

# Sunderland Children's Strategic Partnership



## **Terms of reference and membership**

**Agreed 14 March 2016**

**Updated: 26 May 2016**

**14 July 2016**

**2 December 2016**

**April 2017 (to reflect move to Together for Children)**

**September 2017 (to reflect inclusion of VCS on the partnership)**

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE CHILDREN'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

### **Vision**

Our vision is that Sunderland is a city where all children and young people are supported to reach their potential.

### **Role**

The purpose of the Sunderland Children's Strategic Partnership is to:

- Provide strong and effective leadership
- Support effective partnership work and take action to ensure that children and young people in Sunderland are supported to achieve their potential
- Set the strategic agenda for children and young people in Sunderland and seek to influence the strategic commissioning intentions of partners
- Monitor the effectiveness and impact of services for children and young people
- Using local intelligence, identify areas for improvement which require input from across the partnership and which add real value to the outcomes of children and young people
- Co-produce improvement plans on areas identified
- Influence strategic partnerships in the setting and reviewing of priorities
- Oversee the work of key multi-agency partnerships for children and young people.

### **Responsibilities**

The Children's Strategic Partnership will strive to ensure that all children and young people:

- are safe from harm
- do well at all levels of learning and have the skills for employment and for life
- are able to choose healthy lifestyles
- are happy and have fun growing up
- have a voice and are able to influence decisions that affect them.

### **Relationship with other Boards**

It is important that the Sunderland Children's Strategic Partnership does not duplicate the work of existing strategic partnerships, but complements their work and provides advisory support on issues relating to children and young people. These are the Health and Wellbeing Board, Economic Leadership Board, Education Leadership Board and the Sunderland Safer Partnership. The Children's Strategic Partnership will also adopt the same relationship with the Sunderland Safeguarding Children Board.

The Sunderland Children's Strategic Partnership has a specific role in:

- Ensuring that the needs of children and young people, particularly vulnerable groups, are reflected in the priorities and plans of these Boards
- Providing the mechanism by which these Boards can take forward work in relation to children and young people
- Advising these Boards on emerging issues for children and young people in Sunderland
- Informing the Boards of the progress in relation to the key priorities identified for children and young people in Sunderland.

## **Membership of the Children’s Strategic Partnership**

Sunderland City Council – Children’s Service Portfolio Lead  
Sunderland City Council – Deputy Children’s Service Portfolio Lead  
Together for Children – Chief Executive  
Together for Children - Director of Education Services  
Together for Children – Director of Early Help  
Sunderland City Council - Public Health: Children and Young People Lead  
Sunderland Safeguarding Children’s Board – Chair  
Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group - Chief Executive  
Northumbria Police – Chief Superintendent, South Area Command  
City Hospitals and South Tyneside NHSFT - Divisional General Manager, City Hospitals Sunderland  
Northumberland, Tyne and Wear Foundation Trust – Group Nurse Director, Specialist Care  
Sunderland City College - Assistant Principal Student and Customer Experience  
Primary school representative  
Secondary school representative  
Voluntary & Community Sector representative – Voluntary & Community Action Sunderland

## **Sunderland City Council and Together for Children support and advisory roles**

Sunderland City Council - Strategy, Partnerships & Communications Service (policy support & governance)  
Together for Children - Participation and Engagement Lead (voice of children and young people)  
Together for Children - Director of Quality Assurance, (performance and quality assurance)  
Sunderland City Council - People Services (relationship management)

## **MEETINGS OF THE BOARD**

### **Frequency of meetings**

The Sunderland Children’s Strategic Partnership will meet bi-monthly. Key business at meetings will be as follows:

**February:** Review action plans for the year ahead;

**April:** Agree action plans for the year and if appropriate establish task groups to take the work forward;

**June:** Receive progress reports and review priorities;

**September:** Receive progress reports and review priorities;

**November:** Receive progress reports and review priorities; and

**December:** Receive end of year reports and identify priorities for the year ahead.

### **Chair / Vice Chair**

Chair – Chief Executive, Together for Children  
Vice Chair – Chief Executive, Sunderland CCG