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Cultural Barriers to Safeguarding

In response to learning from reviews and the recently published 'Race, Racism and Safeguarding Children' report, HSSCP have undertaken work to update the content of their Cultural Barriers to Safeguarding training to ensure the latest research and guidance is included.

To book a place on this training, follow the link here.



Domestic Abuse in Pregnancy

Research by For Baby's Sake suggests that domestic abuse was a factor in almost 50,000 babies per year being referred to children's social care in England between 2021 and 2023. The NSPCC Helpline domestic abuse project lead, Paddi Vint, has teamed up with the CEO of For Baby's Sake Trust to produce a podcast about the research and what can be learned from it. To listen to the podcast, follow the link here.



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.



Domestic Abuse Homicides

Women's Aid has published its third child homicides report focussing on children who have been killed by a parent who was a perpetrator of domestic violence. Key themes from the report include: recognising children's experiences; professionals' understanding of coercive and controlling behaviour; understanding child contact as a tool to manipulate professionals; and supporting non-abusive parents. To read the report and its recommendations, follow the link here.



Consent to Share

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 around consent to share information is a frequent theme within rapid reviews and LCSPR's in our area and nationwide. Please use the links above to download the re-sources and share with colleagues.



National Audit on Group-Based CSE and Abuse

NSPCC Learning have published a CASPAR Briefing summarising the national audit on group-based child sexual exploitation and abuse. The report was commissioned by the Prime Minister and Home Secretary to evaluate our understanding of the scale, nature and drivers of child sexual exploitation and abuse by 'grooming gangs' in England and Wales. To read the summary, follow the link here.



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Building Families, Building Future Report

Barnardo's has published a new report on the impact of Family Hubs in England, which sets out how hubs support parents and their children and explores their role in tackling social issues such as helping prevent the need for entry into care and helping divert older children away from youth crime. The report calls for the government to establish a national programme and invest in creating a network of hubs across the country. To read the report, 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: 2025/2026 Training 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: SAR's