnerable people and bring the perpetrators of crime to justice.
<b>Customer Considerations:</b>	The narrative sets out in the report how the NSCB strives to safeguarding the people of Northumberland.
<b>Carbon Reduction:</b>	None
<b>Wards:</b>	None

## CONSULTATION

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

NSCB Annual Report 2017-2018

### Report sign off.

Finance Officer	
Monitoring Officer/Legal	
Human Resources	
Procurement	
I.T.	
Director of Children's Services	
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**Appendices – number each appendix and avoid attaching superfluous material**

Please see attached Annual Report 2017-2018