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Consent to Share Campaign

HSSCP have developed a new <u>poster</u> and <u>email banner</u> to promote the message that you can **share information** about a child at any time **without consent**, if you suspect **a child is at risk or to protect them from harm**. Professional confusion about consent to share information is a frequent theme within rapid reviews and local child safeguarding practice reviews in our area and nationwide. Please use the links above to download the resources and share with colleagues and professionals in your agencies.



Young People's Experiences of Domestic Abuse

This week, the Domestic Abuse Commissioner, Dame Nicole Jacobs, has published a report <u>Victims in their own right? Babies, children and young people's experiences of domestic abuse</u>. The government has 56 days to respond to the recommendations made in the report. Alongside the report, the following documents are available: <u>Technical report</u>, <u>'Tell Nicole' report</u>, A <u>short video</u> that can be shown to children and young people with experience of domestic abuse



New Report from CSA Centre

The CSA Centre recently published a report on child sexual abuse in the UK, summarising key research and up to date statistics about child sexual abuse. The report also includes resources to support parents, carers and professionals working with children. Follow the link here to read.



Equal Protection from Assault for All Children in UK

The Children's Commissioner has published a statement calling for an end to the physical punishment of children in England and Northern Ireland, stating that every child in the UK should have the same legal protection from assault as adults. The Commissioner for England has called for an amendment to be introduced to the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill to remove the defence of 'reasonable punishment' in the Children Act 2004. To read the story, follow the link here.



School Safeguarding Councils

This term's topic for School Safeguarding Councils is now available on the HSSCP website, as well as the link for the feedback survey. This term's topic is 'Misogyny and Violence Against Women and Girls', and the feedback survey will stay open until 18th July, but schools are advised to check their own term dates to ensure they don't miss the deadline. To access these resources and links, click https://example.com/here-en/bulk-new-months/



Children's Social Care Inspections

Ofsted have announced changes to how children's social care providers in England will be inspected to encourage more children's homes and agencies to look after children who have complex needs. The effectiveness of providers' work with partners to achieve greater stability for children, especially fro those at most risk of instability, will be central to future inspections. To read the changes, follow the <u>link here</u>.



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Communicating with Children about Child Sexual Abuse

The CSA Centre have the Communicating with Children Guide, which gives all people working with children guidance in talking about child sexual abuse, explaining what may be going on for children when they are being sexually abused, what prevents children from talking about their abuse, and what professionals can do to help children communicate what is happening. To view the guidance, follow the link here.



Harm Outside the Home Tools and Resources

The Tees Procedures website has had an update on the Harm Outside the Home page, which now hosts the new Tees-wide documents and resources, including: the new HOTH screening tool; HOTH language guide for practitioners; the HOTH standard operating procedure,; and the Tees HOTH strategy.

To view, read and download the resources, follow the link here.



Neglect Six Question Tool, 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 & Training Programme

Are you aware that the latest HSSCP safeguarding children training programme for 2025-2026 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>