

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SCRUTINY
4 NOVEMBER 2019**

ITEM NO.

**DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL REPORT –
2018/2019**

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 Children Board (DSCB) for the period 2018/19.

Summary

2. Local Safeguarding Children Boards are required to produce an Annual Report which should account for the Board's activities over the previous year and make an assessment of the effectiveness of multi-agency safeguarding arrangements within the local area.
3. The Annual Report for 2018/19 is based on the DSCB's 3 Strategic Priorities:
 - **Priority 1** - ensure effective arrangements are in place that enable children, young people and their families to access appropriate Early Help support when first identified and this support is well coordinated
 - **Priority 2** - ensure effective arrangements are in place to protect children from neglect, abuse and child sexual abuse.
 - **Priority 3** - ensure partners work together to protect children from harm and ensure the voice of the child is evident in all multi-agency work.
4. It is recommended that:
 - (a) The Children and Young People Scrutiny note and comment on the DSCB Annual Report for 2018/19 which will be published on the DSCB website.

Reasons

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

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Background Papers

Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report – 2018/2019

S17 Crime and Disorder	All children at risk of crime and disorder are a priority within this report. DSCB 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. DCSB 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	DSCB 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 Safeguarding Children Board 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.