

**HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD
14 MARCH 2024**

ITEM NO.

DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT – 2022/2023

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To enable the Health and Wellbeing Board to receive and comment upon the Annual Report of the Darlington Safeguarding Partnership (DSP) for the period 2022/23.

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. The report summarises and reflects on the work of the Partnership over the 2022/23 period.
3. The report will provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with an understanding of the Partnership's work to date to generate some discussion on the issues/common interests that may cut across both Strategic Partnerships.

Recommendation

4. It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board note and comment on the DSP Annual Report for 2022/23.

Reasons

5. The recommendations are supported by the following reasons :-
 - (a) Safeguarding is a responsibility that runs through a number of Strategic Boards/Partnerships and there are often areas of common interest. The DSP annual report will provide the HWBB with an understanding of the Partnerships achievements over the previous year, highlighting some of those areas of common interest.

**James Stroyan
Group Director of People**

Background Papers

DSP Annual Report 2022/23

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Darlington Safeguarding Partnership

S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no implications arising from this report.
Health and Wellbeing	This proposed collaborative project will provide improvements for health and wellbeing of residents with Long Term Conditions.
Carbon Impact and Climate Change	There are no implications arising from this report.
Diversity	There are no implications arising from this report.
Wards Affected	All
Groups Affected	All
Budget and Policy Framework	N/A
Key Decision	N/A
Urgent Decision	N/A
Council Plan	N/A
Efficiency	N/A
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers or amend

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

6. The Annual Report summarises and reflects on the work of the Partnership over the period 2022/23, drawing upon a range of data and information, to outline the progress made and to illustrate the effectiveness of multi-agency safeguarding partnership arrangements across Darlington.
7. The year continued to be shaped by the impact of COVID-19 and the national safeguarding context has been an evolving landscape as services continued to adapt, many organisations facing national recruitment challenges. The current landscape is challenging and likely to remain so, impacting on the children, young people and adults we work with. There was Significant organisational change during the year with the introduction nationally of Integrated Care Boards and much change ahead with a new iteration of Working Together to Safeguard Children along with the implementation of Local Authority Adult Regulatory inspections.