

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 three of 2024-2025.



### **Serious Incident Notification / Learning Requests:**

**1 serious incident notification and 1 learning request** were received during this quarter. One rapid review has taken place and one learning review has been scheduled:

- **Child AW** —Following the submission of a serious incident notification, a rapid review was undertaken with a panel of professionals from across agencies. The panel decided that the rapid review would not progress to a local child safeguarding practice review; however, learning recommendations are being implemented across the multi-agency workforce.
- **Child GGB** — Following the submission of a learning request, a multi-agency learning review has been scheduled.
- **Child LRP**— Following the submission of a learning request, a single-agency learning review has been scheduled
- **Child LL**— Following the submission of a learning request, a multi-agency learning review has been scheduled .

### **Partnership Updates:**

**Published Arrangements:** In January, the new Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements (MASA's) were published on the HSSCP Website. There have been a number of changes to these due to the implementation of Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023. [Click here](#) to view the new published arrangements.

**Performance and Quality Framework:** In line with WTTSC 2023, a new performance and quality framework has been jointly developed between the HSSCP and STSCP to outline the approach to the robust analysis of performance information and quality assurance across the children's safeguarding system. To read the new framework, [click here](#).

Following a period of implementation, Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023 has now been fully implemented into the partnership.

### **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**

Engagement work has continued throughout Quarter 3, with children and young people helping to write and add new content to the Children and Young People page of the new HSSCP website. In addition to this, Safeguarding Councils are being established in every school across Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees to ensure that the voice and views of children and young people are consistently at the centre of the work the partnership undertakes.

#### **2. Strengthening Assurance:**

The new Performance and Quality Framework has been published and a new joint Performance and Quality Assurance group has been established for HSSCP and STSCP, which will be chaired by the Director of Children's Services for Redcar and Cleveland. The group will function as a hub of intelligence and quality assurance, providing assurance reporting to the Partnership's Executive and suggesting key lines of enquiry for consideration to provide scrutiny and assurance to the partnership and ensure improved outcomes for children and young people across Hartlepool and Stockton.

#### **3. Neglect:**

The Neglect conference took place in October 2024, where HSSCP hosted over 300 professionals from across Hartlepool and Stockton. The work of the Neglect Champions sub-group has continued to deliver the actions from the HSSCP Business plan related to this priority.

#### **4. Harm Outside the Home:**

HSSCP have been working with STSCP on this joint priority since July 2024. In this quarter, the three sub-groups of the priority (Implementation, Communications and Engagement and Quality & Review) have been established and have begun work on the Harm Outside the Home Action Plan. There has also been a Tees-wide Harm Outside the Home conference scheduled to take place in March 2025.

## **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: Neglect Conference, Priorities Consultation**

**Neglect Conference:** The HSSCP Neglect Conference was held in October and hosted over 300 professionals from Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees. The main conference day hosted key-note events from Odd Arts theatre company and Luke Rodgers from The Care Leaders, and was followed by 11 different workshops for attendees to choose from, delivered by a wide range and multi-agency partners.

**Priorities Consultation Event:** HSSCP is currently undergoing a period of consultation regarding the setting of new priorities. As part of this consultation, an event was held for professionals to give input and feedback on potential priorities that will be confirmed in the coming months. In addition to this, a [public consultation survey](#) will be live until Friday 31st January.



## **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:

- [PREVENT Channel Referral Process](#)
- [Initial Child Protection Conference](#)
- [Dissent at Initial Child Protection Conference \(bottom of page\)](#)
- [Child Protection Review Conference](#)
- [Investigating Complex \(organised or multiple\) Abuse](#)

## **Safeguarding in Education Sub-Group:**

HSSCP now have two Safeguarding in Education local sub-groups in Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees. These multi-agency sub-groups have been created to strengthen the role of Education in the local safeguarding arrangements, as well as strengthening the links between Education providers and the multi-agency partnership.

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

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

[Bulletin for October 2024](#)

[Bulletin for November 2024](#)

[Bulletin for December 2024](#)



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