

APPENDIX 3

Policy Context

1. This document summaries the LSCB response to Working Together Consultation, which reflects the shared outcomes of the current Council Plan and supports the desired outcomes of the emerging strategic approach of Making Gateshead a Place where Everyone Thrives.

Background

2. The Department for Education asked for views on changes to the statutory guidance 'Working Together to Safeguard Children', new 'child death review' guidance, and new regulations. These revisions are being made largely to reflect the legislative changes introduced through the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and new 'child death review' guidance.
3. Following this consultation, the government proposes to update and replace the current statutory guidance, Working Together to Safeguard Children 2015.

Consultation

5. All LSCB members and the LSCB Independent Chair were given the opportunity to submit comments. These were combined and submitted as a response on behalf of the LSCB. Some LSCB partners have also submitted response on behalf of their single agencies, which are not included within this document.

Alternative Options

6. The Council/LSCB was not obliged to respond but wanted to have the chance to influence the future statutory guidance.

Implications of Recommended Option

7. **Resources:**
 - a) **Financial Implications** – The Strategic Director, Corporate Resources confirms there are no financial implications. National guidance regarding how new safeguarding arrangements will be funded by partner agencies will be issued.
 - b) **Human Resources Implications** – None
 - c) **Property Implications** - None
8. **Risk Management Implication** - None
9. **Equality and Diversity Implications** - None
10. **Crime and Disorder Implications** – None

11. **Health Implications** - None
12. **Sustainability Implications** - None
13. **Human Rights Implications** - None
14. **Area and Ward Implications** - None