

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY DESIGNATED OFFICER  
2015/2016**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To consider the progress and performance of the Local Authority Designated Service Officer (LADO) service between April 2015 – March 2016 and highlight future action for the year ahead.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) is appointed by the local authority to manage and oversee allegations against adults who work with children.
- 2.2 The LADO's responsibilities include:
- Providing advice and guidance to employers and voluntary organisations;
  - Liaising with police and other agencies;
  - Monitoring the progress of cases;
  - Providing data to the Safer Sunderland Board.
- 2.3 The LADO should ensure that all allegations or concerns about professionals or adults working or volunteering with children are recorded appropriately, monitored and progressed in a timely and confidential manner. This should ensure that children are protected from those who might harm them.
- 2.4 It also provides all agencies with a central point of contact for them to discuss and make notifications where appropriate.

**3. Current Position**

- 3.1 The LADO is required to provide an annual report on their work managing allegations against adults who work with children. The report for 2015/16 is attached as an appendix.
- 3.2 Gavin Taylor, Deputy Independent Reviewing Manager with responsibility for the Local Authority Designated Officer service will be in attendance to present the report and answer any questions.

**4 Conclusion**

- 4.1 The report will provide members with an overview of the progress being made by the LADO service and plans for the year ahead.

## **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and comment on the progress being made.

## **6. Glossary**

CAFCASS	- Children and Family Court Advisory Service
CCM	- Certified Case Manager
CIRT	- Cyber Incident Report Team
FTE	- Full Time Equivalent
IRO	- Independent Review Officer
LADO	- Local Authority Designated Officer
MASH	- Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub
SSCB	- Sunderland Safeguarding Children Board

## **7 Background Papers**

Annual report of the Local Authority Designated Service Officer (LADO) April 2015 – March 2016