

**ADULTS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
22 FEBRUARY 2022**

DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT – 2020/2021

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to enable the Adults Scrutiny Committee 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 Adults 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) Adults 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.
 - (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