

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 HSSCP Partnership during quarter one of 2024-2025.



Serious Incident Notification / Learning Requests:

2 serious incident notifications were received during this quarter, each leading to a Rapid Review for the case being undertaken:

- **Child LA (Category: Fatal - CioC Suicide)** The rapid review agreed not to progress to a LCSPR, however, due to the nature of this case, HSSCP propose to undertake a thematic deep dive into childhood trauma*.
- **Child LH (Category: Fatal - Neglect)** The rapid review agreed not to progress to a LCSPR.

LCSPR Updates:

Child Roo: The LCSPR is now completed and the full report has been published on the HSSCP website: [Full Report](#)

HSSCP continue to progress the work from the recommendations of this review.

*Thematic Deep Dive:

Following on from the rapid review for LA, HSSCP are undertaking a Thematic deep dive into childhood trauma, which will review eight randomly selected cases from across Hartlepool & Stockton of children who have been exploited. This work will utilise the appreciative enquiry model and learning during a practitioner event will explore what is already working; areas for development and how to strengthen system wide practice across HSSCP.

This will provide an opportunity for the HSSCP to learn from early childhood trauma that can influence early help support and prevention across the safeguarding system.

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023 (WT2023):

The HSSCP Executive have progressed their implementation plan of WT2023. In Q1 they:

- Held an engagement event of subgroup chairs and partner representatives.
- Completed a Partnership Health Check.
- Agreed that from August 2024, HSSCP will retain the Independent Scrutineer and the partnership chair role will be undertaken by HSSCP Executive statutory partners on a 1 year rolling rota commencing with the Hartlepool DCS.

In Q2 the HSSCP Executive will commence consultation with wider partners and progress the next phase of the implementation plan, including to agree:

- Core functions of partnership chair and independent scrutineer.
- Funding arrangements / financial contributions.
- Shared priorities and resources.
- Quality assurance framework.

Work Streams:

The HSSCP Executive and HSSCP Engine Room have continued to meet to progress the key priorities for the partnership:

1. Engagement of Children and Young People

- Work has been undertaken with young people to make digital content about issues which are important to them.
- An engagement event with HSSCP Executive members is scheduled for mid July 2024.

2. Strengthening Assurance: The Performance Management Framework (PMF) documentation is ready for approval and will be presented to HSSCP Executive members in Q2.

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

- **Evidencing the Child's Lived Experience & Assessing and Intervening with Neglect – Understanding and responding to the Impact of Neglect:** HSSCP have commissioned a Neglect of Children Conference to be delivered to frontline practitioners in October 2024 which will focus on providing crucial learning for practitioners and capturing the lived experience of the child.
- **Communication and Engagement:** Neglect focus weeks are to be held throughout the year to draw attention to different types of neglect. By drawing attention to the signs of neglect, more people will be able to identify concerns and the cumulative impact in the children who are experiencing neglect can be reduced by intervention at an earlier stage.

HSSCP Training

The latest HSSCP annual safeguarding children [training programme](#) for April 2024 to March 2025 is available. This 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](#).

HSSCP continues to provide a hybrid model of both face to face and virtual delivery of the safeguarding children training courses they offer. In this quarter, 11 training sessions have been delivered to professionals in Hartlepool and Stockton-On-Tees.

HSSCP is working with STSCP to develop a programme of multi-agency safeguarding training which is delivered Teeswide to ensure key messages are received across all agencies within the Tees area



Key Events: Child Sexual Abuse Roadshow

In June, the Centre of Excellence on Child Sexual Abuse & Tees Valley Barnardos delivered a Teeswide Roadshow on 'Prioritising child sexual abuse'. They shared their expertise with 161 professionals from across Teesside who are working with children and/or vulnerable adults.

This is the first time that an event like this has been hosted in Teesside and provided these professionals with a range of excellent information for their working practice and to assist them to tackle and respond to child sexual abuse.



Tees Safeguarding Procedures

The Tees Safeguarding Procedures Group have continued to develop and update safeguarding children procedures/guidance which are published on

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

During this quarter the following procedures/guidance were reviewed & updated:

- [Transient Families](#)
- [Safeguarding the Unborn Baby](#)

Neglect of Children & Young People Conference:

The HSSCP Neglect Champions are currently planning a themed a multi-agency conference to be delivered in October 2024 on Neglect of Children & Young People. (*further details are coming soon*).

HSSCP have continued to produce and disseminate their monthly e-bulletins.

This quarter's can be accessed via the following links:

[Bulletin for April 2024](#)

[Bulletin for May 2024](#)

[Bulletin for June 2024](#)



For further updates and information go to the [HSSCP website](#) or email hsscp@hartlepool.gov.uk
Don't forget to follow us on Facebook: [HSSCP](#) &
Twitter: [@HSSCP1](#)