

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 Partnership during quarter one of 2023-2024.



### Serious Incident Notification / Learning Requests:

- **2 serious incident notifications** were received during this quarter leading to a Rapid Review for each case being undertaken.

**Child EP (Category: Fatal - Neglect):** The rapid review concluded that learning had been made as part of this process and therefore, it was agreed that there was no need to progress to a LCSPR.

**Child HH (Category: Fatal - Neglect):** The rapid review is scheduled to take place on 20th July 2023.

### LCSPR Updates:

**Riley:** The task & finish group is progressing the recommendations from this review. Recent activity includes:

- Work has commenced to identify any other potential young people at risk of exploitation.
- A deep dive has been undertaken by the HSSCP Independent Scrutineer to seek assurance that other children who have disengaged with school/learning have robust multi-agency plans in place.
- A 7 minute briefing has been developed to capture the outcomes from the SEND audit.

**JM:** An independent reviewer has been appointed to undertake the LCSPR. This is expected to be completed by October 2023.

### Work Streams:

The HSSCP Executive and Engine Room has continued to progress in relation to the key priorities for the partnership. In addition to the main priority of neglect, two further key priorities have now been added to the HSSCP Business Plan for 2023-2024:

- **Engagement of Children and Young People**
- **Strengthening Assurance**

The above two new priority areas have arisen from the independent scrutiny undertaken by the HSSCP's Independent Scrutineer and Chair.

Progress made this quarter in relation to the partnerships main priority of neglect:

#### 1. Evidencing the Child's Lived Experience

- Developing a pool of practitioners within partner agencies to be Neglect Champions who will drive/co-ordinate this priority.

#### 2. Assessing and Intervening with Neglect – Understanding and responding to the Impact of Neglect

- Continuing the delivery of the Neglect Active Learning Events to the front line workforce and facilitated by multi-agency practitioners. This event incorporates a recent local child safeguarding practice review and utilises the Neglect Tool and Framework and Guidance to establish improvements to working practices.

#### 3. Priority Communication and Engagement

- The launching of the marketing campaign for Neglect of Children via various media i.e. posters; social media; newsletters; etc.

## HSSCP Training

HSSCP continues to provide both face to face and virtual delivery of the safeguarding children training courses they offer.

6 face to face/in-person and 8 virtual training sessions have been held this quarter, covering a range of safeguarding topics and themes.

The latest HSSCP annual safeguarding children [training programme](#) for April 2023 to March 2024 is now available, which 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](#).



### Key Events:

#### Trauma Informed Practice/ACE's

Between April & June 2023, Karen Treisman, MBE delivered The Impact of Trauma Informed Practice/ACE's on Parenting training for frontline practitioners. This training was attended by 240 practitioners from across a wide variety of agencies.

#### Neglect Active Learning

Following on from the Neglect Active Learning Event in February 2023, the 73 participants of this event attended a Focus Group in May 2023. At the focus group the participants undertook action planning and developed recommendations for improving practice.

## Tees Safeguarding Procedures

The Tees Safeguarding Procedures Group have continued to develop and update safeguarding children procedures which are published on <https://www.teescpp.org.uk/>

During this quarter the following procedures were reviewed & updated (if required):

- [Breast Ironing \(flattening\)](#)
- [Children with Disabilities](#)
- [Female Genital Mutilation](#)

## Tees Safeguarding Children Conference:

HSSCP & STSCP jointly delivered a conference on Non Accidental Injury in Under 1's & Hidden Partners on **26th April 2023**. This conference included a number of related workshops taking place in the weeks following the conference. This conference was attended by 255 frontline practitioners from across Teesside. A lot of positive feedback was received from those who attended the conference.

HSSCP have continued to produce and disseminate the monthly e-bulletins. This quarter's can be accessed via the following links:

[Safeguarding Children Newsletter: April 2023](#)

[Safeguarding Children Newsletter: May 2023](#)

[Safeguarding Children Newsletter: June 2023](#)

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