

TITLE OF REPORT: LADO Annual Report

REPORT OF: Strategic Director, Children Social Care and Lifelong Learning

Summary

Each Local Authority is required to have a designated Officer (LADO) whose role it is to oversee the safe and effective management of allegations against individuals who work with children, whether they are employed or working in a voluntary capacity.

Background

Safeguarding procedures are in place to manage allegations against staff or volunteers who work with children in Gateshead. These procedures are application where there are concerns, or there has been allegations that an adult who works with children, either as an employee or in a voluntary capacity, has;

- behaved in a way that has harmed a child or may have harmed a child;
- possibly committed a criminal offence against or related to a child;
- behaved towards a child or children in a way that indicates they may pose a risk of harm to children;
- behaved or may have behaved in a way that indicates they may not be suitable to work with children.

Annual Report

The annual report for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 is attached at appendix 1.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note the annual report and indicate whether it is satisfied with the robustness of the process and the identified recommendations.

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