



## APPENDIX 2

# NEWCASTLE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP



## 1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of the Newcastle Safeguarding Children Partnership (NSCP) is to support the three Safeguarding Partners to fulfil their responsibilities for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in Newcastle, and for ensuring the effectiveness of local multi-agency safeguarding arrangements.
- 1.2 The NSCP is the key mechanism for driving change. It will bring relevant agencies together at both a strategic and operational level to: deliver a focused, co-ordinated response; innovate system change; deliver efficiencies; and support effective multi-agency practice.

## 2. Functions

- Inform the strategic direction in matters relating to safeguarding children
- Identify key priorities for safeguarding
- Drive the three Safeguarding Partners' multi-agency safeguarding arrangements for children and young people
- Submit proposals to the Safeguarding Partners for funding and resources
- Oversee the work of sub groups and task and finish groups
- Challenge and support organisations, services and partnerships in fulfilling their roles and responsibilities for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people
- Consult on safeguarding issues
- Contribute to the production of the Safeguarding Partner's annual report
- Act as a conduit for information sharing on national and local issues, including the evidence base for effective interventions
- Analyse management information and contribute to inspection processes
- Ensure the involvement and participation of children, young people, parents and carers in the work of the Safeguarding Partner's and the Partnership
- Contribute to regional working and learning

## 3. Accountability

- 3.1 The NSCP is accountable to the Safeguarding Partners. All relevant agencies are responsible for contributing fully and effectively to the work.
- 3.2 The Safeguarding Partners will appoint an independent chairperson to the NSCP. The NSCP will appoint its vice chairperson.
- 3.3 The membership of the NSCP comprises of those agencies set out in (*appendix 1*).
- 3.4 The Safeguarding Partners will co-opt such other persons as it considers necessary in either an advisory or participatory capacity.

- 3.5 The NSCP will invite other statutory, non-statutory, voluntary and community organisations to become members of its sub groups and task groups.
- 3.6 The NSCP may delegate functions as it considers appropriate to sub groups or task groups. These groups are accountable to the Partnership who will decide the chairing arrangements (*appendix 3*).
- 3.7 The NSCP members will nominate professionals with relevant knowledge and skills from their organisation to sit on sub groups and task groups. Each group will appoint a vice chairperson.

#### **4. Partnership Meetings**

- 4.1 The NSCP will meet 4 times per year, although the chairperson may call an extraordinary meeting with the agreement of the Safeguarding Partners.
- 4.2 The NSCP members may request an extraordinary meeting by submitting a written request to the chair.
- 4.3 Business support to the NSCP will be provided by Newcastle City Council, jointly funded by the Safeguarding Partners.
- 4.4 Minutes of each meeting will be prepared and submitted for approval at the next meeting. The approved minutes will be entered as a permanent record.

#### **5. Quorum**

- 5.1 A quorum of the NSCP will be constituted by eight members representing four separate agencies.
- 5.2 Relevant agencies shall designate named people as their NSCP member to ensure consistency and continuity in membership and attendance at meetings.
- 5.3 A named deputy may attend if the designated lead is unable to and will be expected to take part fully in the meeting and have the authority to act.