



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 three of 2023-2024.

Serious Incident Notification / Learning Requests:

1 serious incident notification was received during this quarter leading to a Rapid Review for this case being undertaken.

- **Child KLT (Category: Fatal - Abuse)** The rapid review agreed not to progress to a LCSPR.

LCSPR Updates:

JM:

- This LCSPR is now completed and the full report for **Child Joe** was published in December 2023. Recommendations from this review have been incorporated into the HSSCP combined learning action plan.

RV:

- The rapid review for this case was completed in November 2023 leading to a LCSPR. This LCSPR Learning Event is scheduled for 25th January 2024 and the Recall Event is scheduled for 26th February 2024.

Multi-agency Audit:

A multi agency audit to look into 'Step down from social care assessment' took place on 13th November 2023. The audit reviewed 6 cases with a range of demographics (3 cases from Hartlepool and 3 cases from Stockton on Tees). The audit report will be presented to the HSSCP Exec group in February 2024.

Work Streams:

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

1. Engagement of Children and Young People

- Catalyst and HartlePower have commenced this piece of work. As part of this work they will consider the design and content of the HSSCP website from a child/young person perspective.

2. Strengthening Assurance

- The Performance Management Framework (PMF) task & finish group have developed a quality assurance framework and are developing key performance criteria and reviewing options for software for the PMF.

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

1. Evidencing the Child's Lived Experience

- Neglect Champions regularly 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:

- Planning a Neglect of Children Conference.
- Reviewing and updating the rough guides for practitioners which is a set of tools utilised by frontline practitioners who assess families in their role.

3. Communication and Engagement

- Ongoing marketing campaign for Neglect of Children via various media i.e. posters; social media; newsletters; etc.
- Delivering of Neglect Active Learning event to ensure key messages from case reviews are embedded in working practices.

HSSCP Training

The latest HSSCP annual safeguarding children [training programme](#) for April 2023 to March 2024 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 5 face to face/in-person and 10 virtual training sessions have been held, covering a range of safeguarding topics and themes.

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



Tees Safeguarding Children Conferences:

The Child Sexual Abuse Expertise & Barnardos are currently planning a Child Sexual Abuse Roadshow on behalf of HSSCP & STSCP.

HSSCP is also planning a themed a multi-agency conference to be delivered in 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):

- [Child in Need](#)
- [Children in Hospital](#)
- [Children Living at Home Subject of Interim or Final Supervision Orders](#)
- [Making & Responding to a Referral](#)
- [Strategy Discussion](#)

Key Events: Neglect Active Learning Event

The next HSSCP Neglect Active Learning Event will take place on:

6th February 2024 & 28th March 2024

This 2 day event is based on a recent child safeguarding practice review.

HSSCP is encouraging all key agency's to ensure all frontline practitioners attend this event.

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

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

[Safeguarding Children Newsletter - October 2023](#)

[Safeguarding Children Newsletter - November 2023](#)

[Safeguarding Children Newsletter - December 2023](#)

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