



# Northumberland

## County Council

### Family and Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC)

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## TWELVE MONTHS MASH REVIEW

Report of the Service Director of Children's Services, Graham Reiter

Lead Member for Children and Young People - Councillor Wayne Daley

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### 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To present twelve month's review of implementation of the MASH in Northumberland.

### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To note the contents of the report  
2.2 To identify any issues for further scrutiny.

### 3. LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 3.1 This report is relevant to the "Living " priority included in the NCC Corporate Plan 2018-2021

### 4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 See attached report

### 5. BACKGROUND

- 5.1 See attached report

### 6. IMPLICATIONS

<b>Policy</b>	Information regarding safeguarding children and young people is incorporated into NCC policy and procedures
<b>Finance and value for money</b>	More cohesive responses to concerns regarding children and young people and co location of staff from partner agencies provide a better use of resources and more timely decision making.

<b>Legal</b>	Legal advice is available from the legal department in order to inform decision making and ensure legislation and procedure is followed in the interest of the child/ young person.
<b>Procurement</b>	None
<b>Human Resources</b>	Staff need to have the capacity, knowledge and skills to manage cases effectively and efficiently to achieve the very best outcomes for each child.
<b>Property</b>	Partner agency staff are co- located at Foundry House
<b>Equalities</b>	Each individual and family has to be recognised as individuals and provided with a respectful, timely and proportionate/ response that meets their specific and different needs.
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	Ofsted. reputational risk and untimely and disproportionate decision making and safeguarding of children and young people if cohesive working is not achieved. Performance of timescales and auditing of decision making informs practice development.
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>	Criminal proceedings will often run alongside cases as police personnel are located within the MASH and inform the outcome.
<b>Customer Consideration</b>	The child is the customer and the introduction of the MASH ensures that decision making is timely and appropriate so that children and young people are safeguarded at the appropriate time.
<b>Carbon reduction</b>	None
<b>Wards</b>	Ward members will be involved as necessary.

**Background papers:**

- NCC Ofsted Report
- NCC Ofsted focussed visit letter
- Children and Families Act 2014

**Report sign off.**

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