

The SAFEGUARDING TIMES October 2025



School Safeguarding Council: Keeping Safe in the Community

This term's safeguarding council topic is Keeping Safe in the Community, which links directly to the HSSCP priority of Harm Outside the Home. Along with the discussion points, there are also numerous lesson and resources on Pol Ed that can support with this topic and will help young people to stay safe when out in the community. This topic will stay open until Friday 19th December. To access the resources, follow the link here.



Department for Education

Response to 'Victims in their own right?' Report

The UK government has responded to recommendations set out in the Domestic Abuse Commissioner's recent report on babies, children and young people's experiences of domestic abuse. The response outlines: commitments to recognising the unique perspective and voice of child victims; the importance of meaningful and robust needs assessments with victims; and work taking place to improve awareness of the Victims' Code. To read the response, click here.



A Snapshot of Girls' and Young Women's Lives

Girlguiding has published the findings of its annual survey on the everyday lives of girls in the UK. Findings include: 56% of girls and young women aged 11-21 don't feel safe alone on public transport, 86% have avoided going out in the dark to keep themselves safe, 10% have missed school to avoid sexual harassment. The report calls for more to be done to tackle inequality. To read the full report, follow the link here.



Safeguarding in the Health Sector

NSPCC Learning has published a new Learning from Case Reviews briefing on healthcare, which explores key issues, learning for improved practice, and reflective questions to support safeguarding and child protection in the health sector.

To read the full briefing, follow the link here.



Trauma-Informed Partnership Professionals' Questionnaire

The HSSCP Priorities Sub-Group have devised a questionnaire for all professionals who work with children and families to gain insight into their confidence when working with children and families who have experienced trauma, which will help to shape the direction of their work on this priority. The questionnaire will be open until Friday 21st November. We would be grateful if you could share this with your colleagues and encourage as many responses as possible. Access the anonymous questionnaire here.



JTAI's to focus on Child Sexual Abuse in the Family Environment

Ofsted, along with the CQC, HMICFRS and HMIP, have published <u>guidance</u> for joint targeted area inspections of the multi-agency response to child sexual abuse in the family environment in local authority areas in England. This round of thematic inspections will focus on how agencies work together to: respond at the point of identification; assess, plan and make decisions in response to notifications and referrals; provide support; and prevent children from becoming victims of child sexual abuse in the family environment.



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Child Criminal Exploitation: Exploited to Exploiter?

The Alliance for Youth Justice has published 'From Exploited to Exploiter? Preventing the unjust criminalisation of victims of child criminal exploitation in the transition to adulthood'. The briefing examines what happens as exploited children turn 18, exploring how responses across safeguarding and criminal justice can fail to keep pace with ongoing risk and harm, and sets our principles and practical steps to ensure protection continues to prevent the unjust criminalisation of victims. Click here to read more.



Child Mental Health: Suicidal Thoughts

NSPCC Learning has published a Helplines insight briefing on young people's experiences of suicidal thoughts and feelings. The briefing uses insights from 18,981 Childline counselling sessions in 2024/25 sharing young people's varied experiences of suicidal thoughts and feelings. Professionals can use these insights to consider how they might respond to and support young people if they talk about thoughts and feelings like this. To read the briefing, 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.



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: <u>SAR's</u>