



The relationship between Northumberland's Families and Children's Trust and Northumberland Safeguarding Children Board

Northumberland's Families and Children's Trust (FACT) and Northumberland Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB) have important but distinctive roles in keeping children safe.

The FACT Board is responsible for overseeing the delivery of the Children and Young People's Plan. Through this, the FACT Board is accountable for ensuring services deliver improved outcomes for children and young people.

In order to ensure a clear distinction between the roles and responsibilities of the FACT Board and NSCB they are chaired by two different people. Within this relationship, NSCB:

NSCB is responsible for challenging all relevant partners of the FACT Board on their performance in ensuring that children and young people are kept safer in Northumberland. The NSCB is responsible for developing local policies for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. It is also responsible for identifying training needs and evaluating the extent to which training needs are being met by commissioned services.

- **scrutinises the work of the FACT and the FACT's partners in relation to safeguarding;**
- **forms a view on the quality of local safeguarding by each body,**
- **challenges as necessary**
- **speaks with an independent voice.**

In Northumberland, the FACT Board works together with the NSCB to agree:

The FACT Board always aim to seek the views of the local community and consult children, young people and their families when drawing up the Children and Young People's Plan. Similarly, NSCB will appoint two Lay Members as full Board members, to increase communication links with the local community and support stronger public engagement in, and understanding of, children's safety issues.

- **a strategic approach to understanding needs, including a detailed analysis of data and effective engagement with children, young people their families and carers;**
- **a clear approach to understanding the effectiveness of current services, and identifying priorities for change – including where services need to be improved, reshaped or developed;**
- **integrated and effective arrangements for ensuring that priorities for change are delivered in practice through the Children and Young People's Plan; and**
- **effective approaches to understand the impact of specialist services on outcomes for children, young people their families and carers, and using this understanding to constructively challenge lack of progress and drive further improvement.**

A diagram showing how the Northumberland Safeguarding Children Board and the Families and Children's Trust Board relate to each other is below.

