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Safeguarding Children Drop In

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NORTHUMBERLAND CHILDREN AND ADULTS SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP

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Quick Acronym Quiz

1	• NCASP
2	• CPVA
3	• MARAC
4	• MAPPA
5	• LADO
6	• SoS
7	• SHB
8	• MASH
9	• ICPC
10	• FII
11	• MSET
12	• MATAC

1	• Northumberland Children and Adult Safeguarding Partnership
2	• Child to Parent Violence and Abuse
3	• Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
4	• Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements
5	• Local Authority Designated Officer
6	• Signs of Safety
7	• Sexually Harmful Behaviour
8	• Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub
9	• Initial Child Protection Conference
10	• Fabricated or Induced Illness
11	• Missing, Slavery, Exploitation and Trafficking
12	• Multi Agency Tasking and Coordination protocol

Let's Talk About Safeguarding Children….

NCASP Update

Self Harm Pathway

Domestic Abuse

Your Choice – Ask the Panel

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Tri-X Procedures

New Thresholds Document

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CARE Northumberland

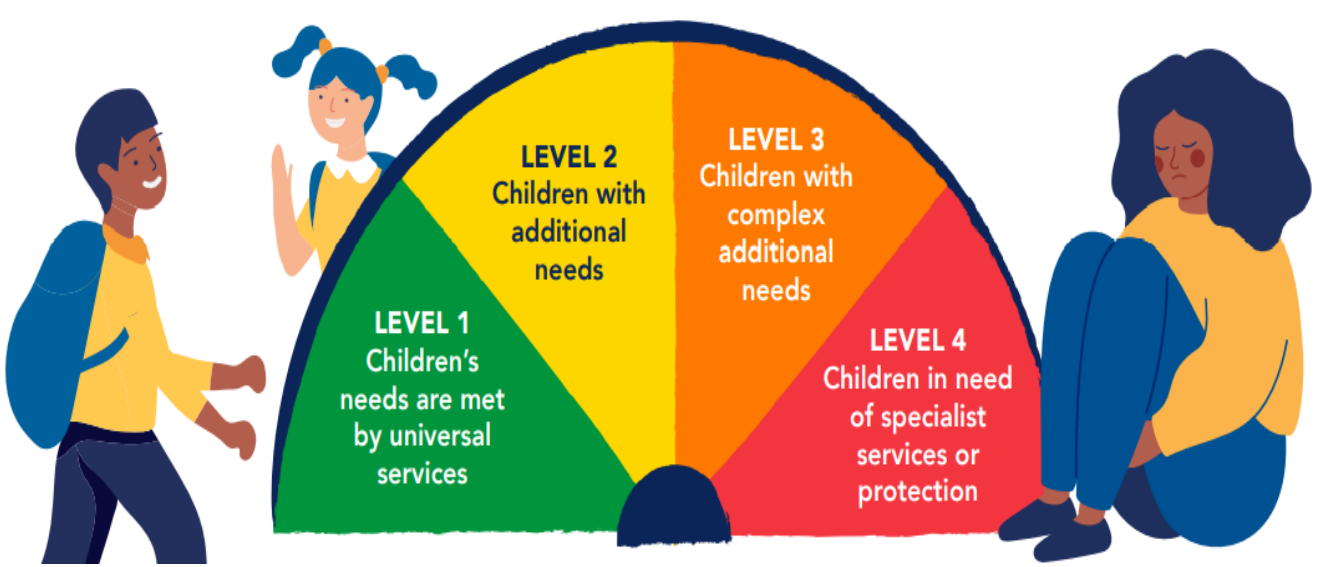
Transitional Safeguarding

Private Fostering

Recent 7-minute Briefings

New Thresholds Document

https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/NorthumberlandCountyCouncil/media/Child-Families/Safeguarding/Threshold-document-FINAL-October-2022.pdf



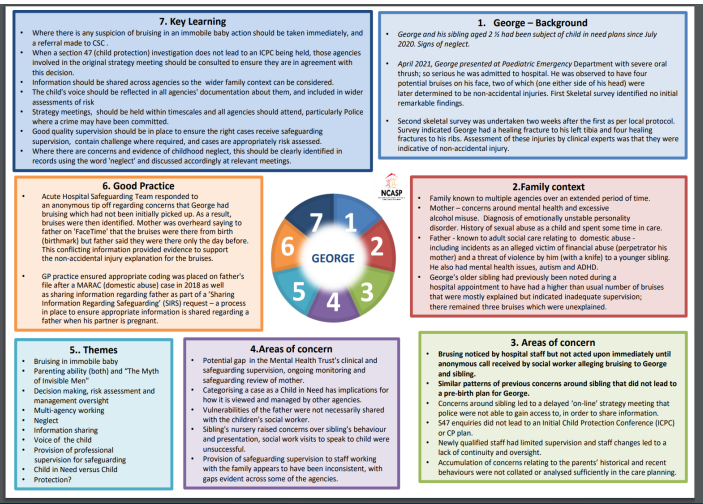
Seven Minute Briefings

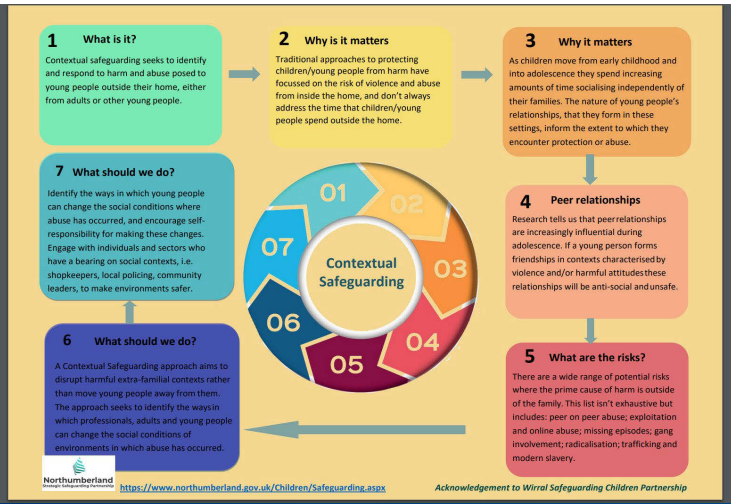
Learning Review Briefings

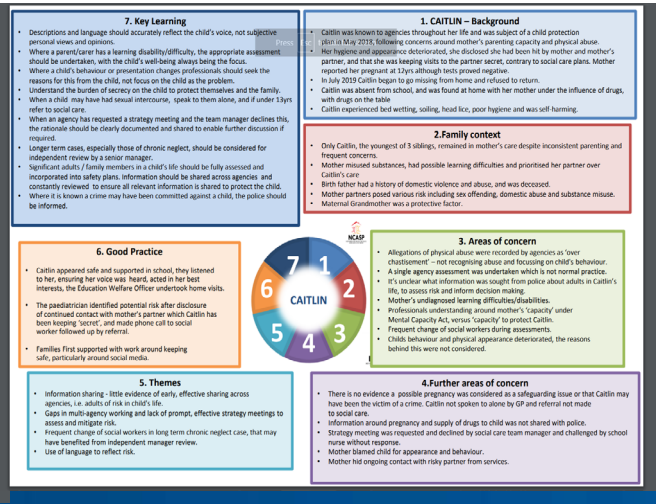
- Fiona
- Aaron and Bobby
- Caitlin
- George
- Harry

Thematic Briefings

- Caring about Adversity, Resilience and Empowerment (CARE)
- Exploitation and Language
- Contextual Safeguarding







Arthur and Star – National Review

Arthur Labinjo-Hughes died age 6 in June 2020.

His father and father's female partner were convicted of manslaughter and murder respectively.

A total of 130 bruises were found on Arthur's body at the time of his death.

Blood tests indicated very high levels of sodium, suggesting the possibility of salt poisoning, CCTV footage showed that Arthur had been forced to stand to attention alone in the hallway of the house for most of the day, without water.

He was made to sleep downstairs on a hard floor without a mattress, with no contact from family members or friends, and out of the sight of children's social care, school, and other public services.

Common Themes

Covid lockdown made both children even more invisible

Co-habiting partners significantly increased risk

Professionals had very limited knowledge of what life was like for the child

Family members were not listened to when they reported concerns. They were seen as malicious

Failures in ensuring multi-agency assessment and following multi-agency procedures and processes

Star Hobson died age 16 months in September 2020. Her mother and mother's female partner were convicted of causing or allowing her death.

CCTV footage, when Star was in the sole care of mother's partner, showed Star being physically assaulted with 20 separate blows to the head and body recorded over a period of two hours.

Star had many bruises on legs, arms and face.

The professional understanding of and response to domestic abuse between mother and her partner was inadequate.

Transitional Safeguarding - case for change

- Adolescents have distinct safeguarding needs and harms and routes to protection - often 'contextual‘ / extra-familial
- Harm and its effects do not abruptly end at 18; support may do
- Transition to adulthood is a particularly challenging and vulnerable time
- Young people may need care and support without having 'Care & Support needs'
- Need to consider promoting resilience and their changing developmental needs
- Need a reimagined safeguarding system which is contextual, transitional and relational.
- It is not a prescribed model - Transition is a journey not an event.

“Sometimes you just have to do something because it’s the right thing to do”

Fran Leddra, Chief Social Worker for Adults

Real experiences…..

Transitional Safeguarding (Part 2) - Case study reflections - YouTube

Transitional Safeguarding

- Safeguarding Transitions Protocol
- Bridging the Gap national guidance
- Briefing for ASC/CSC staff
- Transitional Safeguarding case audit

The Local Context

Learning

- Local Learning reviews / case examples – Bobby, Aaron, AB, Harry
- Regional work/events
- Transitions audits
- 7 minute briefing
- Joint staff briefings
- Joint Transitional Safeguarding workshops

Joint Training and Development

- Vulnerability not Age
- Child to Parent Violence and Abuse
- MCA/DoLS training for CSC staff
- Joint training framework – approach to trauma/ACE's – C.A.R.E. Northumberland

Practice

- Joint planning & identification of support – DoLS/LPS
- Joint Transitional Safeguarding Protocol
- Transitions policy/panels
- Collaborative approaches across Teams

Strategic Commitment

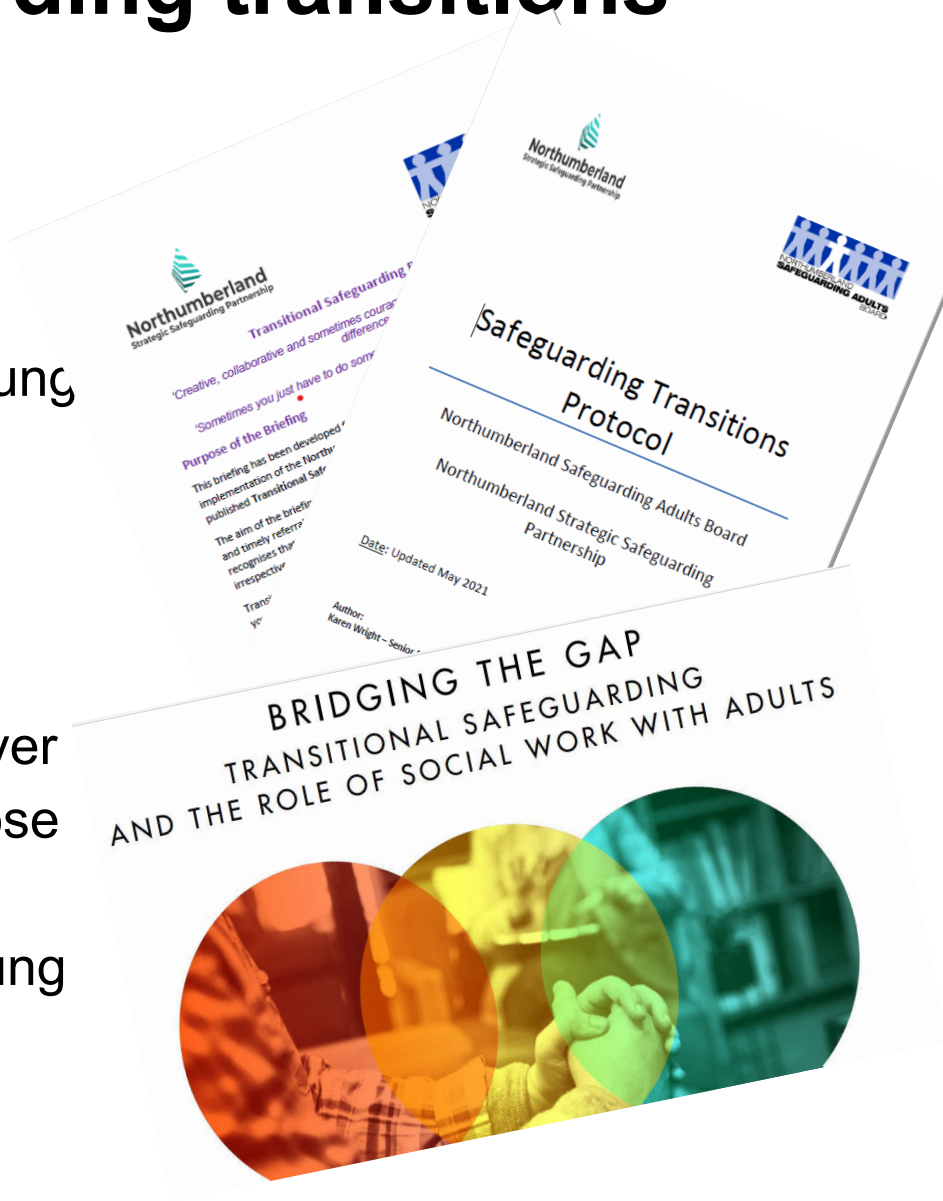
- Priority for Children and Adults Safeguarding Partnerships
- Joint (All-Age) Strategic Exploitation sub group

Next Steps

- Roles and responsibilities briefing
- Embedding Safeguarding Transitions Protocol
- Multi-agency Transitional Safeguarding workshops

Embedding good safeguarding transitions

- Person centred and strengths based
- Start transition as early as possible/clear timescales
- All assessments and plans up to date
- Transition planning takes into account each young person's capabilities
- Point of transfer should not be based on a rigid age threshold, and time of relative stability for young person
- Joint visits with workers with a focus on handover
- Do not use non-engagement as a reason to close cases
- Making Safeguarding Personal – preparing young person and involving in planning and decision making



Domestic Abuse

- Domestic Abuse Act 2021 – what does it mean for us?
- Parental Conflict or Domestic Abuse?
- Change Star and Empowerment Stars

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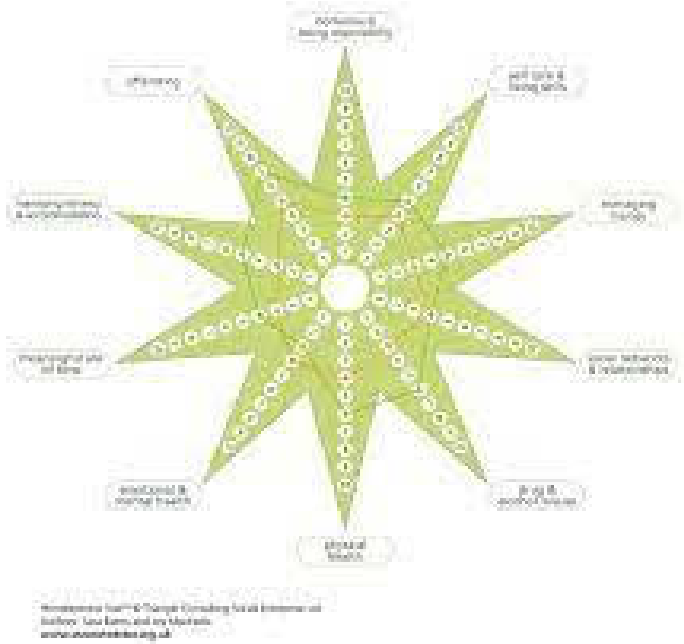

Procedure for the Management of Self Harm and or Suicidal Behaviour in Children & Young People

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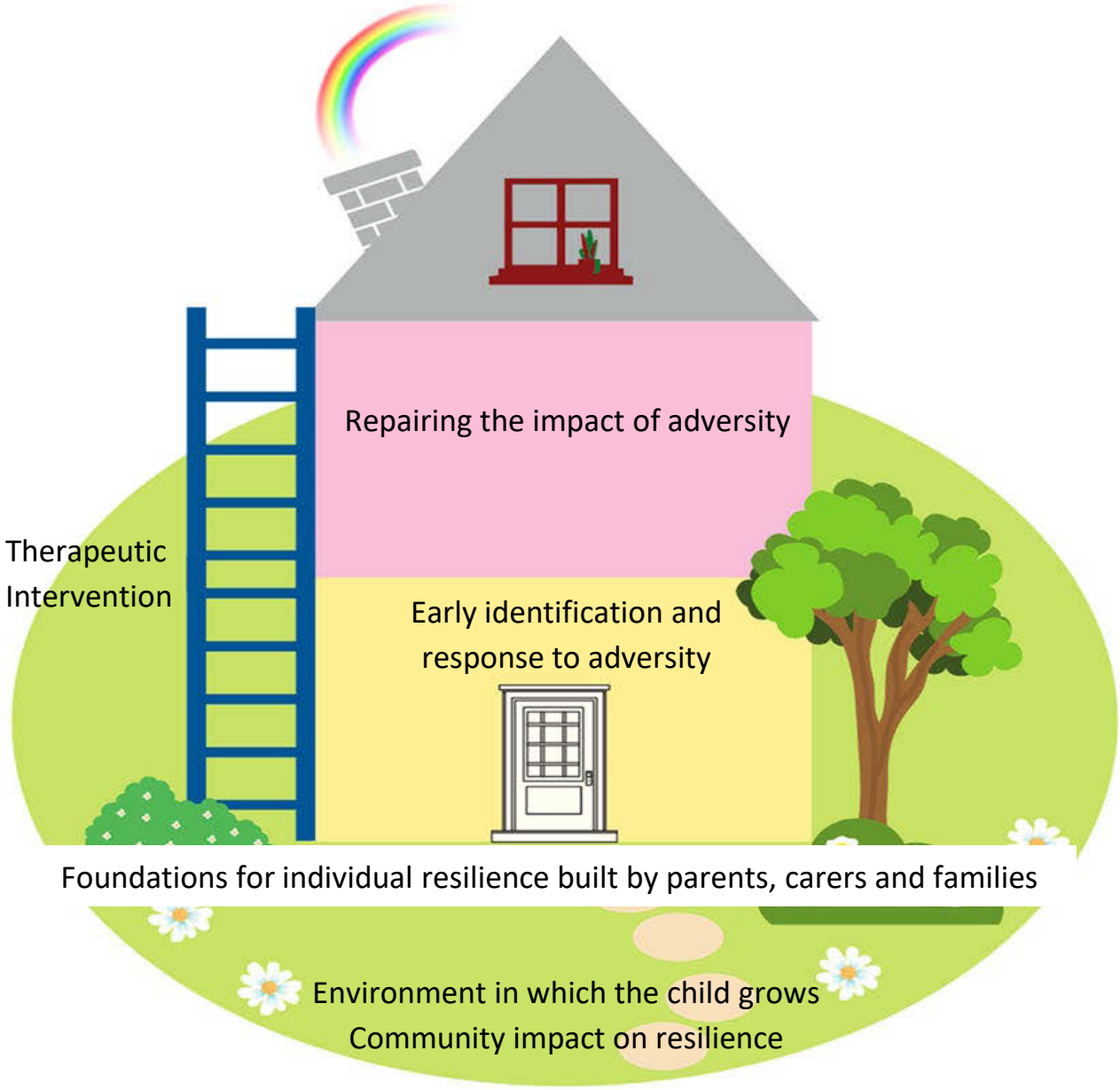
Caring about Adversity, Resilience and Empowerment



CARE 7 minute briefing

C.A.R.E Northumberland - YouTube

NCASP Board Update

Northumberland Children and Adults Safeguarding Partnership

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- New Joint Arrangements
- Representation
- Sub Groups
- Learning from Reviews

Priorities:

- Transitional Safeguarding
- Neglect including Self-neglect
- Mental Health
- Safeguarding under 1s

'It is our vision to work together and provide added value across the safeguarding system, to improve practice and outcomes, and safeguard and promote the welfare of children, young people, adults and their families in our community.'

Private Fostering

A child is privately fostered if they are:

- up to 16 yrs (or 18 if disabled) *AND*
- cared for and accommodated by someone who is **not a close family member** for longer than **28 days.**

The definition of 'close family member' includes:

- Parent or someone with parental responsibility
- Sibling/aunt/uncle/grandparent/step-parent

The Children Act 1989 makes it a statutory duty for Children' s Social Care to be informed of any private fostering arrangement. There are clear legal requirements for CSC to assess and monitor the arrangement

Private Fostering

- What legitimate reasons might there be for parents to make private fostering arrangements?
- In what circumstances would private fostering be worrying?
- What do we need to consider when checking out / assessing the arrangements?

Further Information

- **Safeguarding Children Procedures:**

https://www.proceduresonline.com/nesubregion/

- **Safeguarding Children website:**

https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Children/Safeguarding.aspx

- **Northumberland Safeguarding Children and Adults Partnership**

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Website https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Care/Support/Northumberland-Children-and-Adults-Safeguarding-Pa.aspx

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