



DARLINGTON

Safeguarding Children Board

The Darlington Safeguarding Children Board's Pledge

The core purpose of the DSCB is 'to cooperate with key partners to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in Darlington'

Governance: through the Independent Chair, the bi-monthly Board meetings which have members from all statutory and local agencies with a common agenda and who can speak on behalf of their agency with authority.

Partnership working: is promoted through multi-agency child protection procedures, attendance and contribution to the work of the Board and its subgroups, including professional challenge and mutual support. This approach contributes to improvement in frontline practice and the understanding of local issues.

Engagement with Young People: we do this through working collaboratively with the agencies on the board which are encouraged to have strategies for engaging young people. Partners share their findings with board to inform its work and future priorities.

Business Planning and Relationship between LSCB and the wider strategic partnerships: we plan our priorities through understanding local issues identified by the performance and quality assurance work undertaken. We do this in liaison with the wider strategic partnerships including the Children's Trust, Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board, Health and Wellbeing Board and the Community Safety Partnership. This process better coordinates priorities where there are common themes and also identifies gaps in provision.

Quality Assurance: is undertaken through a range of activities including audits and "lessons learnt reviews" which draw on local knowledge from practitioners and managers of the partner agencies. Action on the findings from the quality assurance activities, such as audits and reviewing learning from previous audits and its progress ensures continued improvement and informs the strategic and future planning of the Board.



Learning from Case Reviews: We ensure that recommendations from serious case reviews (SCRs) are disseminated effectively through our “training and communications strategy”. Learning from SCRs informs the Board’s audit programme and ensures that any development points identified in frontline practice are addressed.

Multi-agency Training and Learning: We do this through a “training and communications strategy”. This ensures all learning identified from both local and national SCRs and local audit activity informs multi-agency training. Training is evaluated at the end of the session and three months afterwards to measure the impact of the training on frontline practice. The information received from the audits, and learning from previous audits and reviews also informs the board of the impact of training activities on practice.

Measuring Impact: We do this through the “quality assurance and performance management framework” which Board reviews at each meeting. In addition, the Chair of the Board will produce an annual report which fully evaluates its effectiveness and its impact on improving outcomes for children and young people in Darlington.

