

NEWCASTLE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP MULTI-AGENCY SAFEGUARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE BRIEF AUGUST 2019

Background

Every Local Authority area had a Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB), which were responsible for ensuring agencies worked together to safeguard children and for ensuring that the arrangements were effective.

The Newcastle Safeguarding Children Board fulfilled the role in Newcastle and has supported practitioners and managers to improve practice and services by delivering training, auditing practice, developing and publishing safeguarding procedures and undertaking reviews into serious child safeguarding incidents. However new legislative changes mean that LSCBs have been replaced.

Changes

[Children and Social Work Act 2017](#) replaces LSCBs with new local safeguarding arrangements led by the three statutory safeguarding partners: local authorities; chief officers of police; and clinical commissioning groups (health).

The Safeguarding Partners in Newcastle are:

- **Newcastle City Council**
- **Newcastle Gateshead Clinical Commissioning Group**
- **Northumbria Police**

The three safeguarding partners have assumed responsibility for safeguarding arrangements and have a shared and equal duty for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in Newcastle.

[Working Together to Safeguard Children](#) requires that the new local safeguarding arrangements are published. Newcastle partners published their arrangements on the 24th June 2019 and are available on the website. <https://www.nscb.org.uk/newcastle-multi-agency-safeguarding-arrangements-children-and-young-people>

Transitional Arrangements

Over the next 12 months further work to integrate functions across a wider Northumbria footprint will be explored.