

Independent Transitional Chair for Local Safeguarding Children Board/ Durham Safeguarding Children Partnership

Description of Duties

To provide leadership and strategic direction to the LSCB/DSCP in delivering its statutory objectives of co-ordinating and monitoring the effectiveness of interagency work to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people and to ensure that:

- The LSCB/DSCP operates strategically and exercises its key objectives and functions as set out in the Children Act 2004 and Working Together to Safeguarding Children 2015/2018.
- The key safeguarding partners have developed and are ready to implement effective Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements, in line with the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and Working Together 2018, that is influenced by best practice to provide the optimum model for Durham.
- The voices of children and young people are championed and represented and are influential in the work of the LSCB/DSCP.
- The LSCB/DSCP functions as an influential board, securing the ongoing commitment, prioritisation and co-operation of senior agency and political leaders across the County to ensure the safety and well-being of children and young people.
- The LSCB/DSCP and its successor arrangements provide strategic whole system oversight of the impact of multi-agency safeguarding practice on children's lives.
- The LSCB/DSCP operates independently of all partner organisations and has the capacity and ability to challenge practice and hold agencies to account as necessary.
- The LSCB/DSCP has an Annual Report and a clear strategic plan and monitors delivery of that plan and its impact on children's outcomes.
- The LSCB/DSCP is effective, efficient, outcome focussed, transparent and accountable.
- The LSCB/DSCP drives multi-agency learning from evidence, research, performance and quality assurance activity and improvement in practice from that learning.