

SUNDERLAND SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP (SSCP) ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

Report of the Sunderland Safeguarding Children Partnership Statutory Partners

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present the Sunderland Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP) Annual Report 2021-22 for members information.

2. Background

- 2.1 As part of the SSCPs Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements and in line with Working Together 2018, we must publish an annual report.

- 2.2 This is our second Annual Report under the *revised* arrangements and it sets out:

- the work that we have undertaken throughout the year from 1 April 2021-31 March 2022, in line with our Business Plan including impact where this can be demonstrated
- the Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews that have been completed in the year together with an overview of how learning has been embedded into practice
- how we have sought and used the views of children, young people and families
- the training offer we have provided to ensure the Sunderland workforce is better equipped to support the children, young people and families who need it.

3. Achievements in 2021/22

- 3.1 Achievements for the SSCP throughout the year are highlighted as:

- Our Practitioner Forum has gone from strength to strength
- Through Covid Recovery funding, we have provided funding for the city's prevention bus, Wear Here 4 You and also funded Relationship and Sex Education Workers who are managed by TfC
- Delivered a joint Practitioner Forum with the Domestic Abuse & Violence Against Women and Girls Board
- Developed the Young People's Plan which complements the work of TfC's Young People's Team
- Through joint working with the Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board and the Safer Sunderland Partnership, we have established a citywide, all-age Strategic Exploitation Group

- Developed a process for sharing Child Concern Notifications for pre-school aged children with health services, so they can provide an earlier response to families that need support
- Provided funding for an officer to roll out Signs of Safety training across the partnership.

3.2 Our focus for 2022/23 will be to:

- Continue to deliver SSCP Business Plan 2021-24
- Continue to work strategically with other partnerships across the system
- Ensure children and young people with complex mental health difficulties are well supported
- Develop the offer for Children Missing Education
- Deliver quality services to families against the backdrop of the cost of living crisis.

4. Recommendation

4.1 Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- note the content of the report and accept it as assurance of the current effectiveness of the local safeguarding children arrangements; and
- direct any queries in relation to the SSCP Annual Report to Karen Davison, SSCP Lead Officer – karen.davison1@togetherforchildren.ork.uk.