

Policy and Procedures

The online version of the Durham SCP Multi-Agency Child Protection Procedures provides a web-based solution that is fully searchable and allows the user to access content from a wide range of devices. We undertake recurring six-monthly reviews to keep the procedures up-to-date with local and national changes.



Website link - www.proceduresonline.com/durham/scb

Professionals should add the link above into work related phones, smartphones, tablets and computers to link directly to the procedures when needed. The next tri-x update of procedures is due in Summer 2020.

Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse

In December 2019 we carried out a significant piece of work at the request of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA). Although focusing on CSE, some of our findings reach across the entire Partnership. It was clear, that to a certain extent we had been, 'data rich analysis poor', This meant we collated lots of information, but were not effective enough in understanding it, then acting upon it. With the introduction of our new analyst we will grasp this opportunity and drive forward in the areas which require focus in the coming year.

In addition, we have actively promoted the Truth Project; this offers the opportunity for victims and survivors of abuse to share their experience and be respectfully heard and acknowledged. By doing so, they are helping the inquiry and us as a partnership, to better understand the long-term impact of abuse.



Watch this 2-minute video about the Truth Project



Other procedures and guidance updated in 2019/20

- Responding to Abuse and Neglect
- Child Protection Conferences
- Allegations Against Staff or Volunteers
- Child Sexual Abuse in a Family Environment
- Children Missing from Home and Care
- Harmful Sexual Behaviour
- Child Death Reviews
- Challenge & Escalation Policy