

Working together to keep children safe in Gateshead



Multi-agency safeguarding arrangements now published!

 [Read our NEW Safeguarding Children Partnership Plan \[422.57KB\]](#)

Background

Every Local Authority area has an independent Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). LSCBs are responsible for ensuring agencies work together to safeguard children and for ensuring how effectively this happens.

The Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) has fulfilled this role for Gateshead and has supported professionals, and all who work with children, to improve safeguarding practice and services by delivering training, auditing practice, developing and publishing safeguarding procedures, undertaking reviews into serious cases and publishing learning. However, LSCB's will soon be replaced.

Changes

[Children and Social Work Act 2017](#) replaces LSCBs with new local safeguarding arrangements led by the three named statutory safeguarding partners; local authorities, chief officers of police, and clinical commissioning groups (health).

The three safeguarding partners will assume the responsibilities for safeguarding arrangements that currently sit with LSCBs and will have a shared and equal duty for new safeguarding arrangements and for working together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in Gateshead.

The Safeguarding partners in Gateshead are:

- **Gateshead Council**
- **Newcastle Gateshead Clinical Commissioning Group**
- **Northumbria Police**

[Working together to safeguard children](#) requires that as local safeguarding partners the Council, the Police and the CCG publish arrangements to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of local children – our new arrangements and plan are available on our website

www.gatesheadsafeguarding.org.uk

Transitional Arrangements

The [Gateshead Safeguarding children Partnership Plan](#) sets out the transitional arrangements for Gateshead from September 2019 and will come into effect for 12 months from September 2019.

During the course of 2019-20, further work will be completed on integrating functions across the Northumbria footprint, and a wider structure review will be undertaken in the spring of 2020.

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