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Consent to Share

HSSCP have developed a new <u>poster</u> and <u>email banner</u> to promote the message that you can **share information** about a child at any time **without consent**, if you suspect **a child is at risk or to protect them from harm**. Professional confusion around consent to share information is a frequent theme within rapid reviews and LCSPR's in our area and nationwide. Please use the links above to download the re-sources and share with colleagues and professionals in your agencies.



Why Language Matters

NSPCC Learning have published a new 'Why Language Matters' blog exploring how we talk about sibling sexual behaviour and abuse. The blog outlines why it's important to accurately describe the behaviour, the context, and the sibling dynamic when discussing sibling sexual behaviour and abuse.

Why language matters: how we talk about sibling sexual behaviour and abuse | NSPCC Learning

Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse

Support Matters: Update on CSA Support Services

The CSA Centre's latest research, Support Matters 2025: Update on Child Sexual Abuse Support Services, which has now been published, draws together the experiences of 124 services providing support for those affected by child sexual abuse. It exposes the desperate struggle that many of these services are facing in providing their vital and unique support for children, adult survivors and families affected by child sexual abuse. To read the research, follow the link here.



CSPR Panel Learning Support and Capability Project

A newly published report, commissioned by the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel, has shed light on how we can best learn from serious incidents where children have died or been seriously harmed because of abuse or neglect. The report lays out findings and recommendations for safeguarding professionals, the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel, and the Government to consider. To read the report, follow the link here.



School Safeguarding Councils

This term's topic for School Safeguarding Councils is now available on the HSSCP website, as well as the link for the feedback survey. This term's topic is 'Misogyny and Violence Against Women and Girls', and the feedback survey will stay open until 18th July, but schools are advised to check their own term dates to ensure they don't miss the deadline. To access these resources and links, click <a href="https://example.com/here-new-mail-resources



Communicating with Children about Child Sexual Abuse

The CSA Centre have the Communicating with Children Guide, which gives all people working with children guidance in talking about child sexual abuse, explaining what may be going on for children when they are being sexually abused, what prevents children from talking about their abuse, and what professionals can do to help children communicate what is happening. To view the guidance, follow the <u>link here</u>.



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Children's Mental Health Report

The Children's Commissioner has published a new report into mental health care for children. Findings show: demand for mental health services has increased, anxiety was the most common referral reason, and there was an increase in children referred for being in crisis compared to the previous year.

To read the report, follow the link here.



Harm Outside the Home Tools and Resources

The Tees Procedures website has had an update on the Harm Outside the Home page, which now hosts the new Tees-wide documents and resources, including: the new HOTH screening tool; HOTH language guide for practitioners; the HOTH standard operating procedure,; and the Tees HOTH strategy.

To view, read and download the resources, follow the link here.



Neglect Six Question Tool, Framework and Practice Guidance

Have you seen the Neglect Framework and Practice Guidance on the Tees Procedures website? Children living Teesside are three times more likely to experience neglect than children nationally. With neglect being the main reason for 70% of Child Protection plans in Hartlepool and Stockton, the Neglect Framework and Practice Guidance is an important resources for professionals working with children and young people in the areas.



Tees Procedures

Have you checked out the latest information regarding safeguarding procedures on the Tees Safeguarding Children Procedures website?

For further information please click on the following link:

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



HSSCP Resources & Training Programme

Are you aware that the latest HSSCP safeguarding children training programme for 2025-2026 is available? HSSCP also has a wide range of safeguarding resources in the professionals section of their website too.

For further information please click on the following link: 2025/2026 Training For information relating to the latest LSCPR's can be found at <u>LSCPR's</u>



TSAB Newsletter

Have you checked out the latest safeguarding adults newsletter produced by the Tees Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB)?

To access all the TSAB newsletters please click on the following link: <u>TSAB</u>

Information on the latest safeguarding adults reviews can be found at: <u>SAR's</u>