

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY
25 OCTOBER 2021**

DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT – 2020/2021

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to enable the Children and Young People Scrutiny to receive and comment upon the Annual Report of the Darlington Safeguarding Partnership (DSP) for the period 2020/21.

Summary

2. Local Safeguarding Partnerships are required to produce an Annual Report to account for the Partnerships achievements over the previous year and make an assessment of the effectiveness of multi-agency safeguarding arrangements within the local area.
3. The Annual Report outlines what the Partnership has done over the period 2020/21, drawing upon a range of data and information to outline the progress made and illustrates the effectiveness of multi-agency safeguarding partnership arrangements. As is to be expected, the Covid-19 Pandemic and the challenges posed to ensure children, young people and vulnerable adults were safeguarded was the main focus throughout the year.
4. It is recommended that:
 - (a) The Children and Young People Scrutiny note and comment on the DSP Annual Report for 2020/21 which will be published on the DSP website.

Reasons

6. The recommendations are supported by the following reasons:
 - (a) Children and Young People Scrutiny have an understanding of the Partnership's work to date.
 - (b) To challenge and scrutinise the work of the DSP and raise any challenges as appropriate with the Independent Chair.
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- (c) To have assurance that the Safeguarding Partnership is effectively coordinating multi-agency safeguarding practice in Darlington and promoting the welfare of children and adults with needs for care and support.

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Background Papers

Darlington Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report – 2020/2021

S17 Crime and Disorder	All children at risk of crime and disorder are a priority within this report. DSP works alongside Youth Offending Services to help reduce crime and first time entrants into the criminal justice system.
Health and Well Being	The health and wellbeing of all children in Darlington are a priority within this report. DSP works alongside all organisations to promote the health and wellbeing of children and their families.
Carbon Impact	There are no implications arising from this report.
Diversity	DSP works to ensure that all groups are considered within their safeguarding agenda.
Wards Affected	All
Groups Affected	All
Budget and Policy Framework	N/A
Key Decision	N/A
Urgent Decision	N/A
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The work of the Darlington Safeguarding Partnership complements the priorities in One Darlington Perfectly placed.
Efficiency	N/A
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has not impacted on Looked After Children or Care Leavers.