

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 four of 2025-2026.



Serious Incident Notification / Learning Requests:

0 Serious Incident Notifications were received during this quarter.

Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews:

The Mabel LCSPR is now live on our website on the following link: [Mabel LCSPR](#). The second LCSPR that has taken place will be published on the 8th May.

The 7-minute briefing from the Amber & Joshua LCSPR has now been published on our website and can be accessed [here](#).

Partnership Updates:

A multi-agency audit took place in March on the theme of Cumulative Vulnerability and Risk. Good practice highlighted at the audit included excellent examples of safety planning with families, the tenacity of the workforce when engaging families in consent-based support, good information sharing between agencies (particularly schools when the child/ren moved between settings), and strong professional challenge.

Recommendations for the partnership are already underway and included developing a cumulative harm tool for professionals to use to gather evidence over time, and a recommendation around what can be done to support professionals gaining consent to work with families, especially when a pattern of withdrawing consent is identified.

Trauma-Informed Partnership Priority

Our Trauma-Informed Partnership active learning event took place in March. 67 senior leaders from across the partnership took part in the event. The priorities working group are now working to implement the learning and feedback from the event into the business plan. They are also well underway with organising the conference, 'See Me, Not My Behaviour— A Spotlight on Trauma'. To book a place at the conference, follow the booking link [here](#).

Engagement of Children/Young People & Professionals

The [Spring term issue of the Young Persons' Newsletter](#) was published at the beginning of March. The theme for this term was 'Staying Safe Online', which was also the discussion topic for the school safeguarding council. The content this term was produced and co-written by students from Ingleby Manor Free School, High Tunstall College of Science, and St Hild's CofE School and features an interview with Cyber Crimes Officer, Kelly Close from Cleveland Police.

HSSCP Work Streams

Harm Outside The Home (HOTH)

The Tees Harm Outside the Home conference took place in March, on National Child Exploitation Awareness day, which was attended by 267 professionals from across the Tees workforce. The HOTH subgroup have also commissioned a new full-day training course called 'HOTH Foundation Course', which has been added to our joint training programme, with the first course taking place this month.

Child Sexual Abuse in the Family Environment (CSAFE)

A Child Sexual Abuse steering group has been formed and are currently working to ensure that all procedures, referral pathways, and support pathways are up to date. Additionally, a new training course has been added to the programme 'Introduction to Communication with Children', which is delivered by the Centre of Expertise for Child Sexual Abuse and can be booked [here](#).

HSSCP Training

The latest annual [HSSCP multi-agency safeguarding children training programme](#) for April 2026 to March 2027 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:

- [HSSCP Complex Case Meetings Practice Guidance](#)
- [Space to Think - Reflective Supervision Practice Guidance](#)
- [Think Family Guidance - Safeguarding Adults Children and Families](#)
- [Language Guide Page](#)
- [Strategy Procedure](#)
- [CSA Regional Referral Pathway](#)
- [Guidance for the Management of Ano-genital Warts in Pre-Pubertal Children](#)
- [Partnership Information Sharing Form](#)

Key Events:

Conferences:

‘See Me, Not My Behaviour - A Spotlight on Trauma’ conference will be taking place on 30th June 2026. This is a half-day event for practitioners of all levels across the workforce. To book a place, follow the link [here](#).

Active Learning:

The first Trauma Active Learning event as delivered in March to senior leaders and executives from across the partnership. The group are planning to deliver a second event later in the year that will be aimed at practitioners.

Learning From Reviews:

Learning from Reviews briefings continues to be incorporated into the HSSCP multi-agency safeguarding children training programme to further strengthen practice across all agencies. This year there were more than 200 attendees over the two briefings.

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

[Bulletin for January 2026](#)

[Bulletin for February 2026](#)

[Bulletin for March 2026](#)

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