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AI Related Child Abuse

Childline and the NSPCC have reported that there has been uptake in children contacting their helplines in regards to AI-related sexual abuse, bullying and misinformation. NSPCC have joined forces with Common Sense Media to help keep children safe online. For more information, follow the link provided here: NSPCC

The Children's Society

Gaming and Gambling

The Children's Society have recently published an article about the dangers of children being pressured into gambling on online gaming platforms. There are growing concerns that this could have long-lasting effects on young people's relationship with addiction.

To read the article and find out more, click here.



World Immunisations Week—22nd-28th April

With cases of measles on the rise in the UK and the vaccination coverage for children aged 0-24 months falling, world immunisations week is an important campaign that will be running this month. Find the latest NHS research on childhood vaccinations here.

To access resources to support this campaign, please click on the following link: WHO



Listen Up, Speak Up—Free 10-minute training

NSPCC have created a free, 10-minute training session to teach every adult how to spot the signs of a child in need, how to have difficult conversations that help keep children safe, and who to contact if you are ever concerned about a child or their family. Follow the link to the free training here: <u>Listen Up</u>, <u>Speak Up</u>



Are you Fearless?

Teesside was recently named the most dangerous place to live in the UK with the highest number of crimes per capita. Less than 20% of children who witness a crime go on to report it. Fearless is an anonymous reporting service for young people who have information about a crime and want to pass it on without giving any personal details. Find more about this on the Fearless website.



Do you know about our Neglect Tool?

Neglect is the largest cause of all Child Protection Plans in place in Hartlepool & Stockton-on-Tees and has featured in 100% of the Rapid Reviews and LCSPR's that have been conducted here since 2019. It remains a very prevalent concern for children and young people but can be difficult to identify and respond to. If you work with children and young people, take a look our neglect tool to support your assessments and referrals.



Child Poverty Rises Again

New figures have been published by the DWP this month that show that 4.3 million children are now living in poverty in the UK.

Follow the link below to read the response statement published by Barnardo's CEO, Lynn Perry MBE: Link



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HSSCP is on Facebook

The HSSCP are now on Facebook and X. For all the latest updates, campaigns and relevant information about safeguarding children in Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees, please follow our page here.



Free Training on CSE, CCE and County Lines

Ivison Trust (formerly Pace) is a national charity working to keep children safe from exploitation. They support parents and work in partnership with police and family services, as well training professionals to support affected children and families.

Click the following links to find free, online training on <u>Child Sexual Exploitation</u> and <u>Child Criminal Exploitation</u> & County Lines.



Harbour Domestic Abuse Support

Harbour's Workforce Development Team are pleased to provide details of upcoming training available to those living or working in Stockton-on-Tees.

Find out more and join the training mailing list on this flyer.



Updated e-Learning Platform

The online training platform used by the HSSCP, Me-Learning, has undergone some updates and re-launched. From the 1st of April 2024, users will no longer have access to the old Me-Learning system and will need to register for a new account. The link for this can be found here.



HSSCP Training Programme 24-25

The HSSCP training programme that runs from April 2024 to March 2025 is now published on the HSSCP website for professionals to access. Please find a direct link to the information <u>here</u>.

If you have any queries about any of the courses within this programme, please contact HSSCPtraining@hartlepool.gov.uk or call 01429 523825



DFE Childcare Recruitment Campaign

A brand new recruitment campaign has been launched by the Department for Education to help boost staffing levels in nurseries and early years providers after the latest data shows that over 100,000 children have been registered on the system as the first phase of the expansion in free childcare launches this month.

To find out more, follow the link here: Working in Early Years and Childcare



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/