

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 two of 2025-2026.



Serious Incident Notification / Learning Requests:

4 Serious Incident Notifications were received during this quarter:

Child JSW & Child RAC: Rapid Reviews were undertaken for both cases with a panel of professionals from across various agencies, which decided that these cases will progress to Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews.

Child CF & Child IW: Rapid Review were undertaken for both cases with a panel of professionals from across various agencies, which decided that these cases will not progress to Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews. Learning from these Rapid Reviews will be incorporated into the work of the partnership.

1 Learning Request was received during this quarter:

Child PR: A multi-agency learning review was undertaken. Single agency actions from this review are in progress.

Partnership Updates:

Through the HSSCP Multi-agency Safeguarding Arrangements (MASA), the partnership continues to identify themes and learning for changes for improvement on front line practice and most importantly on the children and young people of Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees.

HSSCP has scheduled a themed multi-agency case file audit for 1st December 2025. The theme of this audit is Child Mental ill Health. The planning for this multi-agency audit commenced in Q2.

Trauma-Informed Partnership Priority

The HSSCP Priorities Sub-Group agreed the HSSCP Trauma Informed Strategy for 2025-2028.

The group has commenced working on the trauma informed priority of the partnership by commissioning a Trauma Informed Survey which is expected to be completed by January 2026.

Engagement of Children/Young People & Professionals

Engagement with children/young people & professionals continues throughout the work of the partnership.

HSSCP continues to engage with children/young people and also practitioners in relevant agencies to gain their views to direct the work of the partnership and promote HSSCP's vision to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

HSSCP Work Streams

Harm Outside The Home (HOTH)

The Tees HOTH group have updated the HOTH Strategy to incorporate the child's voice, which was identified as a gap in the Expert by Experience work.

The Tees Joint Training Group have developed a training specification for a HOTH Foundation training course which is being progressed by the Tees HOTH Group to assist practitioners to be effective in their safeguarding role.

Child Sexual Abuse in the Family Environment (CSAFE)

The Tees Safeguarding Children Procedures group are developing a Rough Guide on Working with Safe Uncertainty to assist practitioners in their work.

A CSAFE training course is being commissioned by the Tees Joint Training group to upskill practitioners from all agencies and to build their confidence in talking to children about sexual abuse.

HSSCP Training

The latest annual [HSSCP multi-agency safeguarding children training programme](#) for April 2025 to March 2026 is available. This includes a full programme of safeguarding children training with bookings made via a new online booking system.

Quality assurance of multi-agency training courses is being undertaken by the Tees Joint Training Group (TJTG). **Two** courses have been observed by key practitioners this quarter and feedback from these observations have been incorporated into each training course. Further evaluation is undertaken via training evaluation forms and impact on working practice evaluation forms to both the attendee and their manager.

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, **eight** training sessions have been delivered to professionals in Hartlepool and Stockton-On-Tees.

HSSCP is working with STSCP to ensure the same programme of multi-agency safeguarding training is delivered across Teesside to ensure key messages are received across all agencies within the Tees area.



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:

- [Children Missing from Education](#)
- [Online Exploitation](#)
- [HOTH Transitional Safeguarding Approach](#)
- [HOTH Transitions Standard Operating Procedure](#)

HSSCP have continued to produce and disseminate monthly e-bulletins. This quarter's can be accessed via the following links:

[Bulletin for July 2025](#)

[Bulletin for August 2025](#)

[Bulletin for September 2025](#)

Key Events:

Briefings:

The **Tees Professional Challenge & Resolution of Professional Disagreement Procedure** briefing has been delivered to practitioners from a wide variety of agencies throughout Q2. A further session is scheduled for **10th November 2025**.

Conferences:

The Harm Outside The Home (HOTH) group are delivering a **Teeswide HOTH Conference** which will take place on **18th March 2026**.

The annual **HSSCP conference** will be themed on Trauma Informed. This is expected to be delivered in June 2025

Active Learning:

HSSCP & STSCP are delivering a **Perplexing Presentations & Fabricated Induced Illness** Active Learning Event on **26th November 2025**.

The HSSCP Priorities Group are in the process of planning & developing a **Trauma Informed Active Learning Event** which is to be delivered to multi-agency practitioners between January and March 2026.

Learning From Reviews:

All learning from reviews continues to be incorporated into the HSSCP multi-agency safeguarding children training programme to further strengthen practice across all agencies.

For further updates and information go to the [HSSCP website](#)

or email hsscp@hartlepool.gov.uk

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook: [HSSCP](#)

