

HSSCP Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements



What is HSSCP?

HSSCP stands for Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Safeguarding Children Partnership. We are a partnership of agencies who work together to make sure children and young people in Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees are safe and protected from harm.

Our Promise

Every child should feel safe, secure, and protected from harm, so they can reach their full potential.

What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding means **protecting children and young people** from being treated badly, whether that is in or outside of your home, including online. It also means making sure that all children and young people are provided with safe and effective care.

Who helps keep you safe?

- Cleveland Police
- Hartlepool Borough Council
- Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
- Health Services
- Schools, Colleges and Nurseries
- Community and Voluntary Groups
- Cleveland Fire Brigade
- Many more organisations who work with young people

What do we do?

Listen to children and families.

We carry out lots of activities to make sure children and families are at the centre of all the work that we do. This might include public consultations, school safeguarding councils, focus groups, events and young people's newsletters.

Work together to stop harm.

We have regular groups where people from the agencies above (and more) meet to make sure children are safe and that we learn from mistakes to make things better for all young people. We also do lots of training for people who work with children and young people.

Share information to help children quickly.

We help to make sure that important information is shared quickly with the right people to make sure every child is safe. E.g. Police might share important information with schools or social care to make sure children are not in danger. and that they get the best care possible.

Your Voice Matters!

Our goal is to make sure young people's voices and experiences are at the heart of everything that we do. We have asked all schools to hold a termly 'safeguarding council' where they ask young people to discuss their thoughts, opinions and experiences with certain topics or issues that young people have told us are important to them. If you would like to be involved in this, speak with a member of the safeguarding team in your school.

We also have a termly newsletter that is written by young people in Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees that discusses important issues, gives advice on staying safe, and directs you to helpful websites, resources and support.

