

# WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

## CABINET

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<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NSCP) Annual Report 2021-22</b>
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#### **Appendix A – Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NSCP) Annual Report 2021-22**

##### **1. Purpose of Report**

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- 1.1. To present the Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NSCP) Annual Report 2021-22, which outlines the partnerships achievements during the reporting period.

##### **2. Executive Summary**

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- 1.2. It is a statutory requirement of Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 to produce an annual report that provides an overview of the partnership's achievements against the NSCP Business Plan.

### **3. Recommendations**

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- 3.1 It is recommended that Council receive the Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Partnership's Annual Report 2021-22 (Appendix A) and note the findings.

### **4. Reason for Recommendations (NOTE: this section is mandatory and must be completed)**

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- 4.1 Under Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018, the three key strategic lead agencies are accountable for safeguarding children and young people, including the Local Authority, who in turn are required to publish an annual report.

This report provides assurance to the Council of the activities undertaken by the partnership and its agencies to safeguard children and young people across the county during the reporting period.

### **5. Report Background**

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- 5.1 The report has been developed with contributions from statutory partners and has been reviewed and approved by NSCP Strategic Leads.
- 5.2 This is the first annual report to be received by West Northamptonshire Council and informs future developments to safeguard children and young people in the West Northants area.
- 5.3 The report includes quantitative and qualitative data, key messages and impact of activities that relate to the three priorities set out in the NSCP Business Plan:
- 1) Taking positive action early enough to protect children.
  - 2) To support children, young people, and families at risk of exploitation; and
  - 3) To work effectively as a partnership and support our staff.

### **6. Issues and Choices**

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- 6.1 As above.

### **7. Implications (including financial implications)**

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#### **7.1 Resources and Financial**

- 7.1.1 There are no financial implications at the time of presenting this report, with partner financial contributions agreed for 2022-23.

#### **7.2 Legal**

7.2.1 As set out in paragraph 2.1.

### 7.3 Risk

7.3.1 There are no significant risks arising from the proposed recommendations in this report  
The report sets out the achievements of Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Partnership through 2021-22 and is a statutory requirement in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018.

### 7.4 Consultation

7.4.1 There has been no public consultation in the writing of the Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2021-22.

Statutory partners have provided their input in the writing of this report, which was approved by Strategic Leads on 5 October 2022.

### 7.5 Consideration by Overview and Scrutiny

7.5.1 N/A

### 7.6 Climate Impact

7.6.1 There is no climate impact arising from the NSCP Annual Report 2021-22 – it is shared on the NSCP website and not printed.

### 7.7 Community Impact

7.7.1 There is no known community impact arising from this report.

### 7.8 Communications

7.8.1 The report will be published on the NSCP website – [www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk](http://www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk)

## 8. Background Papers

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8.1 Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 - [www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2)

8.2 Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2021-22