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Why Language Matters: Rethinking the term 'Sextortion'

NSPCC Learning have published the latest blog in their 'Why Language Matters' series, this time urging professionals to rethink our use of the term 'sextortion'. The blog explores how using the term can minimise children's experiences and overlook the complexity and multifaceted nature of the issue, suggesting that professionals use the term 'sexually coerced extortion' when reporting and recording this type of abuse. To read the full blog, follow the link here.



Trauma-Informed Partnership Professionals' Questionnaire

The HSSCP Priorities Sub-Group have devised a questionnaire for all professionals who work with children and families to gain insight into their confidence when working with children and families who have experienced trauma, which will help to shape the direction of their work on this priority. The questionnaire will be open until Friday 21st November. We would be grateful if you could share this with your colleagues and encourage as many responses as possible. Access the <u>anonymous questionnaire here</u>.



When A Child Dies—A Guide for Parents and Carers

The National Child Mortality Database has published a guide that has been created by a group of bereaved parents, support organisations and professionals. The guide is for parents and carers of a child under 18 to help them understand some of the things that will happen and the support that is available. The guide can be downloaded here.



Poverty and Youth Crime & Violence

The Youth Endowment Fund has published an evidence review examining the relationship between poverty and children's involvement in crime and violence. Findings show: poverty is a risk factor for involvement in crime and violence; neighbourhood deprivation was most linked to non-violent crime, while low income was most linked to violent crime; and boys and girls experience risk differently. To read the review, click here.



Harm Outside the Home Language Guide

The Tees Harm Outside the Home group have produced a language guide to support professionals when reporting and recording information about children who are or may be experiencing harm outside the home. This resource helps professionals communicate consistently and sensitively when safeguarding young people. Please share and promote this within your organisations and with colleagues. Find the guide here.



Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025

The Department for Education has published the latest Keeping Children Safe in Education on Monday 1st September, which can be accessed here.

NSPCC Learning has also published a summary of the changes for 2025 here.



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Professional Challenge & Resolution of Professional Disagreement Briefing

The above procedure has been recently reviewed. This briefing will give an overview of the changes within the procedure, outline the expectation on professionals, and explain what to do when there is professional disagreement. <u>Click here</u> to book a space on the final briefing session on 29/9/25 at 3:30-5.



Harmful Content on Social Media

The Molly Rose Foundation has published new research on social media algorithms and young people's exposure to harmful content online. The research involved an analysis of content on Instagram and TikTok through accounts registered as a 15-year-old girl in the UK. Findings show that up to 97% of algorithmically recommended posts featured harmful content, and 55% of those include references to suicide. Click here to read.



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.



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>