

# LSCB Priorities Plan on a Page 2017-2020

**Vision:** Every child and young person in County Durham feels safe and grows up safe from harm



## What are our priorities? (Objectives)

### Child Sexual Exploitation

The aim is for children and young people to be free from the risk and harms of sexual exploitation

### Neglect

The aim is to reduce neglect; reduce the impact of neglect and ensure help and support is provided at the earliest opportunity

### Empowering Young People

The aim is to create a clearer focus on the needs and experience of children and young people

### Working Together

The aim is to achieve excellent partnership working across all areas

## What are we trying to achieve? (Key Measures)

- 1) Track the number of referrals received where CSE is identified as a medium or high risk at point of referral
- 2) Reduce the number of children and young people who go missing more than once
- 3) Increase the percentage of return interviews completed within agreed timescales

- 1) Reduction in the number of children subject to a child protection plan for neglect
- 2) Reduction in the number of repeat referrals following a single assessment
- 3) Reduction of the number of children being subject to a child protection plan for 18 months or more

- 1) Increase the instances where the views of the child is shared in CP conferences
- 2) Increase the evidence of the child's lived experience within case recording
- 3) Increase young people's awareness of child abuse through the uptake of the new eLearning package

- 1) Reduce the average length of time a neglect case is live / open
- 2) Increase the number of Initial Health Assessments submitted for Looked After Children within agreed timescales
- 3) Increase the number of recorded challenges in cases

## What are we going to do? (Planned Interventions)

**Prevent CSE** – Making it more difficult to exploit children and young people  
**Protect children and young people from CSE** – Identifying and safeguarding those at risk  
**Pursue perpetrators of CSE** – Identifying, disrupting and prosecuting offenders

**Understand Neglect** – Understanding the local picture of neglect; to raise awareness of neglect and the thresholds for intervention  
**Early Identification** – Improve the recognition and assessment of neglect  
**Effective Provision** – Refine effective and successful interventions that reduce neglect before statutory intervention  
**Family Focus** – Use the experience of our families and the voice of the child in services

**Voice of the Child** – That every child has a voice within the child protection process  
**Empower Young People** – That every young person can recognise abuse, feel confident to report concerns  
**Appropriate Support** – Ensure that services and support are child focused  
**Visibility** – Ensure that staff obtain the child's story, and that every child is seen  
**Peer Support** – Develop skills for young people to support other young people

**Thresholds** – Strengthen agreed shared thresholds across the partnership  
**Focused Intervention** – Be assured that children receiving support as a child in need received focused intervention in a time appropriate to the child  
**Remove Barriers** – Understanding the lessons learnt and improving outcomes  
**Improve Information Sharing** – Understanding the barriers to local information sharing and mitigate issues

### Knowledge Management

Increase our understanding of the problem and local issues in County Durham

### Practice Standards

Identify and promote key guidance and toolkits while continuing to upskill practitioners

### Young People

Young people's experience and voice at the heart of services keeping young people safe

### Practitioners

The voice and experience of the Practitioner is heard and barriers removed to assist with practice