

# HSSCP Annual Report Easy Read



**HSSCP** stands for Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Safeguarding Children Partnership. Our job is to make sure every child feels safe, happy, and protected from harm.

## What We Do

- Work together with schools, police, health services, and families.
- Listen to children and young people about what matters to them.
- Help keep children safe at home, at school, and in the community.

## Our Big Wins This Year

- **New Website for Young People:** Designed by local kids! It has videos and tips on staying safe.
- **Focus Groups:** We met with children in schools and youth clubs to hear their ideas.
- **School Safeguarding Councils:** Many schools now have special meetings where pupils talk about safety.
- **Training:** Over 1,200 people learned how to keep children safe.

## Why It's Important

Children in Hartlepool and Stockton face challenges like:

- Living in poverty (about 1 in 3 children in Hartlepool and 1 in 4 in Stockton).
- Risks outside the home like bullying, exploitation, or going missing.

We work hard to protect them and give them the best chance to succeed.

## What's Next and How Can YOU Help?

Our Priorities for 2025:

- **Trauma-Informed Support:** We want to understand how tough experiences affect children and help them feel safe and cared for.
- **Harm Outside the Home:** We'll keep working to protect children from dangers like gangs, online risks, and unsafe places.

## How We Listen to YOU

- We run surveys and events where you can share your thoughts.
- You can visit our website for advice and to tell us what matters to you.

## Cool Facts

- 24,200 page views on our website this year.
- 68,468 views on our Neglect Awareness campaign.
- 7,917 children reached through safety campaigns.

Want to Know More?

Visit our website or ask your teacher about the HSSCP Children & Young People page.

Remember: Every child deserves to feel safe, loved, and supported. If something worries you, speak up!

If you ever feel unsafe or worried, it's important to talk to someone you trust. This could be a parent, teacher, friend, or any adult you feel comfortable with. Speaking up can make a big difference!