



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 two 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 RV (Category: Fatal - Sudden Death Infant Syndrome)** The rapid review agreed that a LCSPR is to be undertaken.
- **Child HH (Category: Fatal - Neglect):** The rapid review took place on 20th July 2023. The rapid review concluded that learning had been made as part of this process and therefore, it was agreed not to progress to a LCSPR.

LCSPR Updates:

Riley:

- Learning from this case now features in the Neglect Active Learning Event.
- Following the deep dive 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 - the next themed multi agency audit will look into 'Step down from social care assessment'. This audit is scheduled to take place on 13th November 2023.

JM:

- The LCSPR commenced in September 2023 with a focus group for frontline practitioners and a learning event for managers/strategic leads from across Tees. This LCSPR is expected to be completed in November 2023.

Work Streams:

The HSSCP Executive and Engine Room has continued meet to progress 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:

1. Engagement of Children and Young People

- HSSCP has commissioned Catalyst and HartlePower to deliver this piece of work jointly.

2. Strengthening Assurance

- A task & finish group has been established to lead this piece of work.

The above two new priority areas have arisen from the independent scrutiny undertaken by the HSSCP's Independent Scrutineer and Chair. This includes a review of the Performance Management Framework (PMF).

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

1. Evidencing the Child's Lived Experience

- Neglect Champions meet to undertake work to progress this priority.

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

- Neglect Champions are to be involved in the multi-agency group facilitation at the Neglect Active Learning Events, which are to be delivered to the front line workforce. This event incorporates a recent local child safeguarding practice review and utilises the Neglect Framework and Practice Guidance and Neglect Tool to establish improvements to working practices.
- Planning for a Neglect of Children Conference which will be led by the Neglect Champions.

3. Priority Communication and Engagement

- Ongoing 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.

2 face to face/in-person and 6 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](#).



Tees Safeguarding Children Conference:

The Child Sexual Abuse Expertise & Barnardos are delivering a CSA conference in Q4 on behalf of HSSCP & STSCP.

HSSCP is also planning a themed annual multi-agency conference to be delivered in March 2024 on Neglect of Children & Young People.

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 (if required):

- [Abuse Linked to Spiritual & Religious Beliefs](#)
- [Assessing & Responding to the Impact of Domestic Abuse](#)
- [Assessing the Impact of Parental Substance and/or Alcohol Misuse on Children](#)
- [Initiating S47 Enquiries](#)
- [Outcomes of S47 Enquiries](#)

Key Events: Neglect Active Learning Event

The next HSSCP Neglect Active Learning Event will take place on

6th February 2024 & 28th March 2024

This event is based on a recent child safeguarding practice review.

HSSCP is encouraging all practitioners to attend this event.

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

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

[Safeguarding Children Newsletter: July 2023](#)

[Safeguarding Children Newsletter: August 2023](#)

[Safeguarding Children Newsletter: September 2023](#)

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