

Dear Hartlepool and Stockton-On-Tees Safeguarding Children Colleagues,
 Welcome to this edition of the HSSCP newsletter, which aims to provide
 HSSCP Partners and Relevant Agencies with a summary of work undertaken
 by the HSSCP Partnership during quarter four of 2024-2025.



Serious Incident Notification / Learning Requests:

1 serious incident notification was received during this quarter. One rapid review has taken place and the subsequent Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review is underway:

- **Children AL & JL** —Following the submission of a serious incident notification, a rapid review was undertaken with a panel of professionals from across agencies. It was decided that this Serious Incident Notification will progress to a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review, which is now underway.

Partnership Updates:

New Partnership Priority

Following a substantial period of consultation of professionals, families and members of the partnership, HSSCP have set a new priority of Childhood Trauma from 2025-2027. This will sit alongside the existing priority of Harm Outside the Home, which was added in Summer 2024.

As outlined in the new Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements, a new Priority Sub-Group has been established, which will include membership from statutory and relevant agencies, to drive the work around this priority forwards.

Harm Outside the Home

The Joint Tees Harm Outside the Home strategic and sub-groups have been working to progress work on their multi-agency action plan and have now launched a new [HOTH Screening Tool](#) and [HOTH Language Guide](#) for professionals from all agencies to use.

Engagement with Children and Young People

Engagement work with children and young people across Hartlepool and Stockton has continued to work on web-site content and have now finished the Families and Home Life page. They have also begun producing podcasts about specific safeguarding topics such as Harm Outside the Home and Our Youth vs Your Youth, which will be found on the HSSCP website.

HSSCP Work Streams

CSAFE—Child Sexual Abuse in the Family Environment

Following the publication of '*I wanted them all to notice*', the partnership have developed an action plan in response the recommendations that were laid out in the report. This will include a deep dive into Child Sexual Abuse in the Family Environment led by the partnership's independent scrutineer, which will include practitioners and managers focus groups.

Professional Challenge

Over the last few months, the [professional challenge guidance and procedures](#) have been updated and refreshed after a number of focus groups and events. A series of briefings about the changes have been scheduled between April and September for professionals to attend, as well as a new form that will be uploaded to the Tees Procedures website following the briefings.

HSSCP Training

The latest HSSCP annual safeguarding children [training programme](#) for April 2025 to March 2026 is available. This includes a full programme of safeguarding children training with bookings now made via a new online booking system.

Also, included in the programme is the e-learning courses from the Tees Safeguarding All MeLearning platform. Further information on how to register for an e-learning account and to enrol on any of the e-learning courses can be found [here](#).

HSSCP continues to provide a hybrid model of both face to face and virtual delivery of the safeguarding children training courses they offer. In this quarter, 11 training sessions have been delivered to professionals in Hartlepool and Stockton-On-Tees.

HSSCP is working with STSCP to develop a programme of multi-agency safeguarding training which is delivered Tees-wide to ensure key messages are received across all agencies within the Tees area



Key Events:

Harm Outside the Home Conference : The joint Tees Harm Outside the Home conference took place in March, on National Child Exploitation Awareness Day. Over 300 multi-agency professionals attended from across Teesside.

Briefings: In response to learning from reviews, a number of briefings have been organised and are coming up on the following topics:

- Safeguarding the Unborn Baby
- Fabricated or Induced Illnesses/Perplexing Presentation
- Harm Outside the Home
- Professional Challenge
- Child Protection Medicals

To booking onto any of the above briefings over the coming months, follow the link [here](#).

HSSCP have continued to produce and disseminate their monthly e-bulletins.

This quarter's can be accessed via the following links:

[Bulletin for January 2025](#)

[Bulletin for February 2025](#)

[Bulletin for March 2025](#)

Tees Safeguarding Procedures

The Tees Safeguarding Procedures Group have continued to develop and update safeguarding children procedures/guidance which are published on

<https://www.teescpp.org.uk/>

During this quarter the following procedures/guidance were reviewed & updated:

- [Children at risk of Blood Borne Viruses and HIV Infection](#)
- [Partnership Information Sharing form](#)
- [Framework of Need](#)
- [Initial HOTH Screening Tool](#)
- [Modern Slavery](#)
- [Child Sexual Exploitation](#)
- [Child Criminal Exploitation](#)
- [Child exploitation disruption toolkit](#)
- [Language Guide for Practitioners - Harm Outside of the Home](#)
- [Tees HOTH Triage Tool](#)



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