

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD AGENDA



**Monday 7 December 2020**

**at 11.00 am**

**PLEASE NOTE: this will be a 'remote meeting', a public link to which will be available on the Hartlepool Borough Council website before the meeting.**

**MEMBERS:** HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

**Prescribed Members:**

Elected Members, Hartlepool Borough Council - Councillors Buchan, Thomas, Moore and Ward.  
Representatives of NHS Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group

- Dr Timlin and David Gallagher

Acting Director of Public Health, Hartlepool Borough Council – Craig Blundred

Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services, Hartlepool Borough Council - Sally Robinson

Director of Adult and Community Based Services, Hartlepool Borough Council - Jill Harrison

Representatives of Healthwatch - Margaret Wrenn and Vacancy

**Other Members:**

Managing Director, Hartlepool Borough Council – Denise McGuckin

Director of Neighbourhoods and Regulatory Services, Hartlepool Borough Council – Tony Hanson

Assistant Director of Joint Commissioning, Hartlepool Borough Council - Danielle Swainston

Representative of the NHS England - Dr Tim Butler

Representative of Hartlepool Voluntary and Community Sector - Tracy Woodall

Representative of Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Trust - Dominic Gardner

Representative of North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust - Deepak Dwarakanath / Julie Gillon

Representative of Cleveland Police - Superintendent Sharon Cooney

Representative of GP Federation - Fiona Adamson

Representative of Headteachers – Sonya Black

Observer – Councillor Hall, Statutory Scrutiny Representative, Hartlepool Borough Council

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

**3. MINUTES**

3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2020.

3.2 To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Outbreak Control Engagement Working Group held on 5 October 2020.



#### **4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 4.1 Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2019/20 – *Director of Adult and Community Based Services and Independent Chair of Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board*
- 4.2 'Mental Health – System Development and Response to Covid-19 Pandemic' - Director of Operations – Presentation – *Teesside, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust*
- 4.3 Needs Led Neurodevelopmental Pathway For Children and Young People (*Director of Commissioning – Children and Young People - NHS Tees Valley CCG*)
- 4.4 Covid 19 Update – Presentation – *Acting Director of Public Health*

#### **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

Date of next meeting – 1 March 2021 at 11.00 a.m.



# **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

## **MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD**

7 September 2020

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. and was an online remote meeting in compliance with the Council Procedure Rules Relating to the holding of Remote Meetings and the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

Present:

Councillor Moore, Leader of Council (In the Chair)

Prescribed Members:

Elected Members, Hartlepool Borough Council – Councillors Buchan and Harrison (as substitute for Councillor Thomas)

Representatives of NHS Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group – Dr Nick Timlin and Martin Short (as substitute for David Gallagher)

Acting Director of Public Health, Hartlepool Borough Council – Craig Blundred  
Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services, Hartlepool Borough Council – Sally Robinson

Director of Adult and Community Based Services, Hartlepool Borough Council, Jill Harrison

Representative of Healthwatch – Christopher Akers-Belcher (as substitute for Margaret Wrenn)

Other Members:

Managing Director, Hartlepool Borough Council – Denise McGuckin  
Director of Neighbourhoods and Regulatory Services, Hartlepool Borough Council – Tony Hanson

Assistant Director of Joint Commissioning, Hartlepool Borough Council – Danielle Swainston

Representative of Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Trust – Dominic Gardner

Representative of North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust – Hilton Heslop (as substitute for Deepak Dwarakanath)

Representative of Hartlepool Voluntary and Community Sector – Nicola Haggan (as substitute for Tracy Woodall)

Representative of GP Federation – Fiona Adamson

Also in attendance: - Ann Baxter, Independent Chair, Teesside Safeguarding Adults Board.

Edwin Jeffries, Branch Secretary, UNISON Hartlepool.

Officers: Julia Bates, Deputy Director of Public Health  
Ian Holtby, Public Health Consultant  
Dean Langstaff, Public Health Intelligence Analyst  
Joan Stevens, Statutory Scrutiny Manager  
Amanda Whitaker, Democratic Services Team

## 7. Apologies for Absence

Elected Members, Hartlepool Borough Council - Councillors Thomas and Ward

Representative of NHS Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group – David Gallagher

Representative of Healthwatch – Margaret Wrenn

Representative of North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust –Deepak Dwarakanath)

Representative of Hartlepool Voluntary and Community Sector – Tracy Woodall

## 8. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2020 were confirmed.

The minutes of the meeting of the Outbreak Control Engagement Working Group held on 27 July 2020 were approved and adopted.

## 9. Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018/19 and Strategic Business Plan 2020/21 *(Director of Adult and Community Based Services and Independent Chair of Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board)*

The Chair of the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board presented the Safeguarding Board's annual report for 2018/19 and the strategic business plan for 2020/21; both documents were appended to the report. The statutory requirements to produce the documentation was highlighted. It was noted that work is currently underway to finalise the Annual Report for 2019/20. The Chair advised that it had been a positive year and that colleagues had worked well collaboratively to meet the objectives of the business plan. The Director of Adult and Community Based Services joined the chair in updating the Board from a Borough perspective and stressed the importance and benefits of joint working with other partners.

Members welcomed the contents and structure of the annual report. Members discussed issues arising from the report including the Safe Place Scheme and safeguarding arrangements during the Covid pandemic. In response to concerns expressed regarding potential overlap in data categorisation,

assurances were provided that data was coded by specialist safeguarding professionals.

### **Decision**

The Board endorsed the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018/19 and the Strategic Business Plan 2020/21.

## **11. Better Care Fund Update** *(Director of Adult and Community Based Services)*

The report provided the background to the Better Care Fund reporting arrangements and summarised the national conditions and performance measures. Performance reports were submitted to NHS England on a quarterly basis. The Quarter 4 return covering the period January-March 2020 had been submitted in July 2020 and had confirmed that all national conditions continued to be achieved. An analysis of performance data had also been provided which was summarised in the report. It was noted that performance was extremely positive with all indicators achieved at the year-end based on available data.

### **Decision**

The Board retrospectively approved the Hartlepool Better Care Fund Quarterly 4 return.

## **12. Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference - Refresh** *(Acting Director of Public Health and Director of Children and Joint Commissioning Services)*

Further to minute 43 of the Board meeting held on 26 June 2020, a refreshed Terms of Reference for the Board was appended to the report. The document included an addendum relating to the Local Outbreak Control Engagement Working Group and a refresh to update factual inaccuracies.

The Acting Director of Public Health responded to clarification sought regarding Engagement with Stakeholders to reflect the NHS Reset Campaign emphasising importance of real engagement in moving forward. Assurances were sought in relation to ensuring that the Tees Esk and Wear Valley Trust (TEWV) was represented on the Engagement Working Group. Board Members recognised the importance of mental health and, whilst TEWV was already included as a potential co-optee on to the Working Group, it was agreed that they would be included as part of the core membership of the Working Group going forward. The Terms of Reference for the Working Group (as appended to the Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference) to be amended accordingly.

The Tees Esk and Wear Valley Trust representative at the meeting reiterated the importance of mental health as a key issue and advised the Board that the Trust had recently made a presentation to the South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board which set out a forecast of the potential impacts of Covid on mental health. The Chair of the Board agreed a suggestion that it would be helpful for this Board to receive that presentation at the next meeting of the Board.

### **Decision**

That the refreshed Terms of Reference be approved, with the addition of TEWV as a core member of the Engagement Working Group.

## **13. Coronavirus in Hartlepool - Update Presentation** *(Acting Director of Public Health)*

Further to minute 44 of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020, the Board received an updated presentation by the Acting Director of Public Health on the ongoing coronavirus situation in Hartlepool at 6 September 2020. The following issues were addressed in the presentation:-

- Hartlepool and UK Covid 19 cases rate per 100,000 population
- Weekly Covid cases comparison between rate in England and Hartlepool
- Covid cases rolling averages
- Hartlepool and England Covid 19 related death rates per 100,000 population
- Geographical locations of Covid cases in Hartlepool

The Board expressed concerns at the Covid 19 rates which were higher than the England average and discussed issues arising from the presentation including the wearing of masks and enforcement issues. The Acting Director highlighted the challenges associated with enforcement. The Community Cohesion approach was discussed and it was highlighted that it was intended to work with communities through the Engagement Board.

The representative of the GP Federation updated Board Members on the support that was available in the Borough in terms of the following:-

- A specialist 'Hot Clinic' had been commissioned to the end of March 2021 to support coronavirus patients and reduce the pressure on GP surgeries.
- Part of a NHS pilot known as a 'Virtual Ward' which allows the monitoring of patients remotely. The importance of data sharing was highlighted to ensure that as many people as possible had the offer for remote support.
- From 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020, part of NHS England pilot so anyone booked into a 'Hot Clinic' will be able to be tested on site. It was,

however, highlighted that this would not replace the testing referred to earlier in the meeting by the Acting Director.

The Chair of the Board expressed appreciation to the Acting Director for the presentation and thanked the Federation representative for the additional information conveyed to the Board.

**Decision**

The Board noted the contents of the presentation.

**14. Former Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees Clinical Commissioning Group Annual Report 2019/20** *(Director of Commissioning, Strategy and Delivery)*

The report set out an overview of the 2019/20 Annual Report of former Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Report highlights were detailed in the report and the salient issues were presented to the Board by the CCG representative.

**Decision**

The Board noted the content of the Annual Report.

**15. Annual Report of the Director of Public Health - 2019** *(Acting Director of Public Health)*

In accordance with the Health and Social Care Act 2012, an Annual Report had been written for 2019 which was presented to the Board by the Acting Director of Public Health. The theme of the 2019 Annual Report was 'Obesity Prevention and Physical Activity in Hartlepool'. The Annual Report was presented in an electronic format which could be accessed via a link included in the report to the Board.

Board Members commended the report and the innovative approach in which the report had been presented.

**Decision**

The Board noted the report and its conclusions.

Meeting concluded at 11.20 a.m.

CHAIR

# **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (OUTBREAK CONTROL ENGAGEMENT WORKING GROUP)**

## **MEETING NOTES**

**5 October 2020**

The meeting commenced at 10.45 am and was an online remote meeting in compliance with the Council Procedure Rules Relating to the holding of Remote Meetings and the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

**Present:**

Shane Moore (Chair)  
Denise McGuckin (Managing Director, Hartlepool Borough Council)  
Councillor Harrison (Children in Care Champion)  
Councillor Thomas (Mental Health Champion)  
Dr Tim Butler (NHS England)  
Michael Houghton (NHS Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group)  
Craig Blundred (Acting Director of Public Health, Hartlepool Borough Council)  
Sally Robinson (Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services)  
Jill Harrison ((Director of Adults and Community Based Services)  
Pete Graham as substitute for Sharon Cooney (Cleveland Police)  
Tony Hanson, (Hartlepool Borough Council)  
Ed Turner (Hartlepool Borough Council)  
Juli Simons (VCS – Hartlepower)  
Michelle Delves (Faith Representative)  
Jacqueline McKenzie (Primary Care Network)  
Carl Parker (Primary Care Network)

**Also in attendance:-**

Dominic Gardner, Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation  
Trust  
Councillors Tony Richardson and Mike Young (Hartlepool  
Borough Council)

**Officers:** Dean Langstaff, Public Health Intelligence Analyst  
Joan Stevens, Statutory Scrutiny Manager  
Denise Wimpenny, Principal Democratic Services Officer



## **16. Apologies for Absence**

Superintendent Sharon Cooney, Cleveland Police, Lesley Wharton, (North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust)

## **17. Notes of Meeting held on 11 September 2020**

Confirmed.

## **18. Coronavirus in Hartlepool – Data Update – Presentation** *(Acting Director of Public Health)*

The Acting Director of Public Health and Public Health Intelligence Analyst provided a comprehensive presentation which updated the Working Group on the current outbreak situation in the Borough. Statistical data was provided in relation to the period up to 1 October with cases in Hartlepool higher than the England average and continuing to rise. Covid related death rates in Hartlepool and England remained static. Details of covid cases by ward were also provided with Stranton and Hart Station seeing a higher concentration of cases. It was highlighted that the location of care homes was playing a smaller part in areas of concentration. Whilst it was reported that cases continued to be predominantly in the younger age groups, the impact on vulnerable age groups remained a concern as well as the continuing trend of increases in positivity rates in Hartlepool.

## **19. Coronavirus in Hartlepool – Position Update – Verbal Presentation**

The Acting Director of Public Health advised that the main reason for bringing forward today's meeting was to discuss the current situation given the increasing number of cases in Hartlepool and the decision to introduce local restrictions in Hartlepool similar to other local authorities in the North East. The Group was advised that a full breakdown of restrictions were outlined on the Government website and in the main included residents not being allowed to meet or host people you do not live with in their homes and restrictions on meeting in pubs and restaurants to one household. There were also restrictions on non-essential travel.

Emphasis was placed upon the need for the Group to effectively communicate the restrictions to the community to ensure they were successfully received and could be removed as soon as possible. There was no clear exit strategy from the Government and advice was awaited in this regard. Input from the Group was sought on the most appropriate methods of communicating the restrictions to ensure public buy-in, the advantages of which were outlined. The importance of buy-in from all partner agencies within the Group, key community leaders and Ward Members, as key sources of information was highlighted in order to effectively communicate clear concise positive messages to the public to ensure everyone was clear on what they needed to

do. Feedback, ideas and support from the Group was sought around taking the proposals forward to feed into the planning process. The Acting Director of Public Health commented on the need for joint communication arrangements and the options to utilise Community Champions and Guidance Groups.

In the discussion that followed the Chair indicated that the Council had not supported such stringent restrictions which had recently been imposed by Central Government, the background of which was outlined. Whilst a Member spoke in support of certain restrictions, concerns were raised that the recently imposed restrictions were a step too far particularly around the ban on visiting family members in gardens, the implications of which were shared with the Group.

Concerns were also raised in terms of the confusion within the community in relation to the restrictions, the impact of the recent restrictions on local businesses and decisions of some businesses deciding to close in anticipation of a worsening position. The challenges around conveying a positive message to the public were also discussed. The representative from Hartlepool expressed a commitment to convene meetings of locally based organisations and support local media campaigns to address the confusion in the community. It was suggested that communications should reinforce the importance of effective handwashing and that this be reiterated in schools.

Issues around wellbeing were discussed including the impact of the restrictions on mental health. It was suggested that publicity material should include key messages of the support mechanisms available to individuals. In response to a query raised in relation to the arrangements for group counselling sessions given the rule of six, the Acting Director of Public Health agreed to provide clarification following the meeting.

In concluding the debate, the Managing Director sought commitment from all partner agencies of the Working Group to work with the Council to ensure a joint targeted approach in terms of the communication and engagement process to ensure the correct messages were conveyed to the public in the most appropriate manner.

## **20. Date of next meeting**

It was reported that future meetings may be more frequent given the current position.

Meeting concluded at 11.30 am.

CHAIR

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

7 December 2020



**Report of:** Director of Adult and Community Based Services and Independent Chair of Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board

**Subject:** TEESWIDE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

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## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present to the Health and Wellbeing Board the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2019/20.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB) was established in order to meet the requirements of the Care Act 2014, which created a legal framework for adult safeguarding, requiring all Local Authorities to set up Safeguarding Adults Boards (SABs) for their areas.
- 2.2 The four Tees Local Authorities have worked together for a number of years along with strategic partners to promote cooperation and consistency in relation to safeguarding adults work, and this collaborative working has continued, with the statutory responsibility now resting with the TSAB.
- 2.3 Since the last report to the Health and Wellbeing Board there has been a recruitment process undertaken to appoint a new Independent Chair for the TSAB due to the retirement of Ann Baxter, who has undertaken the role since the TSAB was formally established. Following a successful recruitment process, which involved all statutory partners, Darren Best was confirmed as the new Independent Chair.

## 3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 It is a requirement of the Care Act 2014 that a SAB publishes an annual report that sets out:
- what it has done during that year to achieve its objective;

- what it has done during that year to implement its strategy;
  - what each member has done during that year to implement the strategy;
  - the findings of any safeguarding adults reviews which have concluded in that year;
  - any reviews which are ongoing at the end of that year;
  - what it has done during that year to implement findings of reviews; and
  - where it decides during that year not to implement a finding of a review, the reasons for its decision.
- 3.2 The Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report for 2019/20 is attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 3.3 It is also required under the Care Act 2014 that each SAB publishes an annual strategic plan setting out its strategy for achieving its objective and what members will do implement the strategy.
- 3.4 The Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Business Plan was presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 7 September 2020.

#### **4. RISK IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no risk implications in relation to this report.

#### **5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 5.1 Statutory partners (Local Authorities, Clinical Commissioning Groups and Cleveland Police) make an annual contribution to the running costs of the TSAB and the associated Business Unit.
- 5.2 There are no additional financial considerations associated with this report.

#### **6. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no legal considerations associated with this report.

#### **7. CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 The TSAB uses a wide range of methods to engage with professionals, partners and the wider public including the TSAB website ([www.tsab.org.uk](http://www.tsab.org.uk)), online surveys, conferences, foot-fall events, social media, focus groups, bulletins and media campaigns. A Communications and Engagement Sub Group is in place to oversee this work and a Communication and Engagement Strategy has been developed which includes targets that enable these methodologies to be reviewed and evaluated. The strategy is underpinned by an operational work plan that is monitored by the Communications and Engagement Sub Group.

## **8. CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 8.1 No child and family poverty considerations have been identified specifically associated with this report, although it is recognised that there are links between the work of TSAB and Local Safeguarding Children's Boards. Work will continue to be undertaken to strengthen these links and to ensure that the 'Think Family' approach is embedded in practice.

## **9. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 9.1 There are no equality and diversity implications associated with this report.

## **10. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS**

- 10.1 There are no staffing considerations associated with this report. The Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board Business Unit staff are employed by Stockton Borough Council on behalf of the strategic partners.

## **11. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

- 11.1 There are no asset management considerations associated with this report. The Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board Business Unit staff are hosted by Stockton Borough Council on behalf of the strategic partners and based at Kingsway House in Billingham.

## **12. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 12.1 It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board notes and endorses the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2019/20.

## **13. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 13.1 Safeguarding vulnerable adults is fundamental to the work of adult services and the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2019/20 sets out how statutory requirements are being delivered.

## **14. CONTACT OFFICER**

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# Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report

1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020

# Introduction

## Board Overview

The Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB) is a statutory body, responsible for protecting and promoting an adults right to live an independent life free from abuse and neglect.

The Board met on six occasions throughout 2019-20 to discuss and agree key safeguarding adults' work across Tees.



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## Vision 2019-20

Our safeguarding arrangements will effectively prevent and respond to adult abuse.

## Board Member Organisations

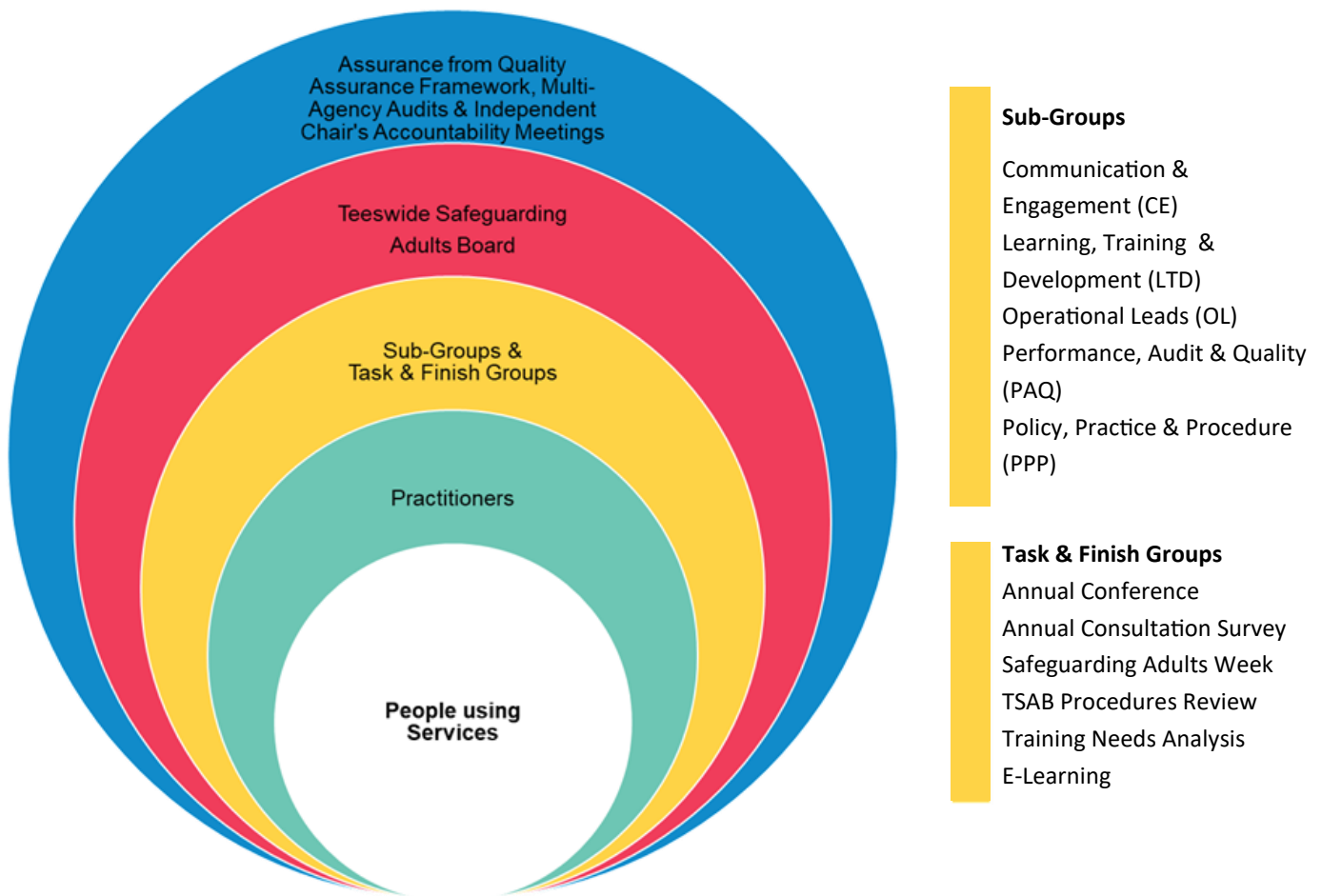
### 6 Statutory Partners

- Cleveland Police
- Hartlepool Borough Council
- Middlesbrough Borough Council
- Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
- South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group & Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Clinical Commissioning Group
- Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

### 18 Non-Statutory Partners

- Care Quality Commission
- Catalyst (Voluntary Development Agency)
- Cleveland Fire Brigade
- Community Rehabilitation Company: Durham Tees Valley
- Healthwatch Hartlepool
- Healthwatch Stockton
- Healthwatch South Tees
- HM Prison Service
- Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency
- National Probation Service
- North East Ambulance Service
- North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland
- Redcar and Cleveland Voluntary Development Agency
- South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust
- Teesside University
- Thirteen Housing Group

# Board Overview



The Board approved the reduction in frequency of Sub-Group meetings in order to place more emphasis on the establishment of ongoing Working Groups and Task & Finish Groups to drive forward specific pieces of work.



TSAB Annual Conference 2019



# Our Year in Figures



**97** Concerns were received on average per week across Tees

**54** Section 42 Enquiries were carried out on average per week across Tees

**37%** Increase in the number of Section 42 Enquiries commenced on the previous year

## Concerns Received

Care Homes **1,600**  
NHS Secondary Care **677**  
Social Care **510**

**14% decrease** in Concerns received from Care Homes

**70% increase** in Concerns received from NHS Secondary Care

**65% increase** in Concerns received from Social Care

**56%** of Concerns led to a Section 42 Enquiry

**66%** Increase in the number of Section 42 Enquiries for Adults aged 18-24

**56%** Increase in the number of Domestic Abuse Section 42 Enquiries

**51%** Increase in abuse and neglect within an adult's own home

**66%** of Section 42 Enquiries resulted in the risk to the adult being reduced

In **1,398** of Section 42 Enquiries the **source of risk was known to the adult**

In **59%** of all Section 42 Enquiries, the adult at risk was female

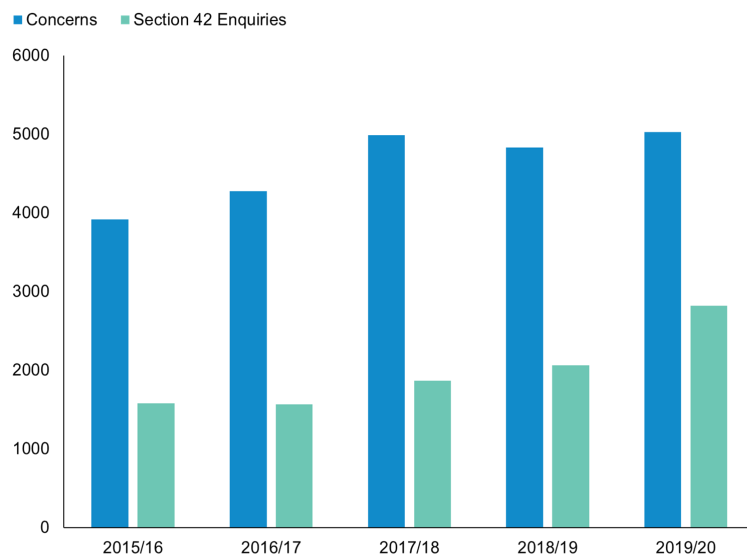


**10** Care Provider services received additional multi-agency support to improve the delivery of care under the Board's **Responding to and Addressing Serious Concerns (RASC)** framework

**Safeguarding Concern** - a report made to the lead agency for the safeguarding process to raise concerns of adult abuse and/or neglect.

**Section 42 Enquiry** - The Care Act 2014 (Section 42) requires that each local authority must make enquiries, or cause others to do so, if it believes an adult is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse and/or neglect.

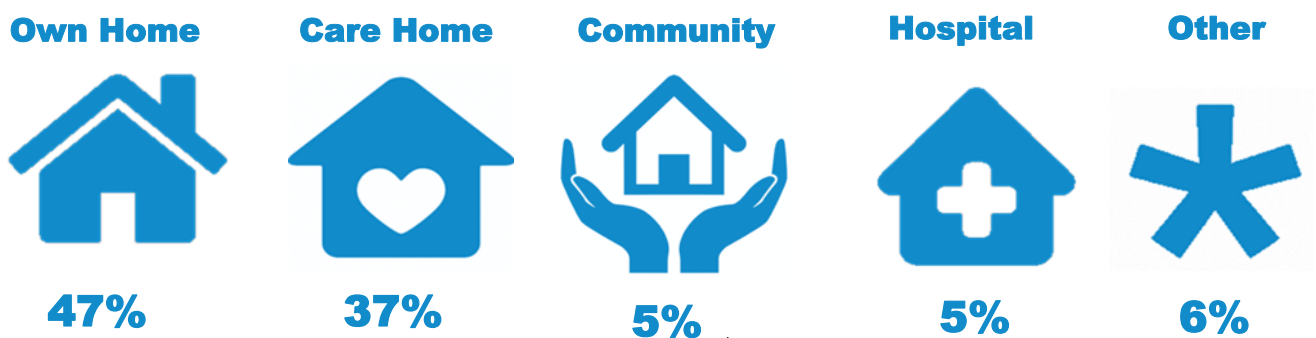
# Concerns and Section 42 Enquiries



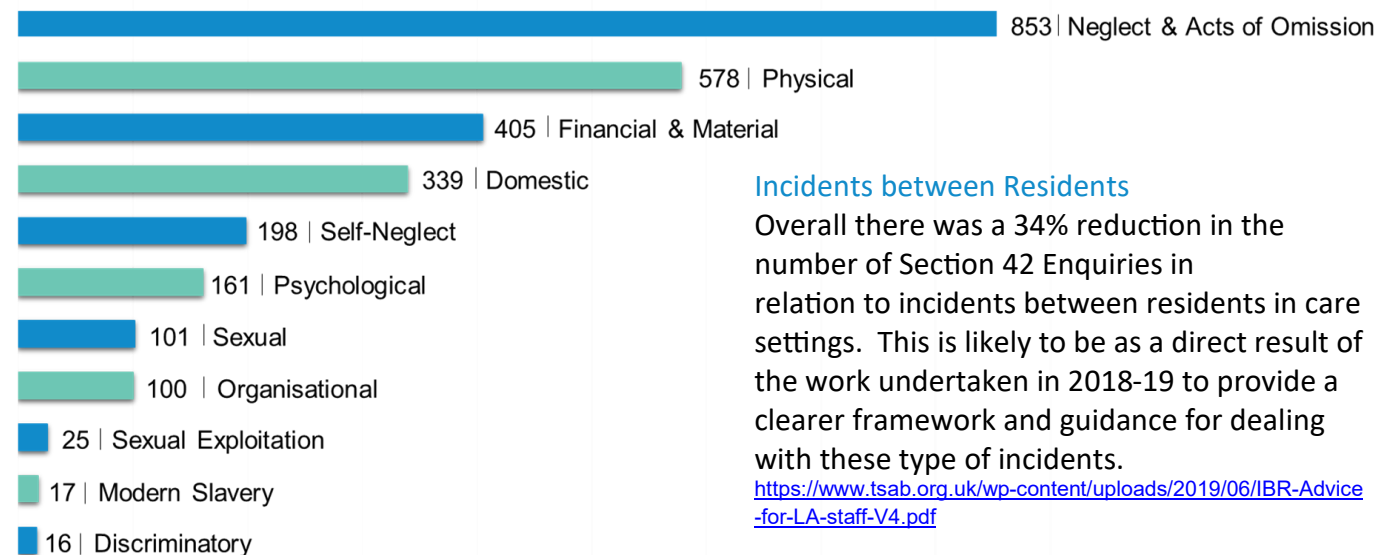
The number of **Section 42 Enquiries commencing** increased by **37%** this year. This is as a result of improved reporting mechanisms being implemented by the Local Authorities over the last 18 months, meaning the data is becoming more representative of the safeguarding activity being undertaken in Tees.

It is anticipated that the data will stabilise next year. However monitoring of activity will continue to determine if COVID-19 has had a direct impact on the reporting figures.

## Where did Adult Abuse Occur?



## Types of Adult Abuse



### Incidents between Residents

Overall there was a 34% reduction in the number of Section 42 Enquiries in relation to incidents between residents in care settings. This is likely to be as a direct result of the work undertaken in 2018-19 to provide a clearer framework and guidance for dealing with these type of incidents.

<https://www.tsab.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/IBR-Advice-for-LA-staff-V4.pdf>

# 5 Year Key Achievements

The Board was established as a statutory body in April 2015 when the Care Act 2014 came into effect.

## Key achievements: April 2015 - March 2020



### 2019

Largest Annual Conference 'Understanding Exploitation Across Tees' with **134** attendees from across **38** organisations.

The Board held 2 Adult Safeguarding Champions' events across Tees. There are now **182** dedicated 'Champions' from **109** organisations across Tees.

### 2017

Safeguarding Champions initiative launched with **66** Champions initially volunteering.

TSAB Safeguarding Adults Leaflet translated into **5** languages. This is now available in **7** languages.

TSAB Newsletter launched. **13** editions have now been published.

### 2015

TSAB established as a statutory body when the Care Act 2014 came into effect.

TSAB website launched, averaging **500** views per week. The number of viewers has increased by **180%** averaging **1400** views per week throughout 2019-20.

Quality Assurance Framework developed and trialled.

Performance dashboard developed. This has since been commended and shared as best practice.

### 2020

TSAB Development Day brought together senior leaders from across Adults and Children's Safeguarding and Community Safety Partnerships.

Safeguarding Champions dedicated web area developed.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic the Board and member organisations have considered ways in which we must work differently. This will be implemented and reported on in 2020-21.

### 2018

Introduction of the formal multi-agency audit programme providing a robust process to analyse safeguarding practices across Tees.

Operational Leads Sub Group established

Making Safeguarding Personal training programme commissioned. A total of **102** delegates have accessed this course to date.

The Quality Assurance Framework programme was extended to include non-statutory partners.

### 2016

E-learning portal launched with **3** initial modules. The Board's E-learning platform now hosts **37** courses.

Safeguarding awareness video launched featuring residents from across Tees.

The Strategic Overview of Adult Safeguarding Teeswide Report was published following 18 months of detailed analysis.



**‘Understanding Exploitation Across Tees’**  
The Board delivered its largest event to date on 16 October 2019. It was held in conjunction with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland and Cleveland’s Anti-Slavery Network to coincide with Anti-Slavery Day on 18 October 2019.

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The Board took part in National Safeguarding Adults Week from 18-24 November 2019, co-ordinated nationally by Ann Craft Trust (ACT).



"Healthwatch Stockton-on-Tees regularly promote TSAB posts on social media, covering subjects such as annual surveys, adult abuse and advice on avoiding scams. From November 2019 to March 2020, Healthwatch Stockton-on-Tees and its associated project, Stockton Service Navigation Project, shared 22 posts from TSAB on Twitter and Facebook.

News articles on TSAB's annual survey and newsletters were promoted on Healthwatch Stockton-on-Tees website and distributed to over 450 subscribers each."

**healthwatch**  
Stockton-on-Tees

<https://www.tsab.org.uk/key-information/annual-reports/>



Followers **678**  
Impressions **147,100**



Followers **340**  
Posts **256**



Website views **71,518**  
\***8,800** best monthly views of  
all time - Feb 2020



**1500** leaflets distributed  
**500** translated versions

## Annual Consultation Survey

**90%** of public responses reported feeling safe from abuse and neglect

**97%** of professionals understand how their responsibilities fit into the wider adult safeguarding framework



**740**  
Responses received  
\*highest number to date

# What we said and what we did

Priority	What we said we would do	What we did
Prevention	<p>Ensure people are able to access early help and preventative services</p> <p>Reduce barriers to reporting all forms of abuse</p> <p>Further raise public awareness of TSAB work and adult safeguarding</p> <p>Improve engagement with local communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Task &amp; Finish Group with representatives from partner organisations and other agencies, developed a detailed plan of action for local engagement activity to participate in National Safeguarding Awareness Week 2019.</li> <li>Clare's Law briefing developed and published online. <a href="https://www.tsab.org.uk/key-information/policies-strategies/">https://www.tsab.org.uk/key-information/policies-strategies/</a></li> <li>Board partners took part in a radio interview to discuss safeguarding activity across Tees.</li> <li>Local newspaper article published raising awareness of ways in which to report abuse, this also included an online feature.</li> <li>The voice of the adult video with subtitles was launched. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch">https://www.youtube.com/watch</a></li> <li>Safe Place Scheme literature was reviewed in consultation with a local service user group who have also produced a training video. <a href="https://www.tsab.org.uk/key-information/find-support-in-your-area/safe-place-scheme/">https://www.tsab.org.uk/key-information/find-support-in-your-area/safe-place-scheme/</a></li> <li>An article highlighting the impact of loneliness and social isolation was published in local authority residents magazines across the winter months reaching 110,000 households.</li> <li>TSAB shared the Board's resources and delivered a presentation at the local Clinical Commissioning Group Care Home Conference.</li> </ul>

In 2019 Middlesbrough identified the need to restructure our Access and Safeguarding Teams to create a more seamless journey from the point of referral through to making enquiries, undertaking care needs assessments and holding multi-agency meetings. This involved appointing our Access Safeguarding Lead Officer and taking forward a review of the service. In November 2019 our Access Safeguarding service review was finalised and the teams were brought onto one site in January 2020. The investment in our new structure has given us the ability to bring about changes in our process and has promoted culture change to ensure that we take a strengths based approach to safeguarding and that safeguarding good practice has been reinforced across adult social care.



Cleveland Police have converted the Child Abuse Investigation Team and Vulnerable Adults Teams into CAVA, an omni-competent specialist crime team in the areas of Children and Adults. This followed a review and concerns around vulnerable adults being a single point of failure given the limited resources and experience. CAVA broadens the scope for investigations involving vulnerable adults and promotes the need for investment into the area.

Over the past 12 months Cleveland Police and Adult Social Care Team Managers have worked in partnership to ensure appropriate sharing of information. This has resulted in new guidance across both areas and safeguarding thresholds being adopted by police.





Priority	What we said we would do	What we did
Protection	<p>Provide effective, consistent, timely and proportionate responses to reported abuse</p> <p>Encourage a strengths based approach which puts the person at the centre of all safeguarding work</p> <p>Develop strategies and guidance for dealing with all forms of abuse</p> <p>Carry out focused work on specific aspects of adult safeguarding to ensure a collaborative and person centred approach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New panel arrangements established across Tees authorities provides a multi-agency forum for complex safeguarding cases to be highlighted and action plans to be developed.</li> <li>• Work was undertaken by partners of the Anti-Slavery Network to establish a Tees-wide Victim Care Pathway.</li> <li>• A number of TSAB guidance documents were refreshed and new guidance published: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Self-neglect guidance was relaunched with a particular focus on non-typical self-neglect</li> <li>⇒ Fraud and online scams guidance produced</li> <li>⇒ Romance scams guidance produced following increased reporting in cases across Tees</li> <li>⇒ Causing S42 Enquiries</li> <li>⇒ Other Enquiries</li> </ul> <a href="https://www.tsab.org.uk/key-information/policies-strategies/">https://www.tsab.org.uk/key-information/policies-strategies/</a> </li> <li>• New Inter-Agency Safeguarding Procedures launched. A Task &amp; Finish Group was formed to review the procedures following an initial consultation survey in 2018 and a further survey in 2019. Interactive versions of the procedures were also developed and published online. <a href="https://www.tsab.org.uk/key-information/policies-strategies/interactive-inter-agency-safeguarding-adults-procedure/">https://www.tsab.org.uk/key-information/policies-strategies/interactive-inter-agency-safeguarding-adults-procedure/</a></li> <li>• 9 partner agencies attended 3 Multi-Agency audits across the year. The audits included Modern Day Slavery, Neglect and complex lifestyles including self-neglect and homelessness.</li> <li>• The strength based approach is applied across all types of learning reviews published by TSAB and all face to face training modules for practitioners promote this model of practice.</li> </ul>

‘Brenda’ is 55 years of age and lives alone. She has a diagnosed Mental Health illness. A safeguarding concern was reported to the Adult Safeguarding Team from Brenda’s bank. Concerns were in relation to large bank transfers being made and Brenda possibly being a victim of an online scam. Upon visiting Brenda and discussing the concerns that had been reported, she was adamant that she had met someone online and had been communicating with them for a number of months and that they were now in a relationship. It was important that we listened to Brenda and took her views into consideration in respect of developing and maintaining relationships. We quickly established that Brenda had fallen victim to a Romance Scam. We needed to approach this with Brenda in a sensitive way. We worked with her and helped her understand the different types of scams and how to stay safe online. Through conversations we also identified that she was lonely and isolated. Brenda was supported to access a voluntary sector group that centred around her interest in gardening. As an outcome of this enquiry we raised the issue of Romance Scams with the TSAB and this has now led to some guidance being produced, which we are proactively using as a way of preventing people falling victim to Romance scams.



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In April 2019, Thirteen Group developed a new safeguarding reporting system integrated with their Tenancy Management system. This allows staff to record and case manage any safeguarding concerns they report. The information recorded is fully confidential with only the referrer and designated safeguarding referrers across the organisation having access to the cases. The information gathered from the system allows Thirteen to share statistical information with TSAB around the number of safeguarding referrals by Local Authority area, types of abuse, gender, age range and outcome. This will be used to also identify trends in abuse types and other protected characteristics.

**thirteen**  
Managing and building homes

# What we said and what we did

Priority	What we said we would do	What we did
<b>Partnership</b>	<p>Ensure statutory agencies work together in an effective manner to protect adults from abuse and neglect</p> <p>Actively engage with partners in children's focussed and community safety services to promote the delivery of joint priorities and objectives</p> <p>Influence and challenge existing and emerging strategic groups and networks on specific and relevant safeguarding issues</p> <p>Further improve the appropriate sharing of information in every aspect of the work of the Board and partner agencies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board partners attended the Tees Vulnerable, Exploited, Missing and Trafficked (VEMT) Development Session with a focus on five main themes: communication, membership, performance, transitions and training; setting out plans for future developments in 2020-21.</li> <li>• Representatives from the Safeguarding Children Partnerships and Community Safety Partnership services attended the Board's development day to discuss and move further towards joint working and delivery of priorities across key areas.</li> <li>• A number of presentations were delivered directly to the Board across the year, including: <i>The Local Criminal Justice Board, Age UK, Cleveland Police Counter Corruption Unit, Whorlton Hall, Alcohol Change UK, Durham Law School (Domestic Homicides in aged 60 and over in the UK).</i></li> <li>• Board representatives became and continue to be involved with the Serious and Organised Crime Group, led by Cleveland Police.</li> <li>• A wide range of organisations from across the Violence Against Women and Girls Network (VAWG) collaborated for Sexual Violence Awareness Week 2020.</li> <li>• TSAB attended a partnership event led by the Department for Work and Pensions and following this, delivered a tailored safeguarding briefing to DWP staff.</li> <li>• Along with other partners across Tees, TSAB wrote to the Secretary of State requesting a review of the decision to cut funding to a local domestic abuse service.</li> </ul>

Probation Court Managers have worked with the Court and Cleveland Police to develop a clear process to co-ordinating and ensuring the effectiveness of Domestic Violence Protection Orders.



In March 2020 at the point of the COVID-19 local lock down, staff who were unable to fulfil their usual role due to the lockdown restrictions were redeployed to temporary roles checking and sharing information with police colleagues. This meant that just at the point at which the risks of domestic abuse were increasing we had a strong focus on gaining the bigger picture of safeguarding risks ensuring we could act on all available information to help reduce the risk to

Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys (TEWV) NHS Trust consistently work with the multi-agency partnership and consider this a priority to ensure good outcomes for all service users. TEWV actively participate in the wider safeguarding agenda such as the Cleveland Anti-slavery network, Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangement (MAPPA) meetings including the MAPPA Strategic Management Board, domestic abuse forums and Prevent. The Trust is also a relevant agency of the Safeguarding Children Partnerships in Tees, contributing to areas of concern such as transitions and exploitation which has no age barriers. The Safeguarding and Public Protection Team enables a robust focus on safeguarding as a whole and follows the 'think family' agenda.



Priority	What we said we would do	What we did
<b>Professional Accountability</b>	<p>Gain assurance from our partners about the effective delivery of their services</p> <p>Listen to the voice of the adult to help shape professional practice and improve service delivery</p> <p>Deliver and achieve the Board's performance benchmarks</p> <p>Strive to continually improve and develop safe-guarding practice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11 member organisations took part in the Quality Assurance Framework/self-audit tool, the largest schedule to date. A new audit tool was trialled with positive feedback received from participants and evaluation group members.</li> <li>• The results of the annual survey, which included the voice of service users were used to inform the Strategic Business Plan 2020-21.</li> <li>• Partners presented an assurance report to the Board which included a summary of services provided and commissioned in relation to early help, prevention and loneliness and social isolation.</li> <li>• Following a SAR referral which did not meet the criteria for a review, the decision was made by Sub-Group members to progress an audit looking at the quality of concerns submitted to Safeguarding Teams. The audit will be repeated in 2020-21 to establish if the issues remain.</li> <li>• The TSAB Performance Indicators (PI) assisted in determining how effectively policies and procedures were being delivered. Three out of five Performance Indicators were achieved with the other two being partly achieved, and good progress being made overall.</li> </ul>

Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council experienced a Cyber outage in February 2020, resulting in all data bases and systems being inaccessible for several weeks. Within the first 24 – 48 hours we adapted practices to achieve effective, constant and timely and proportionate responses to safeguarding concerns. Partnership working excelled with Middlesbrough Council providing IT systems (email facility) as an initial interim measure and effective communications with all partners including other Local Authorities, Police and North East Ambulance Service (NEAS).



Our Safeguarding Team developed paper based systems and continued practising in line with standard operating procedures. Practitioners continued to effectively deliver safeguarding arrangements, which were proportionate and appropriate to the presenting risks. There was sustained collaborative working, which informed decision making and further actions taken. Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council remains committed to its supervision and development programmes to ensure learning from practice promotes a continued effective delivery of services.

Cleveland Fire Brigade submitted the biannual Quality Assurance Framework (QAF) Self-Audit in December 2019. Following the review of all documents supplied, the Board highlighted **4 areas of 'Best Practice'** and a further **2 highlighted as 'Good Practice'**. The Board were very impressed with the excellent evidence to support the standards, which included the organisation's Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy, which effectively captured the Think Family approach.







# Safe Place Scheme

The Safe Place Scheme is a network of venues in key community locations. The scheme provides a place of safety to vulnerable adults and their carers, or people who feel threatened or anxious whilst out in the community. Having access to a 'safe place' can help vulnerable residents to live more independent lifestyles whilst promoting their well-being.

An audit of venues took place across Tees to ensure the suitability of locations as well as to identify any additional training needs for staff within the venues, Police Community Support Officers from Cleveland Police were integral in assisting with this process.

Additional work has also taken place this year to update all literature. Independent Voices, a local service user group, were vital in assisting the Board with ensuring the service user leaflets were accessible, understandable and in an easy read format. The group have also produced an informative training video, which can be accessed via our Youtube channel.

## 130 Teeswide Locations



Redcar & Cleveland have made substantial efforts in recruiting suitable new venues across the Borough, with Skills for People leading on the project, increasing the number of safe places from 19 to 47. Efforts will continue next year to maintain the venues and further identify any training requirements across venues throughout Tees.

### Local Opticians Safe Place Venue

*Staff members noticed a lady wandering up and down outside the opticians looking lost and confused. Colleagues went outside to check that the lady was ok and brought her inside the shop. It was clear that the lady was vulnerable and needed help to get back home. Staff were able to establish the lady's name but were unable to obtain any further information from her. The lady was wearing glasses, which lead staff to contact other opticians in the area to establish if anyone knew the lady and had an emergency contact for her. By doing this they were able to obtain a phone number for the lady's daughter and contact her to let her know where her mum was and arrange for her to return home safely.*

# Training

The Board continue to commission training for professionals, in a collaborative arrangement with the Local Safeguarding Children Partnerships across Tees.

## The Board launched 2 new courses:

### Self-Neglect for Practitioners

Launched in November 2019 to coincide with National Safeguarding Adults Week. **4** courses have been delivered to **71** delegates from **29** organisations.

### Carrying out a s42 Enquiry

**1** course delivered to **17** delegates from **11** organisations.

**97%** of delegates across both courses either agreed or strongly agreed that the training met their expectations and objectives.

**100%** of delegates across both courses rated the event as either excellent or good overall.

*"Very informative - trainers were very knowledgeable and took the time to explain things. Group multi-agency discussions were also encouraged."*



Practitioners—Self-Neglect Training

## Safeguarding Champions

The Board hosted its second Safeguarding Champions event in June 2019, with **54** attendees.

There are now **182** Champions across Tees.



*"The mandated safeguarding training compliance remains consistently high. Mental Capacity Act training is now mandatory and Mental Capacity Act Champions are now in place across the Trust."*



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## Partners Training Events

Board members attended an event hosted by South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group aimed at care home staff. The Board delivered a presentation on medication and incidents between residents.

The Board also attended Middlesbrough Council's Trauma Informed Training Conference.

During 2019-2020, realignment of workforce continued professional development took place to integrate Safeguarding into the Maintenance of Competence Cycle. All staff who directly interface with the public to deliver our services were required to undertake personal development through completion of online Safeguarding eLearning packages and assessments.



**514** staff trained; **98%** completion rate.

**3074**

Professionals accessed



**300** Professionals attended face to face training from across **94** organisations

**230**

Workbooks completed



# Early Intervention and Prevention

In 2019 Hartlepool Borough Council and Cleveland Police reviewed the Police huddle. The model brings together community safety, social care and Police officers on the front line to gain a better understanding of what is happening in the local community, analysing events over the last 24hrs and providing key stakeholders with information to support community cohesion.

The adult safeguarding team can see at an individual, street or ward level any incidents that have occurred that may impact on a vulnerable adult.

The huddle is data rich and the challenge is to now use this data to enable stakeholders to better deploy resources, moving away from responding in a crisis to one of early intervention and prevention.



The Government has launched a new online portal that will strengthen its support to charities handling safeguarding concerns or allegations. The portal, based on Gov.uk, offers a step by step guide to help charities correctly manage their concerns, identify the right people to contact if needed and access helpful resources and advice for earlier intervention.

Voluntary Organisations Network North East (VONNE) was appointed to champion the importance of safeguarding and locally available sources of advice and support.

Catalyst has partnered with VONNE and three other local infrastructure organisations in the North East to deliver regular training sessions, develop local safeguarding networks, and share the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) resources widely. We have also highlighted the importance of safeguarding by putting on the agenda of all of our forums as a standing item.



## High Risk Panels (Team Around The Individual)

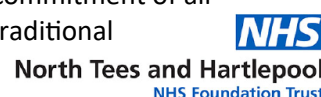
The Team Around the Individual Panel establishes a multi-agency approach to supporting work on complex and/or high-risk cases. The focus of the panel is on addressing the risk to the adult and in doing this will also consider other persons affected. The panel supports multi-agency risk sharing and risk management to facilitate better outcomes for people.

Middlesbrough Council's Adult Social Care team has undertaken work around our response to complex cases ensuring that we take a trauma informed approach which places the service user at the centre of the multi-agency protection plan.

*"Miss A was referred into safeguarding as a high risk victim of domestic abuse with additional concerns about her alcohol dependency and substance use. She had a history of non-engagement with services and was in need of appropriate housing. A collaborative approach was taken, which involved our Access Safeguarding Team and Domestic Abuse Lead, Thirteen Housing, My Sister's Place, the Police and Mental Health Trust (TEWV). The case was also escalated to our Team Around the Individual (TATI) Panel. Miss A was supported to engage with professionals and was able to develop a relationship of trust with the Principal Practitioner in our locality team. She began to actively participate in the safeguarding process and began to make changes in her life. Miss A feels that she is doing really well at the moment and is engaging with services. This case has now been closed to both TATI and safeguarding".*



North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust has worked in partnership with the Local Authorities and other partners across North Tees in relation to the Team Around The Individual panels. The commitment of all professionals involved has helped to manage high risk individuals and has challenged traditional multi-agency barriers, to ensure the individual is the prime focus.



# Modern Slavery

## National endorsement for Cleveland approach to slavery and trafficking

In November 2019, the UK Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner attended a meeting of the Network during a visit to Cleveland.



*"I was particularly interested in the Network's Victim Care Pathway, and I look forward to working closely with the PCC's Office in future to learn from and share such examples of best practice."*

**Dame Sara Thornton - UK Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner**



The Victim Pathway was finalised in October 2019 and ensures victims are effectively safeguarded and supported within hours of their rescue. It has been effectively used to safeguard vulnerable people in Cleveland.

In order to assist the Local Authorities across Tees and Cleveland Police, a working group was established to develop a Victim Care Pathway. Hartlepool Borough Council lead the way in relation to the Pathway, which was then shared with the other Local Authorities for them to replicate in order to ensure a consistent Tees-wide approach.



The introduction of the local victim care pathway and the engagement of multi-agency partners with the anti-slavery network has been a positive in effectively safeguarding victims of modern slavery.

*"Lisa is 20 years of age and was discovered by Cleveland Police in a property where she had been held and sexually exploited. Lisa was extremely vulnerable and was estranged from her family home due to previous honour based violence/forced marriage concerns. Upon being rescued it was imperative that a protection plan was formed. The Modern Slavery victim care pathway was implemented and strategy discussions were held with police to determine what actions needed to be taken. Police, Housing Services and commissioned specialist services were all involved in forming a protection plan. Lisa was placed out of area in refuge provision. The case was dealt with urgently and saw a protection plan formed within 2 hours of concern being reported. Lisa was supported by an Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) within the refuge service. This ensured immediate wrap around support where additional needs such as sexual health could be addressed."*

This case formed part of a multi-agency audit the findings of which were presented to the Board. It was noted that this case demonstrated good practice and multi-agency working; comments were shared by Cleveland Police praising the local authority for effective partnership working.



In 2019, 10,627 potential victims of modern slavery were referred to the National Referral Mechanism; a 52% increase from 2018. Just over half of the referrals were for individuals exploited as adults. The most common type was labour exploitation.

The Assistant Director for Nursing (Safeguarding) attends the Cleveland Anti-Slavery Network hosted by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. In 2019-2020 the trust worked with the local Clinical Commissioning Group in establishing pathways of health care for individuals rescued from Slavery.



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# Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR)

A SAR is when agencies who worked with an adult who has been subject to abuse or neglect, come together to find out if they could have done things differently and prevented serious harm or death from happening. A SAR is not about apportioning blame. Its purpose is to learn from what happened and to see what can be changed so that harm is less likely to happen in the same way to other people in the future.

## Josh

Josh was a young man in his twenties. He was homeless and was diagnosed with diabetes when he was 18. Josh had been known to services from a young age and had turned to substance misuse to help him deal with his emotions following the separation of his parents.

This substance misuse led to anti-social behaviour and assaults within the family and he was taken into care. Josh's extended family then took on the parental role, supporting him into early adulthood and tried to help him to make positive changes to his lifestyle. As his substance misuse did not stop and he became involved with criminal justice systems, they could no longer continue to provide this level of support. Josh left the family home and moved around the area at various addresses until he became homeless.

Josh took multiple overdoses of his insulin, which resulted in a number of admissions to hospital. During these admissions professionals supported Josh to address his housing needs. Unfortunately this was not sustainable on a long term basis and the overdoses continued. As a result of one of these overdoses Josh suffered hypoxic brain injury and it was believed that he was likely to have additional care and support needs for the rest of his life. Josh sadly and unexpectedly passed away in hospital in January 2019.

The Safeguarding Adult Review looked at the 5 month period in Josh's life prior to his brain injury and was published in December 2019, the full report can be accessed here; <https://www.tsab.org.uk/key-information/safeguarding-adult-review-sar-reports/>

An action plan has been created and some early work undertaken, including:

- An appreciative enquiry approach has been adopted by TSAB and cases considered through the multi-agency audit process are now presented to the Board as a Case Study
- A 'Causing Section 42 Enquiry' procedure has been developed and incorporated into training to support professionals who may be asked to undertake an enquiry on behalf of the Local Authority
- The TSAB Inter-Agency safeguarding procedures have been fully reviewed, updated and include web-links to guidance documents to ensure professionals have access to the most up to date policy, procedures and guidance
- A learning briefing on the 'Duty to Refer' and the Homelessness Act has been created and circulated to our partners and the wider workforce
- Non-typical self-neglect is included in the TSAB Self-Neglect training and the Josh case is used throughout to illustrate the complexities of this type of case.



## SAR Sub-Group activity

The SAR Sub-Group met 8 times in 2019-20. Membership includes Senior Managers from our key partners.

The role of the Sub-Group is to consider new SAR notifications, oversee any ongoing SARs or other reviews, oversee the implementation of action plans arising from SAR activity across Tees, and to ensure any learning from reviews (locally, regionally and nationally) are considered by TSAB partners and taken forward in their own organisations.

The following work was carried out;

- 9 SAR notifications were considered this year (compared to 6 in the previous year) and although none met the SAR criteria in full, it was agreed to progress 2 multi-agency Learning Lessons Reviews. The outcome of these reviews will be reported in 2020-21.
- 3 cases were progressed as single agency reviews, 1 case was addressed through a partner's complaints procedure and 1 case was taken forward as a themed review. 2 cases were deemed to require no further action.
- The Josh SAR was published in December 2019.
- The Sub-Group monitored actions identified from the above cases as well as some cases from the previous year: a total of 11 cases.
- Members of the SAR Sub-Group considered summary reports from 9 regional and national SARs or thematic reviews. These reports are available at [www.tsab.org.uk](http://www.tsab.org.uk) and are shared with our partners following each SAR Sub-Group meeting
- The Sub-Group continued to monitor progress against the SAR Carol action plan and this was signed off in October 2019.

## What has been achieved?

- ✓ Each Local Authority established panel arrangements to support individuals with complex and/or self-neglecting lifestyles. This approach enables partner agencies to develop multi-agency plans and risk assessments to support those adults in the Tees area who are most at risk of serious harm or death due to abuse and neglect.
- ✓ Assurance work, including audits were undertaken to ensure our partners have learnt from all cases discussed at the SAR sub-group and made applicable changes within their organisations.
- ✓ Guest speakers have been invited to attend TSAB to talk to Board members about some of the key issues raised through the work of the Sub-Group, including: the Care Quality Commission (CQC) to respond to concerns about gaps in quality assurance processes for people placed out of area and in non-commissioned services, and a senior consultant for Alcohol Change UK who gave a presentation regarding Learning from Tragedies - Alcohol and Adult Safeguarding
- ✓ The Board has further developed their working relationships with Domestic Abuse Partnerships, Community Safety Partnerships and Local Safeguarding Children Partnerships to ensure that learning from all types of reviews is shared locally.
- ✓ Following the publication of a national SAR and concerns raised at the SAR Sub-group, the Board, in partnership with Cleveland Fire Brigade participated in focussed awareness raising of the dangers of emollient creams.
- ✓ Sub-Group members have listened to the outcomes from implementing the Responding to and Addressing Serious Concerns procedures for 4 Services and shared applicable learning across partner agencies.

## SAR Notification Themes:

◆ Domestic Abuse ◆ Suicide

◆ Mental Health ◆ Cross boundary issues ◆ Substance Misuse

◆ Young Adults ◆ Self-Neglect ◆ Poor care ◆ Homelessness



# Our Priorities 2020-21

The Board's Strategic Business Plan 2019-20 has been developed following the results of the annual survey, informed directly by professionals and service users, as well as from feedback and evaluation from partners in attendance at the Board's Development Days.

The top 3 priorities identified by professionals, service users and members of the public will be included within the Strategic Plan 2020-21. These are as follows:

1. Continue to improve general awareness of safeguarding and how people can protect themselves.
2. Help efforts to reduce loneliness and isolation.
3. Strengthen links with children's partnerships and community safety partnerships at a strategic and local level, to embed a

## Prevention

### Aim:

**We will develop strategies that reduce the risk of abuse**

## Protection

### Aim:

**We will work effectively together to ensure the protection of adults**

## Partnership

### Aim:

**We will develop a whole community approach to the prevention of abuse**

## Professional Accountability

### Aim:

**We will work to ensure the accountability of all partners in protecting adults at risk of abuse**

The Board will focus on reflecting and learning from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on safeguarding practice throughout 2020-21.

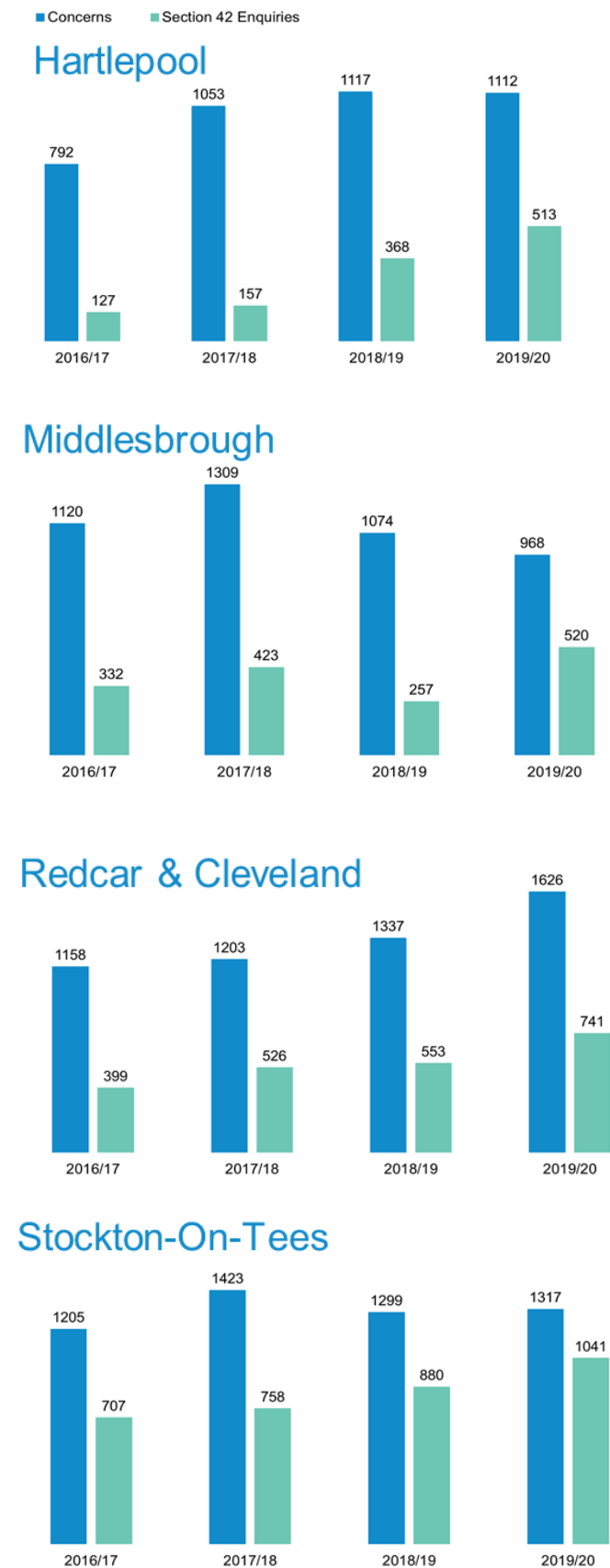
The Board will use the principles of engagement, Making Safeguarding Personal and good practice to achieve the actions as set out in the Strategic Business Plan.

The Strategic Plan on a page can be viewed here;

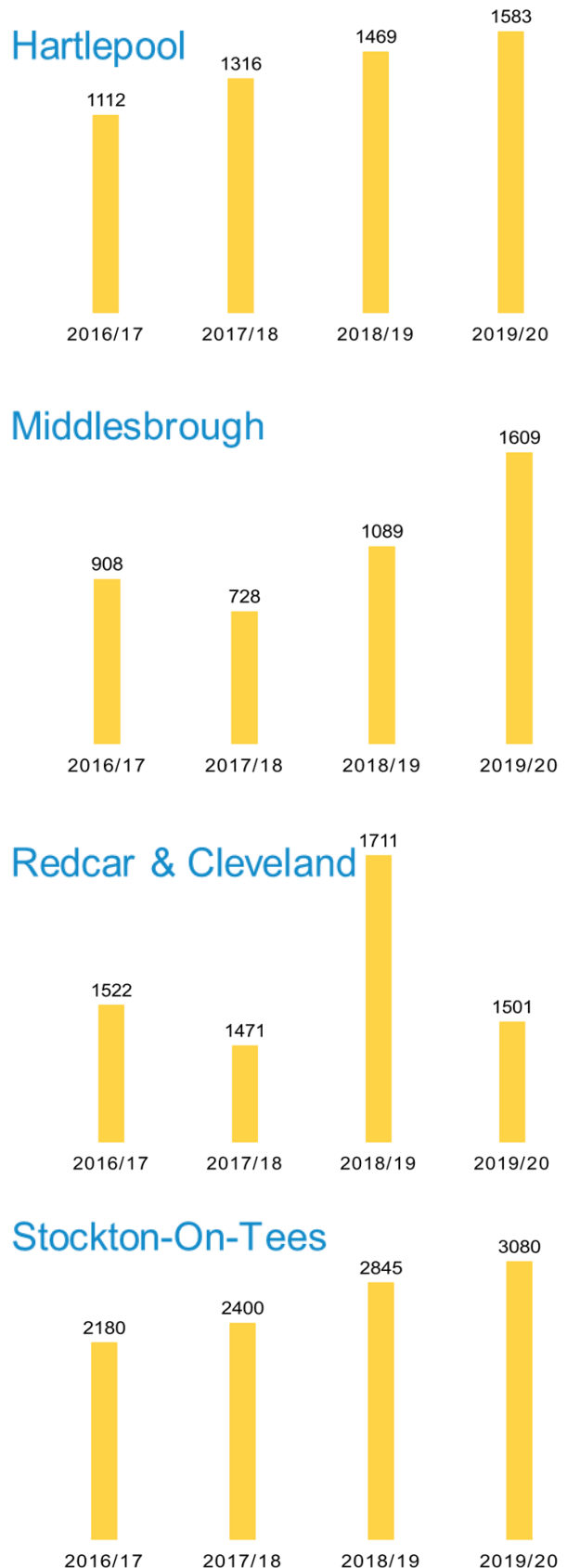
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# Appendix - 1 April 2019 to March 2020

## Local Authority Concerns & S42 Enquiries



## Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) Applications







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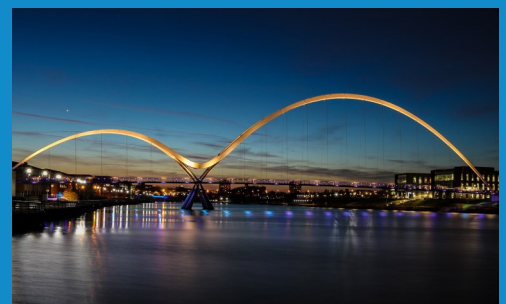
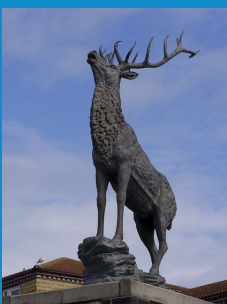
## See it, report it!

If you suspect a neighbour, friend or family member is being neglected or abused, or you need help yourself.

Call **Cleveland Police** 101 or 999 in emergency

Call your local Adult Social Care team:

<b>Hartlepool</b>	01429 523 390
<b>Middlesbrough</b>	01642 065 070
<b>Redcar and Cleveland</b>	01642 065 070
<b>Stockton-on-Tees</b>	01642 527 764
<b>Evenings and Weekends</b>	01642 524 552



# HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

7 December 2020



**Report of:** Alex Sinclair, Director of Commissioning – Children and Young People - NHS Tees Valley CCG

**Subject:** NEEDS LED NEURODEVELOPMENTAL PATHWAY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

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## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide an update on the implementation of the 'Needs Led Neurodevelopmental Pathway' for children and young people across Hartlepool and Stockton - on -Tees.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As previously reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board, there has been considerable partnership activity between Tees Valley CCG, Hartlepool Borough Council, Stockton -on -Tees Council and the Parent Carer Forums to improve the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) pathway for children and young people.
- 2.2 Extensive consultation with parent carers highlighted the need for change. Parents felt unsupported in meeting the needs of their children and having to navigate a complex, disparate health, education and social care system. This was compounded by long waiting times for a diagnostic assessment.
- 2.3 Tees Valley CCG invested in a waiting time initiative and joint work was undertaken to identify improved ways of working across health, education and social care. A 'needs led' approach adopted by St Helen's was identified as best practice through their SEND inspection, and following meeting with their commissioners and a partnership decision, it was determined that this model would be implemented across North Tees.
- 2.4 A period of 12 months was spent planning the move to this 'needs led' approach. The ethos of the model is that families are able to access the relevant support they need from health, education and the local authority to meet the needs of their child whilst they are on the diagnostic pathway.

### 3. ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN

- 3.1 A family support service was commissioned across North Tees for families to access. The service was co-produced and subsequently monitored in partnership with the Parent Carer Forums. The service was accessible to families without a diagnosis. A training package was made available to all education settings and Local Authority front line practitioners to upskill them in supporting the needs of families and children.
- 3.2 A service to support families to meet the sensory needs of their children was also commissioned through North Tees and Hartlepool Foundation Trust. The 'Sunflower' service offers 3 workshops for parents to enable them to understand and better support the sensory needs of their child.
- 3.3 Tees, Esk and Wear Valley (TEWV), as the ASD pathway co-ordinator, worked with Parent Carer Forums to improve their letters and the regularity and methods of communication with parent carers.
- 3.4 A task and finish group met monthly to identify the services in Hartlepool which could provide support to families where a 'neurodevelopmental' need was identified; this was to become the 'bubble of support' and is illustrated below:



- 3.5 A website has been launched which details the new pathway and provides links to all of the services in the 'bubble of support'; the feedback from the

website has been positive. For reference this can be viewed at:  
<https://teesvalleyccg.nhs.uk/our-work/hartlepool-stocktons-needs-led-neurodevelopmental-pathway/>

- 3.6 Additional investment has been provided to TEWV from Tees Valley CCG to create a 'neurodevelopmental team' for children and young people aged 5-18 which will sit across Hartlepool and Stockton. Referrals for an autism assessment will be received directly into this team. Previously all assessments went through core CAMHS which increased the length of time a child would be waiting for the specialist element of the assessment process. All referrals for ASD will now be submitted on a referral form completed by a relevant professional in partnership with the family. This ensures that the views of the parent, professional and child (where possible), are received along with any additional reports/evidence which the parent or professional already has i.e. school reports, education psychology reports etc. Upon receipt the referral will be triaged by a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) made up of representatives from TEWV, North Tees and Hartlepool Foundation Trust (NTHFT), the education team and the Early Help team from the Local Authority. The information on the referral form and the evidence submitted will enable the MDT to make an informed decision as to the next steps for the child.
- 3.7 With the correct data sharing arrangements in place, this triage enables health, education and social care to have a greater strategic oversight of the needs of children in the borough at the earliest opportunity. It enables support to be triangulated across all disciplines to ensure the needs of the child are addressed. The MDT will determine whether there is enough evidence for referral onto the specialist pathway or whether alternative support would be more appropriate e.g. speech and language assessment or input from the Early Help team etc. This process is not to prevent children getting onto the specialist pathway, it is to ensure they feel supported and their needs are met at the earliest opportunity without the need to be on a specialist pathway. Referrals will only be made to CAMHS if the MDT feels there could be a co-morbid mental health need.
- 3.8 Both the referring professional and the family will receive feedback from the MDT with details of the support they can access following the triage of the referral. At this time the neurodevelopmental pathway is for ASD referrals only: however we are working with TEWV to extend it to referrals for ADHD. This will prevent families having to undergo duplicate assessments if more than one condition is being considered. At this time, the ADHD pathway remains the same and assessments continue.
- 3.9 At this time no changes have been made to the ASD assessment pathway for children aged under 5 with assessments being carried out by TEWV and the paediatric team at NTHFT; however the services in the bubble of support are available to families with younger children where there are neurodevelopmental concerns.

#### **4. CURRENT POSITION**

- 4.1 The pandemic has impacted on the ability to carry out ASD assessments and up until September 2020 assessments had been suspended by TEWV. Part of the ASD assessment requires observations of the child in a number of settings and it was not possible to carry these out due to restricted access to education settings.
- 4.2 Where education settings will allow access, these observations are now back in place. Referrals are being received into the neurodevelopmental team and MDT's commenced from September 2020. A communication has been developed and will be circulated to Hartlepool schools to reinforce the message that referrals are now being accepted.
- 4.3 Tees Valley CCG is also in the process of reviewing the Sunflower Sensory programme to ensure it is meeting the needs of families. The feedback from Hartlepool Parent Carer Forum has been very favourable and their new Link Worker is keen to attend sessions to encourage peer support and engagement with the forum which is really encouraging. Conversations with NTHFT have commenced to enable this to happen.
- 4.4 The CCG, Local Authority and Parent Carer Forum continue to work in partnership to promote the 'needs led' approach with ongoing feedback being sought from parents as to the effectiveness of the approach. The over 5 'Needs Led Neurodevelopmental' pathway will be formally reviewed after 6 months and again 12 months later.

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