

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 2026-2027.



Serious Incident Notification / Learning Requests:

1 Serious Incident Notifications was received during this quarter. A rapid review took place and it was decided that it would not progress to a Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review.

Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews:

The Antony LCSPR is now live on our website on the following link: [Antony LCSPR](#).

A [7-minute briefing](#) looking at the positive practice from a recent Rapid Review has now been published on our website.

Partnership Updates:

Child Sexual Abuse has now been formally adopted as a partnership priority, reflecting our shared commitment to strengthening the protection and support available to children and young people across the partnership.

Benchmarking activity has recently been completed against the Protecting Vulnerable Babies Better recommendations to assess current practice and identify opportunities for further development. The partnership has also undertaken benchmarking against the recommendations arising from the Southport Inquiry with a multi-agency self-assessment scheduled for September.

Following the publication of the 'Why did it take so long to respond?' *Child Neglect: A Thematic Review* the partnership are planning an audit on the topic of Neglect and have also launched a [survey](#) to gather insights from the workforce.

Trauma-Informed Partnership Priority

The 'See Me, Not My Behaviour - A Spotlight on Trauma' conference took place in June with over 300 practitioners from across the partnership in attendance. A first draft of a toolkit and language guide is in development and will be promoted within the partnership upon completion. A Trauma Awareness focus month is being planned for Quarter 3, which will feature a number of workshops and training opportunities.

This will be promoted shortly.

Engagement of Children/Young People & Professionals

The [Summer term issue of the Young People's Newsletter](#) was published at the end of June. The theme for this term was 'Wellbeing and Summer Safety', which was closely linked to the discussion topic for the school safeguarding council. The content this term was produced and co-written by students from High Tunstall College of Science, Green Gates Academy, and Abbey Hill Sixth Form and features articles on Summer safety (including water safety), transition, and managing routines and wellbeing over the summer holidays.

HSSCP Work Streams

Safeguarding in Education and the Community

From September, the Safeguarding in Education Subgroup will become the Safeguarding in Education and the Community Subgroup. This change aims to provide voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations and groups with a dedicated space to contribute directly to partnership discussions and priorities and ensure that community voices continue to help shape and inform our work.

Child Sexual Abuse Priority

The Child Sexual Abuse steering group have written New Harmful Sexual Behaviour Guidance to support practitioners in responding consistently and effectively to concerns. The partnership has also commissioned new training from the CSA Centre of Expertise, focused on communicating with children who have experienced child sexual abuse. A new response pathway for CSA will be launching soon.

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:

- [Neglect](#)
- [Rough Guide To Single Agency & Multi Agency Child's Chronology](#)
- [Rough Guide to Recording and Report Writing](#)
- [Dogs & Safeguarding](#)
- [LADO Leaflet](#)
- [SAFER Referral](#)
- [Regional Protocol for Protecting Children Who Move Across Local Authority Borders](#)
- [Rough Guide to Outcomes](#)
- [Community Partnership Intelligence Sharing Form](#)

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

[Bulletin for April 2026](#)

[Bulletin for May 2026](#)

[Bulletin for June 2026](#)

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Key Events:

Conferences:

'See Me, Not My Behaviour - A Spotlight on Trauma' conference took place on 30th June 2026. This was a half day event and saw over 300 practitioners in attendance across the day.

Partnership Audit and Survey:

Following the publication of the thematic analysis of child neglect, a multi-agency audit have been scheduled for Q3 on the theme of Neglect. Practitioners are also invited to take part in the workforce survey that will inform improvements to the systems that support them when working with Neglect. The survey will remain open until Friday 2nd October.

Working with Neglect: Partnership Self-Assessment

Learning From Reviews Briefings:

Following the success of our Learning from Reviews briefings, it has been decided that these will now take place every 6 months, rather than annually. This will allow for them to cover reviews in more depth, and allow for deeper exploration of national reviews. The next briefings are scheduled for the 4th September and the 28th September.

Places can be booked for the online briefings here: [HSSCP Booking Form](#).