



## HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

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### Northumberland Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2017-2018

Report of: Paula Mead, Independent Chair of The Northumberland Safeguarding Board

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#### Purpose of report

This report provides an overview of the work completed by the Northumberland Safeguarding Children Board undertaken in 2017-2018.

#### Recommendations

It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board:

1. Consider the report and provide comment.

#### 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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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**

<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 Consideration</b>	None

<b>Carbon reduction</b>	None
<b>Wards</b>	All

**Background papers:**

NSCB Annual Report 2017-2018

**Report sign off.**

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Executive Director of Finance & S151 Officer	NA
Relevant Executive Director	NA
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Agreed and signed off by all members of the Northumberland Safeguarding Children Board

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