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Our strategic intent for safeguarding arrangements for Adults, young people and children, (including the Partnership role re Multi Agency Safeguarding Arrangements. (MASA).

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OUR PARTNERSHIP IS...

A voluntary arrangement comprising of the 12 statutory safeguarding partners, who provide leadership for joint working arrangements within the footprint of the Northumbria Police area.

The Partners are;

Northumbria Police

Northumberland Council and Clinical Commissioning Group

North Tyneside Council and Clinical Commissioning Group

Newcastle Council

Gateshead Council

Newcastle and Gateshead Clinical Commissioning Group

South Tyneside Council and Clinical Commissioning Group

Sunderland Council, Together for Children and Clinical Commissioning Group

THE VISION AND PURPOSE FOR OUR PARTNERSHIP IS TO BRING TOGETHER SAFEGUARDING LEADERS AND CREATE A PLACE AND A SPACE TO

- Identify evidence based learning from joint working practice and arrangements, in order to maximise efficiency and effectiveness and improve outcomes.
- Promote the development of a shared "one approach" to effective scrutiny and learning in order to improve outcomes and inform preventative initiatives which will seek to reduce the vulnerability and risks posed to adults, children and young people.
- Promote the development of innovation, maximising opportunities identified through learning and scrutiny and commissioning enquiry as required to develop and test concepts thereby ensuring the most effective use of available resources committed to safeguarding arrangements by all partners.
- Create a culture of transparency, a commitment to learning based on evidence and informed by the lived experiences of both the victims and survivors of harm and abuse, and practitioners who contribute to safeguarding.

HOW WILL THE PARTNERSHIP ADD VALUE?

- The Partnership will provide system leaders with the opportunity to commission, review and explore ways of developing new innovative and collaborative approaches to safeguarding arrangements, with a clear focus upon prevention and the efficient and effective use of resources to inform and support, consistent and high-quality outcomes.
- The Partnership will from a single system-wide perspective, identify on the basis of scrutiny, learning and assurance opportunities for innovation, focused on joint working arrangements and practice, prevention and contextual and family-based safeguarding.
- The Partnership will continue to lead and develop the learning from the new Local Place Based Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements in order to identify future improvements that find a new balance between a local focus and one approach to joint working arrangements including scrutiny, learning and assurance.
- The Partnership will support and provide opportunities to further develop and evidence the shared commitment to effective safeguarding through collaboration and cooperation.

HOW WILL WE KNOW WE HAVE SUCCEEDED?

- As a partnership providing leadership and supporting leaders, we will be able reflect on learning and progress through an annual report.
- This report will identify learning and progress as a Partnership and provide an overall scrutiny (initially) of the new MASA arrangements, in order to inform next steps and assess impact in t erms of progress and assurance, in order that the statutory partners may exercise their responsibilities.
- The progress we make in respect of hearing and learning from the lived experiences of those involved in safeguarding will provide an important benchmark.
- The impact of the strategic and thematic objectives will be measured in the longer term by reductions in the incidence and impact of harm.

HOW WILL THE PARTNERSHIP OPERATE AND WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES?

- Partners will meet 4 times a year
- An Executive Leadership group, whose function is to ensure the work plan and meetings are prepared for and to oversee such resources as are committed to achieve the objectives, will support the Partnership. Each member will ensure the wider partnership network is engaged and consulted.
- The Partnership will have effective chairing arrangements, with consideration of providing capacity for independent scrutiny reflecting the importance placed on negotiation and collaboration.
- The Partnership is not at present a formally constituted body and therefore has to ensure that each partner ensures that the interests and requirements of their respective governance and accountability arrangements are taken into account when agreeing as a member of the partnership to an action or activity.
- There will be in place by September a Memorandum of Understanding and a work plan, and the partners have committed to effectively supporting the partnership.

THE PRIORITIES FOR THE COMING YEAR CAN BE SUMMARISED AS FOLLOWS?

- To continue to develop the partnership to embed learning to date, strengthen relationships and develop a shared approach to innovation and scrutiny that results in learning, assurance and improved outcomes.
- To continue to and identify additional strategic and thematic areas
 of potential focused on prevention, improved ways of identifying
 need, vulnerability and risk, a more proactive approach to contextual
 safeguarding and the further development of early help and protection.
- To develop and support the MASA transition in-line with the partnership agreement to undertake suitable activities at a sub-regional level and others at a local level, on the basis of providing scrutiny, review and learning and to identify second step proposals.
- To provide a conduit for information and to promote learning and awareness of safeguarding from one point.
- To demonstrate that the resources are being effectively utilised.

We the undersigned, endorse the statement of intent which outlines our commitment to the partnership.

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