



<u>Acknowledgement</u>

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Annual Report 2018 – 2019 EASY READ



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1. Our Vision

We hope to ensure that all individuals are treated with respect and dignity to enable them to maintain a good quality of life and to improve the well-being of individuals.

We aim to ensure that individuals are safe from harm, abuse, discrimination, neglect or bad treatment.

EMPOWERMENT

People are supported and encouraged to make their own decisions and their decisions are based on informed consent.

PROTECTION

Support and representation for those in greatest need.

PROPORTIONALITY

The least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented.



PREVENTION

It is better to take action before harm occurs.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Accountability and transparency in delivering safeguarding.

PARTNERSHIP

- Local solutions through services working with their communities.
- Communities have a part to play in preventing, detecting and reporting neglect and abuse.

2. Who we are

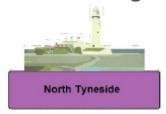
We are the North Tyneside and Northumberland Multi-Agency Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB).

We work with professionals from different agencies to ensure the health and safety of individuals, we do this by sharing information and making decisions together to ensure individuals are safeguarded.

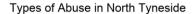
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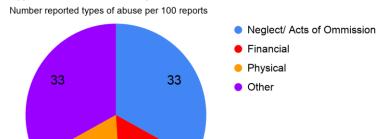
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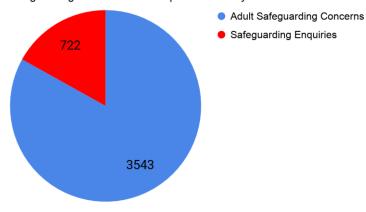


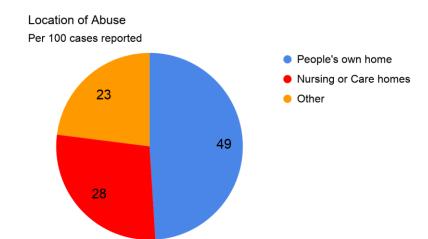
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Safeguarding Concerns and Enquiries North Tyneside

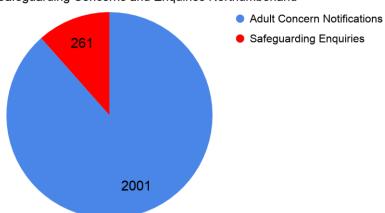




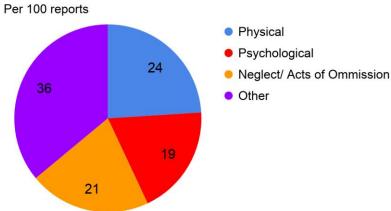




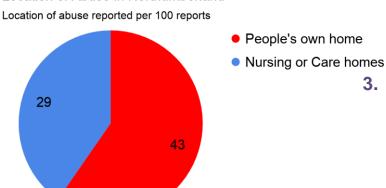
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Location of Abuse in Northumberland



4. Key achievements 2018-2019

Continued Development of the MASH



In 2018-2019 we have developed the MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) team to ensure the best quality of safeguarding is given to individuals. We work with the police every day to look at concerns the police have about an individual's health, safety or well-being.

We have also worked on:

Strengthening responses to Sexual Exploitation



Communication between agencies



Quality Assurance



5. What we looked at this year



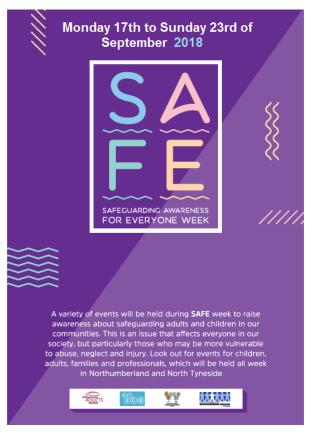
6. Our aims for the next year

- Transitional Safeguarding arrangements ensure robust and consistent responses are in place to manage safeguarding for vulnerable young people.
- Early identification and Prevention of Domestic Abuse. To support the work of the Strategic forum.
- Focus on forms of Criminal exploitation including County Lines, Sexual Exploitation, Cuckooing, Hate Crime and Criminal Gangs.
- Making Safeguarding Personal further embedding and scrutiny of current arrangements.



7. Safeguarding during 'SAFE week'

SAFE (Safeguarding Awareness For Everyone) week September 2018 SAFE week took place. The campaign seeks to raise awareness of protecting vulnerable adults and children.













8. Support from the Central User Forum



The Central User Forum is a self-advocacy group for Adults with learning disabilities in Northumberland. They work in partnership with Northumberland County Council's Learning disability Partnership board and other self-advocacy groups in the area.

Their main goal is to increase the involvement of people with Learning disabilities and autism, enabling them to have a voice in the development of social care.

This year the Forum are supporting the Safeguarding Adults
Board to produce an easy-read version of their Annual Report, to
ensure the information is accessible to a range of people,
including those with Learning disabilities.



9. What training have we delivered

The Safeguarding Adults training programme provides high quality learning and development opportunities for a diverse workforce, and is regularly reviewed to ensure it continues.



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Mental Capacity and Deprivation of Liberty

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Referral and Decision making

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Northumberland 434

Investigation skills North Tyneside 110 Northumberland 12

10. Working with our partners

Partner spotlight – Northumbria Healthcare Trust

The Domestic Abuse Health Advocate Role in Northumbria Healthcare Trust

The Domestic Abuse Health Advocate was set up to support victims of domestic abuse and improve the skills of staff in three main areas; A&E, Gynaecology and Maternity. The DAHA has been described as very helping for both victims of domestic abuse and staff who support these individuals.

Staff have been given pocket size booklets to help them with ways to quickly find and use plans, pathways and support services relating to domestic abuse

11. Partner updates

Following the learning identified in two local Domestic Homicide Reviews we have improved the Domestic Abuse Pathway and Coding – **North Tyneside CCG**

Procurement of a comprehensive single agency training package for primary care staff in relation to safeguarding adults, mental capacity act, deprivation of liberty, prevent and domestic abuse –

Northumberland CCG

Referrals submitted for adults who are of concern to the police for reasons under the wider definition of Vulnerability as well as those meeting the Safeguarding threshold, are now all subject to multi-agency triage within the Multi agency safeguarding hub (MASH) arrangements for adults - Northumbria Police

A series of leaflets have been devised by the Learning Disability Liaison nurses along with people with learning disabilities for patients coming into hospital – **Northumbria Healthcare Trust**

We have had a particular focus on combatting domestic abuse, working with the perpetrators of sexual offending, modern day slavery and human trafficking and meeting the needs of service users with learning difficulties/disabilities – **National Probation Service**

We have recruited a dedicated Partner Link Worker resource and developed a relationship with Victims First – Community Rehabilitation Company

The Safeguarding and Public Protection (SAPP) Team aims to support all trust staff to keep children, young people and adults at risk safe, and to meet statutory obligations – **NTW**

We have delivered tailored safeguarding training to all supervisory and middle managers (delivered by Adult Safeguarding Team) – Northumberland Fire and Rescue

We have refreshed and streamlined the Safeguarding Adults procedure to make it as easy as possible for front line staff to report concerns –

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue

We are progressing the action plan required to achieve Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) accreditation, working closely with colleagues in Strategic Housing to ensure that a consistent approach to support for vulnerable tenants is achieved – **Housing Services Northumberland**