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New Partnership Priorities Consultation

HSSCP are undergoing consultation to set the partnership's new priorities. As well as holding consultation events for members of the partnership in November, we are also seeking the views of the wider public and workforce to influence new priorities for the new year. To have your say, <u>follow the link here</u> to complete the consultation and forward this on to colleagues and members of the community where possible.



Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel

New National Review: 'I wanted them all to notice'

The Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel have published a national review about child sexual abuse within the family environment. The voices and experiences of 193 children sit at the heart of this review, which has found that too often, professionals fail to notice and act to help protect children from child sexual abuse in their families. To read the review, follow the link here-en/.



'Who Is Afffected by Violence?' Report 2024

The Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) has published new reports based on it Children, Violence and Vulnerability research. Over 10,000 13-17 year-olds in England and Wales took part. Findings include: 20% of young people were victims of violence in the last 12 months, experiences of violence were concentrated among the most vulnerable, and 5% of 13-17 year old have carried a weapon in the last year. For the full report, click here.



Launch of School Safeguarding Councils

In line with Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023 and Keeping Children Safe in Education, HSSCP have launched a new school safeguarding councils scheme. Every school in Hartlepool and Stockton has been asked to establish a council of young people to empower young people's voices and feed back into the partnership to influence work moving forward. To find out more, <u>click here.</u>



Department for Education

Children's Social Care Reforms

breaking down barriers to opportunity

The Department for Education have published a policy statement outlining the government's commitment to reforming the children's social care system in England.

Click here to read the policy statement: Keeping children safe, helping families thrive:



Christmas Campaign for Children Experiencing Domestic Abuse

Between April and September 2024, the NSPCC Helpline received almost 4000 contacts about concerns for children experiencing domestic abuse (a 19% increase since last year), with Childline delivering over 500 counselling sessions in 6 months. In response to this increase, Childline are launching a Christmas campaign to make sure children know that they are still there over the Christmas Period. <u>Click here</u> for the page to share.



HSSCP New Website

HSSCP's new website has now launched, featuring a Children and Young People's page that is being written by children and young people across Hartlepool and Stockton. To take a look around, follow the link here.



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Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

New Online Safety Priorities for Ofcom and Launch of Study into Effects of Social Media on Children.

The Department for Science, Innovation and Technology has announced new online safety priorities for Ofcom as it continues its work to implement the Online Safety Act. The Government has also announced plans for new research into the effects of smartphones and social media on children. Click to read the Press Release and Paper.



Why Language Matters: Putting the Child First

NSPCC Learning has published a new blog on the importance of using child-first language when talking about children with disabilities. The blog explores how shifting language can help professionals to see the child, and not just the disability; understand how disability can be an important part of a child's identity; and recognise and respect how children prefer to talk about their additional needs. To read the blog, follow this link.



Neglect Framework and Practice Guidance

Have you seen the Neglect Framework and Practice Guidance on the Tees Procedures website? Children living Teesside are three times more likely to experience neglect than children nationally. With neglect being the main reason for 70% of Child Protection plans in Hartlepool and Stockton, the Neglect Framework and Practice Guidance is an important resources for professionals working with children and young people in the areas.



Tees Procedures

Have you checked out the latest information regarding safeguarding procedures on the Tees Safeguarding Children Procedures website?

For further information please click on the following link:

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



HSSCP Resources & Learning Opportunities

Are you aware that the latest HSSCP safeguarding children training programme for 2024-2025 is available? HSSCP also has a wide range of safeguarding resources in the professionals section of their website too.

For further information please click on the following link: <u>HSSCP</u>
For information relating to the latest LSCPR's can be found at <u>LSCPR's</u>



TSAB Newsletter

Have you checked out the latest safeguarding adults newsletter produced by the Tees Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB)?

To access all the TSAB newsletters please click on the following link: <u>TSAB</u>

Information on the latest safeguarding adults reviews can be found at: <u>SAR's</u>