

Durham Safeguarding Children Partnership Business Continuity Plan April 2020

Due to the recent developments with COVID 19 Durham Safeguarding Children Partnership have developed a detailed business continuity plan. This document summarises key points and is subject to rapid change.

Senior Leaders within Durham County Council, Health and the Police will continue implement the processes as set out in 27th March Briefing [NOTE](#).

Partnership Business Unit has implemented the following:

Training and Communication

- All face to face training has been cancelled for the foreseeable future. When possible Face to face Training bookings will recommence and further training will be offered.
- Partners can continue to access e learning Courses on the DSCP website [TRAINING WEBSITE](#)
- Partners business Continuity Plans will continue to be updated on the DSCP [WEBSITE](#)
- Short 5-minute training packages will be developed to include Domestic Abuse, Missing Young People and Online Safety during COVID 19 and be held on the website.
- The parents information section on the [WEBSITE](#) will be updated with information in relation to COVID 19.

Statutory Responsibilities

- Child Protection and Holding List will continue to be updated.
- Families who have gone missing will continue to be updated and disseminated.
- People who are deemed to pose a risk to children will continue to be processed and disseminated.
- Child Death notifications will continue, and rapid response meetings will be held virtually.
- Child Death Overview panel will be on hold and will continue to be reviewed until such time they can recommence.
- Notifications to the National Panel will continue to be processed within the 5 day timescale.
- Rapid reviews will be processed virtually, and attempts made where possible to be held within 15 days.
- Serious Case reviews and Child Safeguarding Practice reviews will continue to be processed as much as possible using technology and be completed as close to 6 months as possible.
- Learning from the reviews will be shared virtually and updated on the DSCP [WEBSITE](#)
- We will update families involved in these reviews of the current situation.

- Auditing will be postponed at this time, but work will continue to develop the next 2 auditing cycles by the Business Unit.

Reporting and Information Sharing

- The Business unit will continue to progress the annual report with information available.
- The DSCP website is being redeveloped and will be launched in Summer 2020.
- The Quarterly Newsletters are being redeveloped and will next be launched in Summer 2020.
- The Child Death Overview Annual Report will be completed by Summer 2020.
- The TRIX child protection procedures were relaunched for update 14.4.20 and will include COVID 19 related information. A further review of the procedures will be held in July 2020. [PROCEDURES](#)

Forward Planning

- The 3 Safeguarding Partners will continue to meet informally on a monthly basis.
- Safeguarding Executive meetings are on hold currently.
- The Embedded Learning Group will be on hold at this time but replaced by weekly Virtual Safeguarding Assurance Meetings. The work plan will continue to be progressed where possible by the Business Unit.
- The Performance and Challenge meetings will be discontinued at this time. There will be a focus upon, Domestic Abuse, Missing Young People and Online safety during this period and this work will be progressed where possible by the Business Unit.
- The Durham and Darlington Child Exploitation Group will be on hold at this time, but this work will be progressed where possible by the 2 Business Units.
- Other task and finish groups and relevant partner meetings e.g. Neglect will be on hold at this time.
- Marketing and communication plans will be developed by Summer 2020.

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