#### KIRKLEES HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

MEETING DATE: 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020

TITLE OF PAPER: "Stronger together – working for a safe and healthy Kirklees" -

**Kirklees Inter-Board Partnerships Protocol** 

# 1. Purpose of paper

To ask the Board to formally adopt the "Stronger together – working for a safe and healthy Kirklees" - Kirklees Inter-Board Partnerships Protocol.

# 2. Background

The sustainable delivery of improvements in health wellbeing and safety for the population of Kirklees is dependent on effective collaboration across a wide range of organisations and partnership bodies. The Health and Wellbeing Board has a valuable function in supporting this work through its role of providing whole system leadership. In January 2017 the Board endorsed joint working protocols, which set out the roles and expectations of a range of key bodies to promote the effective collaboration. These protocols drew on the work of The Centre for Public Scrutiny. The signatories to those protocols have been working to the principles and plans they set out for more than 2 years.

In that time all of the bodies have evolved along with the focus of collaborative action. In early 2019 the chairs and officers supporting the Boards set out below began meeting to review the collaborative arrangements. A partnership workshop was held in early April 2019 which focused on

- Developing a more outcome focused approach, especially to our most pressing shared agendas (domestic abuse, hate crime, modern slavery, child sexual exploitation, FGM and Prevent)
- Clarifying and improving local governance arrangements, including who is leading on which shared agenda and our approach to challenge and escalation.

One of the key outcomes from those discussions was the need to refresh the joint working protocol covering the relationship and working arrangement between

- Kirklees Health and Wellbeing Board
- Kirklees Safeguarding Children Partnership
- Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board
- Kirklees Communities Board
- Kirklees Children and Young Peoples Partnership

The refreshed protocol describes the roles, functions and interrelationship between these strategic partnerships across Kirklees in their joint determination to safeguard and promote the health and wellbeing of children, young people and adults.

These challenges often impact the work undertaken in more than one board. Managing these cross cutting issues together is at the heart of the protocol. Whilst each body has its own specific and distinctive role, the boards and partnerships also have shared values and often shared priorities, alongside a shared view on delivering the best outcomes to meet local need. By collaborating together we can have a greater impact on the factors that lead to inequality, as many of the determinants of these issues and finding solutions cannot lie with a single partner or partnership.

#### 3. Proposal

That the Health and Wellbeing Board receives, endorses and adopts the Kirklees refreshed Inter-Board Partnerships Protocol.

## 4. Financial Implications

There are no direct financial or resource implications.

#### 5. Sign off

Mike Houghton Evans, Independent Chair, Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board Sheila Lock, Kirklees Safeguarding Children Partnership Rachel Spencer-Henshall, Strategic Director Corporate Strategy Commissioning and Public Health Richard Parry, Strategic Director for Adults and Health Mel Meggs, Strategic Director for Children's Services

## 6. Next Steps

Following consideration and adoption by the HWBB of the Kirklees Inter-Board Partnerships Protocol, it will be published.

In addition to setting out the vision, values and principles underpinning the collaboration across the bodies, the protocol also commits the partner bodies to a range of practical actions, including:

- Implementing information sharing protocols to ensure timely data flows
- Sharing the findings of the annual needs analyses, including map of existing sources of data and insights (including the root causes or risk, patterns of who is at risk and where)
- Developing a single high level performance report focused on outcomes not just processes to go to all boards
- Regular joint board workshops on major issues (including members of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Children's Partnership)
- Identifying shared learning and development opportunities
- Sharing reports on progress with developing new assurance mechanisms
- Regular meetings between Board Chairs and Board Managers

#### 7. Recommendations

That the Health and Wellbeing Board

- Endorse and adopt the attached joint protocol
- Receive ongoing reports on actions set out in Section 6 above.

## 8. Contact Officers

Board managers:

Jacqui Stansfield, Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board Sharon Hewitt, Kirklees Safeguarding Children Partnership Lee Hamilton, Kirklees Communities Board Mary White, Kirklees Children and Young Peoples Partnership Phil Longworth, Kirklees Health and Wellbeing Board