

Report of:	South Tees Safeguarding Children Partnership – Annual Report
Submitted to:	Children and Young People's Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel
Date:	24 October 2022
Title:	STSCP Annual Report – 2021-2022
Report for:	Information
Status:	Public
Strategic priority:	Children and young people
Key decision:	Not applicable
Why:	Choose an item.
Urgent:	Not applicable
Why:	

Executive summary

The South Tees Safeguarding Children Partnership (STSCP) was set up in 2019 in response to the changes to multi-agency safeguarding arrangements which were introduced in the Children and Social Work Act 2017. This formal partnership is between the two South Tees Local Authorities (Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland), Cleveland Police and North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board. The partners share the ambition to improve the lives of the most vulnerable children in their area, many of whom face multiple disadvantage.

Purpose

1. The report is a statutory requirement and therefore members should be made aware of the contents and work of the South Tees Safeguarding Children Partnership

Background and relevant information

Working Together 2018 describes the features of effective multi-agency safeguarding partnerships:

This local arrangement supports and enables local organisations and agencies to work together in a system which places the child at the heart of the process and aims to ensure that:

- Children are safeguarded and their welfare promoted
- Partner organisations and agencies collaborate, share and co-own the vision for how to achieve improved outcomes for vulnerable children
- Organisations and agencies challenge appropriately and hold one another to account effectively
- There is early identification and analysis of new safeguarding issues and emerging threats
- Learning is promoted and embedded in a way that local services for children and families can become more reflective and implement changes to practice, which informs our local approach to prevention
- Information is shared effectively to facilitate more accurate and timely decision making for children and families

What is the South Tees Safeguarding Children Partnership?

Throughout the period covered by this report the arrangements included:

- Meetings with Key Partners Chief Officers, chaired by the Chief Executive Middlesbrough Council
- Meetings at Executive level to set the strategic direction for the partnership
- Partnership meetings attended by the executive leads of the four statutory partners and the broader partnership and chaired by an Independent Chair
- Sub groups and task and finish groups

Middlesbrough Council is the host for the STSCP, as outlined in the legal agreement which established the partnership. The STSCP Executive is the key decision-making body and consists of the executive leads of the four statutory partners.

The published arrangements, which were reviewed in 2021, can be found through the website link below:

[Key documents | South Tees Safeguarding Children Partnership \(stscp.co.uk\)](https://stscp.co.uk)

What decision(s) are being recommended?

That the Council

- Acknowledges the STSCP Annual Report

Rationale for the recommended decision(s)

For information

Other potential decision(s) and why these have not been recommended

N/A

Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)

Legal

N/A

Strategic priorities and risks

N/A

Human Rights, Equality and Data Protection

N/A

Financial

N/A

Actions to be taken to implement the recommended decision(s)

Action	Responsible Officer	Deadline
N/A		

Appendices

1	None
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Background papers

Body	Report title	Date
None		

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