**Better Together VCS Forum**

Tuesday 7th February 2022

13.30 – 15.30

**Foster Room****,** **Pioneering Care Centre, Carers Way, Newton Aycliffe DL5 4SF**

**AGENDA**

*12.00 – 13.15 Pre meeting safeguarding discussion for chief officers and/or safeguarding leads – bring your own sandwich*

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|  | Welcome and Introductions | Chair |
|  | Focus on Refugees and Asylum Seekers  VCS Support in County Durham - what are we doing, and can we do more? | Hilary Hodgson British Red Cross  Joanne Thorns & Jessie Luvai Communities Together Durham  Donna Whitfield  Humanitarian Support DCC |
|  | Poverty & Health Alliance – feedback from workshop and next steps | Carol Gaskarth |
|  | Partnership Updates:   * Safeguarding * County Durham Partnerships | Abby Thompson  Kate Burrows |
|  | Information Sharing | All |
|  | **Date of Next meeting: Policy Conference Friday 21st April 9.30-12.30 Durham Town Hall** |  |