

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 one of 2025-2026.



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

**1 serious incident notification** was received during this quarter. One rapid review has taken place:

- **Child KDJ** —Following the submission of a serious incident notification, a rapid review was undertaken with a panel of professionals from across agencies. It was decided that this Serious Incident Notification will not progress to a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review.

### **Partnership Updates:**

HSSCP continues to drive forward its commitment to protecting children through collaborative action and evidence-informed priorities.

The newly established Priorities Sub-Group has co-produced a strategy and the first phase of work for the Trauma-Informed Priority to embed a trauma-informed culture across agencies, marking a significant step in out collective response to recognising and responding to childhood trauma.

A recent deep-dive into child sexual abuse in the family environment has highlighted strong multi-agency practice and the commitment to continuous development.

### **Harm Outside the Home**

The Tees-wide Harm Outside the Home strategy is nearing the end of its current phase and is beginning to review the progress that has been made so far, in preparation for the development of the next phase of work. The Children's Society are also well underway with their Expert by Experience work, which will be pivotal for shaping the direction of work moving forward.

### **Engagement with Children and Young People**

Engagement with children and young people has continued to be a central focus of partnership work. We have recently sought views from young people about their experiences with services that will directly inform the work of the new Priorities Sub-group, which is focussing on the priority of Trauma Informed Partnership.

## **HSSCP Work Streams**

### **CSAFE—Child Sexual Abuse in the Family Environment**

In response to the 'I wanted them all to notice' report, HSSCP has undertaken a deep dive into CSAFE, which has produced a number of recommendations for the partnership. The Tees Joint Training group have also completed a skills survey across the workforce and have agreed CSAFE training to be added to the training programme to build confidence in talking to children about abuse.

### **Trauma-Informed Partnership Priority**

The new HSSCP Priorities Sub-Group has been formed and is working on the new trauma-informed partnership priority as its first main focus. The group are developing the strategy, aims, and objectives for the priority, as well as agreeing on the principles of trauma-informed practice that will be followed: safety, trust, choice, collaboration, empowerment, and cultural consideration.

## HSSCP Training

The latest HSSCP annual safeguarding children [training programme](#) for April 2025 to March 2026 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 Tees-wide to ensure key messages are received across all agencies within the Tees area



### Key Events:

**Neglect Active Learning:** The final Neglect Active Learning event took place this quarter with days in both March and May. Feedback and recommendations from the professionals who attended has been fed into the workstream of the HSSCP Priorities Sub-Group.

**Learning Reviews:** Following the submission of a Learning Request, a multi-agency learning review took place in the form of a facilitated discussion, which identified actions for the multi-agency workforce to further strengthen practice.

**Pol-Ed Launch Briefing:** HSSCP and STSCP have recently purchased Pol-Ed, which is a suite of education resources created by subject-matter experts, for all schools across Teesside to use when teaching children and young people to develop an awareness of risks, citizenship, and the law. The launch event for this took place in May, where schools were able to have an introduction to the platform and resources and begin planning for their integration into the curriculum from September.

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

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

[Bulletin for April 2025](#)

[Bulletin for May 2025](#)

[Bulletin for June 2025](#)

### 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:

- [Early Help](#)
- [Bruising and Injuries in Non-Mobile Infants: A Multi-agency Procedure](#)
- [Physical Abuse](#)
- [Child Protection Medical Assessments](#)
- [Safeguarding the Unborn Baby](#)
- [Honour-Based Abuse \(HBA\) Identification Tool](#)
- [Professional Challenge and Resolution of Professional Disagreement](#)
- [Managing Allegations Against Those Who Work or Volunteer with Children](#)



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