



Durham SCP Multi-Agency Online Procedures Updated May 2021

An updated version of the DSCP Multi-agency Procedures went live on 21 May 2021, and can be accessed via the DSCP website ([here](#)). You can also register for email alerts when the manual is updated to keep you abreast of changes as they happen ([here](#)).

This time round there was a little less to do after a large amount of work was completed across most sections of the procedures in November. General changes have mainly been around practice, terminology, weaving in the Signs of Safety Practice Framework and to ensure compliance with changes in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018, introduced in December 2020.

- ◆ Working Together 2018 ([main document](#))
- ◆ Working Together 2018 ([December 2020 amendments](#))

Some of the most notable changes have been – CSE and Child Exploitation (consolidated); changes in the LADO process; further work on Child Protection Enquiries; Domestic Abuse; Good Practice the Voice of the Child; Bullying; Self Harm & Suicidal Behaviour.

It would be of real benefit for you to review these sections below in refreshing your knowledge. The links go straight to those chapters in the procedures.

NEW / EDITED CHAPTERS	SUMMARY OF CHANGES
Child Exploitation (Previously CSE and Child Exploitation)	Updated in terms of national context, local practice and consolidated into a single Exploitation document
Allegations against Staff, Carers & Volunteers	After a re-write in November, further changes have been made to reflect changes to the LADO referral process
Child Protection Enquiries	Significant updates have been made throughout to reflect the practice in County Durham. NB: An important document to refresh knowledge on current practice.
Domestic Abuse	Updated in line with changes to WT 2018, December 2020. Link to the new MARAC Referral Form and DASH Risk Checklist updated under Local Documents, additional information included regarding Parental Conflict.
Good Practice re Voice of the Child	Further updated to reflect ongoing local practices and to ensure SOS compliant.
Self Harm & Suicidal Behaviour	Updated in line with recommendations from TEWV
Bullying	Updated with new links added to resources for addressing bullying linked to race/faith, and resources to help make schools, colleges or other settings LGBT inclusive.
Harmful Sexual Behaviour	After significant updates last time, further amends and guidance on Brook Traffic Light process.