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**VISIT TO MULTI-AGENCY SAFEGUARDING HUB**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To advise Members of a recent visit to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).

**Summary**

2. Members will recall that this Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2013, agreed to undertake a visit to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).
3. The visit to the MASH took place on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 and Councillors Copeland, Harman, B. Jones, D Jones, Kelley, S. Richmond, Thistlethwaite and York attended.

**Recommendation**

4. Members are requested to consider whether they wish to undertake any further work in relation to this arising from the visit.

**Paul Wildsmith**  
**Director of Resources**

**Background Papers**

There were no background papers other than those referred to in the report.

S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no specific issues which relate to crime and disorder.
Health and Well Being	There is no specific health and well-being impact.
Carbon Impact	There is no specific carbon impact
Diversity	There is no specific diversity impact.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected equally.
Groups Affected	All groups are affected equally.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not affect the budget or policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision.

One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	There is no specific relevance to the strategy beyond the report comprising part of the Council's governance arrangements.
Efficiency	There is no specific efficiency impact.

### **MAIN REPORT**

5. Members will recall that, as part of the work which this Scrutiny has been undertaking in relation to safeguarding adults, they received a presentation on the establishment of the Darlington Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH), which is a multi-agency, co-located service to share information between agreed partners, in a secure environment with the aim of reducing risks of significant harm to children, young people and vulnerable adults, and subsequently agreed to undertake a visit to look at the operation of the MASH.
  
6. Councillors Harman, B. Jones, D Jones, Kelley, S. Richmond, Thistlethwaite and York visited the MASH, which has recently re-located to a new office in Darlington Police Station, on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2013, together with Councillor Copeland, Cabinet Member with the Portfolio for Adults and Housing.