

Annual Partnership Review Form

Year ended 31 March 2023

Partnership name:

Darlington Safeguarding Partnership

Partnership function:

Darlington Safeguarding Partnership is the key statutory mechanism for agreeing how the Statutory Safeguarding Partners will cooperate to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults with needs for care and support in Darlington and ensure the effectiveness of safeguarding practice in Darlington.

Objectives for the year

Darlington Safeguarding Partnership has a strong collective oversight of safeguarding arrangements to ensure all agencies are fulfilling their statutory obligations, it will do this by:

- Ensuring there are effective safeguarding arrangements in place to protect and promote the welfare of children and adults with needs for care and support who are at risk of abuse, neglect, injury or harm.
- Ensuring there are effective scrutiny and assurance arrangements in place across the partnership.
- Having detailed governance and structure arrangements in place to ensure the appropriate processes and systems are robust.
- Exploring how the Partnership can develop a more integrated approach to strengthening and develop safeguarding partnership arrangements.
- Setting out the structure and how the groups will support and develop the work of the partnership.
- Ensuring the voice of children and vulnerable adults is evident across multi-agency work.

Performance against objectives

Darlington Safeguarding Partnership will:

- Ensure all partner agencies work effectively to protect and safeguard children and adults with needs for care and support from abuse and neglect.
- Ensure its governance arrangements are effective.
- Ensure early identification and analysis of new safeguarding issues and emerging threats.
- Ensure information is shared effectively to facilitate more accurate and timely decision making for children, families and adults with need for care and support.
- Monitor performance through Performance Management Frameworks and quality assurance processes.
- Ensure learning and improvement processes including Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews and Safeguarding Adult Reviews are undertaken.
- Ensure learning is promoted and embedded across the partnership.
- Continues to work closely with other key relevant agencies and Partnership Boards to ensure safeguarding of children, young people and adults with care and support needs are threaded throughout.

Budget administered

	Revenue for 2021/2022
Darlington Borough Council	108,002
Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group	41,310
Durham Constabulary	34,404
County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust	16,973
Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust	2,000
National Probation Service	770
Darlington College	1,600
Darlington QE College	1,515
Schools Forum	10,000
Income from Training	5,750
Total	222,324

DBC resources contributed

e.g. finance, employees, accommodation, other assets

Staffing- The DSP (Statutory Partners and relevant agency partner contributions) funds a joint Business Unit:

- 1.0 Business Manager
- 1.0 Multi Agency Trainer
- 1.0 Development Officer/LADO
- 1.0 Business Support Officer
- 1.0 Information Officer (P/T)

Governance arrangements outstanding actions, if any, from partnership toolkit questionnaire

None

Issues of concern, if any e.g. Finance, staffing etc

Continual review of any funding pressures such as being able to adequately resource all statutory safeguarding partnership arrangements.

Action plan to address issues of concern (including responsible officer and timescales)

Statutory Safeguarding Partners meet regularly to oversee arrangements and manage areas of concern. Sub-Groups oversee working arrangements and escalate concerns or issues to Statutory Safeguarding Partners.

Is the partnership to continue?

Yes

Objectives for next year

Provision of an annual report as set out in Statutory Guidance to summarise the work of the partnership and it will continue to:

- Apply learning from local and national Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews and Safeguarding Adult Reviews into practice
- Strengthening quality assurance processes and further develop performance frameworks to provide the assure partners need in relation to multi-agency safeguarding arrangements
- Continue to review ways of working to ensuring there is a strong collective oversight of safeguarding arrangements and to seek assurance that everyone is working closely together.
- Embedding the revised governance arrangements and further develop the roles of the Sub Groups
- Further develop Scrutiny Processes
- Continue to evidence impact of work of the partnership and explore how to obtain the lived experiences of children and vulnerable adults

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