

Response to JTAI Report published 24th August 2018

As a partnership we are always looking at ways to improve the services we provide to children and families in County Durham and we welcome this feedback which highlights our strengths and identifies areas for improvement.

This was a review of our multi-agency response to domestic abuse, focusing on initial contact with families and subsequent outcomes for children.

The inspectors recognised the dedication and hard work of all those involved in keeping children safe in County Durham. This can be complex and there are occasions when things could have been done differently. We agree with the areas identified for improvement and are already making changes.

Our ability to respond to findings and implement improvements was highlighted in the report, along with our commitment to partnership work. The LSCB will continue to work together to achieve the best outcomes for children and families affected by domestic abuse.

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