

# The SAFEGUARDING TIMES December 2025



### Thank You & Happy Christmas from all at HSSCP

HSSCP would like to send a big 'Thank You' to all those working to safeguard children in the Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees area and also, to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas!

For further information on the work of the HSSCP and to access safeguarding children resources, please click the following link: HSSCP website



# Elf & Safety at Christmas

Have you checked out the 6 simple safety tips to keep children safe this Christmas? Throughout December, the Child Accident Prevention Trust will be sharing key dangers around the home and simple things parents/carers can do to keep children safe.

To access the 6 simple tips, please click on this link: Elf & Safety



# Speak Out & Stay Safe

Are you aware of Speak Out & Stay Safe? Speak Out & Stay Safe is a safeguarding programme that aims to equip a generation of children with knowledge they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect. It provides resources for primary schools, home educators and practitioners in primary schools, home educators and practitioners in alternative provision to help children aged 5 to 11 years.

For further information, please click the following link: Speak Out & Stay Safe



## **CSE & End to End Encrypted Messaging**

Do you know that offenders are targeting children through end to end encrypted messaging as a means to avoid detection? More than nine in ten people in the UK say they are concerned at how images and videos of children being sexually abused are shared through end-to-end encrypted messaging services.

For further information, please click the following link: IWF



### **Domestic Abuse Orders**

Are you aware that more than 1,000 victims of domestic abuse have been protected through the first-of-its-kind domestic abuse protection orders since their roll out in November 2024? Unlike some previous orders, domestic abuse protection orders have no minimum or maximum duration, allowing courts to set conditions that remain in place for as long as necessary to keep victims safe.

For further information, please click the following link: Gov.uk



### Voice of the Boys

Are boys in crisis - do you know what boys in the UK are thinking?

Males Allies UK have been talking to boys aged 11 to 16 years across the UK and have published their report on what the boys told them about being a boy today.

To access the report, please click here



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# **Crime Survey for England & Wales**

Have you considered the latest crime survey for England & Wales on abuse during childhood? The Crime Survey for England and Wales: March 2024 estimated that 13.6 million people aged 18 years and over (29.0%) had experienced "any abuse" before the age of 18 years.

Please click here to access this report.



### Online Safety Act - Two Year On

Are you aware of the progress made through the Online Safety Act? Two years have passed since the Online Safety Act became law. The legislation marked a historic turning point in the United Kingdom's approach to online safety, establishing a regulatory framework designed to reduce harm, improve accountability and also, requires platforms to take greater responsibility for their users.

For further information, please click here



### Child Death Review Data Release

Have you read the latest from the National Child Mortality Database (NCMD)? There were 3,492 child deaths in England last year, an estimated rate of 28.7 deaths per 100,000 children. The data in their report summarises information about child deaths in England and the findings of reviews carried out by a CDOP on or before 31st March 2025.

To access the report, please click here



#### Tees Procedures

Have you checked out the latest information regarding safeguarding procedures on the Tees Safeguarding Children Procedures website?

To access all of the Tees Safeguarding Children Procedures, please click on the following link: <a href="https://www.teescpp.org.uk/">https://www.teescpp.org.uk/</a>



# **HSSCP Safeguarding Training & Resources**

Are you up to date with your multi-agency safeguarding children training? The HSSCP safeguarding children training programme for 2025-2026 is available, along with a wide range of safeguarding children resources in the professionals section of the HSSCP website. For further information, please click on the following link: <a href="https://example.com/HSSCP">HSSCP</a> / <a href="https://example.com/Training">Training</a> For information relating to the latest LSCPR's please click: <a href="https://example.com/LSCPR">LSCPR's</a>



### Tees Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB) Update

The Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board is a statutory body working across the four local boroughs to effectively prevent and respond to adult abuse.

For the latest TSAB newsletters, please click on the following link: <u>TSAB</u>

Information on the latest safeguarding adults reviews can be found at: SAR's