

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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SUNDERLAND SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP (SSCP) ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

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 2020-21 for information.

2. Background

- 2.1 This Annual Report covers a period of time when the SSCP has experienced considerable change including:
- Implementation of Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements which were agreed in January 2020
 - Introduction of the Independent Scrutineer
 - Developing new ways of working with children and young people as a response to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 2.2 The report is different to previous annual reports. It acknowledges the new partnership arrangements are still being embedded and that we are laying the foundations for stronger partnership working going forward.
- 2.3 The improvements the partnership has overseen are set out, and there is also a recognition of the limitations Covid has had on this.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended 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 the SSCP Business Manager.

