

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 three of 2025-2026.



Serious Incident Notification / Learning Requests:

0 Serious Incident Notifications were received during this quarter.

Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews:

The 7-minute briefing from the Amber & Joshua LCSPR has now been published on our website and can be accessed [here](#).
 There are currently 2 Local Child Safeguarding Practice reviews underway for both Child JSW and Child RAC.

Partnership Updates:

A multi-agency audit took place in December on the theme of Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing. Good practice highlighted at the audit included good communication and a shared understanding between professionals, and strong evidence of the child's voice and a good relational practice between the child and the practitioners they know best. Recommendations from the audit are being addressed by the HSSCP Engine Room.

Following the nationally significant publication of the Sara Sherif Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review, HSSCP have taken steps to review this report and incorporate any relevant learning into our own workstreams to ensure that national findings are addressed in our locality.

Trauma-Informed Partnership Priority

The HSSCP Priorities Sub-Group are working to meet multiple milestones on the HSSCP Business Plan, including producing promotional materials to draw attention to agreed trauma-informed principles, produce a toolkit which includes easy-access resources for practitioners in all organisations, and an active learning event which will take place in March.

Engagement of Children/Young People & Professionals

HSSCP published the first issue of their [Children and Young People's Newsletter](#) in December, which was shared with young people through their schools and on the HSSCP website. The issue was written and co-produced with young people across Hartlepool and Stockton and focussed on the theme of 'Keeping Safe in the Community', which matched last term's School Safeguarding Council Topic.

HSSCP Work Streams

Harm Outside The Home (HOTH)

The Tees HOTH group met for a multi-agency development day where they reviewed the progress of the strategy from October 2024-October 2025 updated the strategy for the following 12 months.

They have agreed a new action plan which started in October 2025 and will run until October 2026. This has been implemented across the working groups.

Child Sexual Abuse in the Family Environment (CSAFE)

Following the CSAFE Deep Dive, a working task and finish group has been established who will be leading on the implementation of the recommendations that were made. The group will be reviewing and updating the HSSCP CSAFE procedures and the referral pathways for children who have experienced child 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:

- [HSSCP Complex Case Meetings Practical Guidance](#)
- [Space to Think—Reflective Supervision Practice Guidance](#)
- [Think Family Guidance—Safeguarding Adults, Children & Families](#)
- [Serious Youth Violence](#)
- [Radicalisation and Extremism](#)
- [Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking and Exploitation](#)
- [Tees Protocol for Children Missing from Home and Care](#)
- [Tees Dental Access Referral Pathway for Early Help, Children in Need, Children in Need of Protection and Children in Our Care](#)
- [Rough Guide for Recording and Report Writing](#)

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

[Bulletin for October 2025](#)

[Bulletin for November 2025](#)

[Bulletin for December 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 in November.

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** is being planned by the HSSCP Priorities Sub-group and will be themed on our Trauma-Informed Partnership Priorities. This is expected to be delivered in June 2026.

Active Learning:

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 at senior levels in the first instance in March 2026.

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 they will take place on the **25th, 26th and 27th March 2026**.

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