

SECTION 3: SAFEGUARDING

The Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) also known as the Darlington Safeguarding Children Board is a statutory requirement (Children Act 2004) and comprises individuals from a range of statutory, voluntary and independent organisations. The LSCB's objectives (Section 14 of the Children Act) are to:

- (a) co-ordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the Board for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area; and
- (b) ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for those purposes.

This includes developing policies and procedures for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, training, monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of what is by Board partners and to undertake serious case reviews and communicate lessons learnt. The Annual Report published by the Local Safeguarding Children Board provides a comprehensive view of the work of the Board over the last 12 months. As part of the report there is reference to the findings from the local Healthy Lifestyles Survey conducted among school and college pupils in Darlington. In 2014 Primary school pupils were involved in a pilot survey which found that:-

In May 2015 there was also a Healthy Lifestyle Survey carried out in primary schools as a pilot exercise, 8 primary schools across Darlington completed the survey in with year 5 and year 6 pupils, 641 in total, the main findings of this were:

- 95% of pupils surveyed have not tried smoking.
- 92% of pupils have either never tasted alcohol or only had a sip once or twice.
- 92% agreed that grown up relationships should be respectful and caring and 36% of children surveyed thought it was 'OK' to shout in a relationship.
- 96% of children surveyed have access to the internet at home and 43% are never supervised on the internet.
- 36% of children have online friends who they do not know in person.
- 49% have been bullied in the last year and almost a third of the bullying took place at school.
- 75% of children surveyed said they ate a balanced diet and 83% ate breakfast daily.
- 74% of children said they felt stressed.
- 80% of children agreed they are important and special.

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<http://www.darlingtonsafeguardingboards.co.uk/media/1133/final-dscb-october-2016.pdf>

Safeguarding Adults Board

The Darlington Safeguarding Adults Board is a statutory requirement (Care Act 2014) and comprises of individuals from range of statutory, voluntary and independent organisations. The SAB's objectives are to assure itself that the local safeguarding arrangements and partners act to help and protect in its area who meet the criteria of:

- has needs for care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting any of those needs) and;
- is experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect; and
- as a result of those care and support needs is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect.

This includes developing policies and procedures for safeguarding adults at risk, monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of what is by Board partners and to undertake safeguarding adult reviews and communicate lessons learnt.

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