

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 2024-2025.



Serious Incident Notification / Learning Requests:

2 learning requests were received during this quarter, so far, one learning review has been scheduled:

- **Child NGH** — Following the submission of a learning request, a learning review was undertaken with a panel of professionals from across agencies. A report from the review is being written which will include learning recommendations.
- **Child CG** — Following the submission of a learning request, a multi-agency learning review will take place in October.

Harm Outside the Home:

Harm Outside the Home has been added to the HSSCP Business Plan as a priority for the partnerships in North and South Tees. Early development work is beginning on this priority across Hartlepool, Stockton-on-Tees and South Tees.

LCSPR Updates:

As a result of a recommendation from the Child Roo LCSPR, the HSSCP Independent Scrutineer has undertaken a deep dive into 'The Child's Lived Experience'. The report was extremely positive and confirms strong assurance that multi-agency assessments and child protection plans in Hartlepool and Stockton reflect children's voices, experiences, and developmental stages. Social workers demonstrated exemplary direct work, and assessments met holistic needs. Children understood intervention reasons, and IRO's ensured quality care planning with meaningful engagement and participation.

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023 (WT2023):

The HSSCP Executive have progressed their implementation plan of WT2023. In Q2 they:

- ☐ Received the outcome of the Partnership Health Check, which showed that the HSSCP is a Mature partnership. Despite this excellent outcome, we continue to work on the partnership development plan.
- ☐ Have appointed Sally Robinson, Executive Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services for Hartlepool Borough Council, as the new partnership chair for the coming year.
- ☐ Finalised the Annual Report for 2023-2024, which has now been published on the HSSCP website.

In Q3 the HSSCP Executive will continue to progress the implementation plan, including:

- ☐ Holding a consultation and engagement event in November to set priorities moving forwards.
- ☐ Finalising the new Published Arrangements document with the aim of publishing in December 2024.

Work Streams:

The HSSCP Executive and HSSCP Engine Room have continued to meet to progress the key priorities for the partnership:

1. Engagement of Children and Young People

- Two engagement events with the HSSCP Executive Board and young people from Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees have taken place this quarter in July and September. The events gave an opportunity for young people to discuss what issues are important to them with members of the executive board and for their voices to directly influence the HSSCP priorities moving forward.
- There have been steps made towards setting up safeguarding councils in schools across Hartlepool and Stockton. Initial consultation meetings have taken place and the project will be launched at the next set of Safeguarding in Education forums this term.

2. Strengthening Assurance: The Performance Management Framework review group have completed their work and produced a new PMF Performance and Quality Framework which aims to be published in December 2024. A new Performance and Quality sub-group is being developed in conjunction with this.

Progress made this quarter in relation to the partnerships main priority of **Neglect**:

- **The partnership have commissioned a conference on the theme of Neglect that is taking place in October.** The main event will see key note speakers that focus on the lived experiences of young people living with neglect, and 11 workshops for attendees to choose from in the weeks following the main event. There are currently over 250 practitioners booked to attend with a limited number of spaces left.

HSSCP Training

The latest HSSCP annual safeguarding children [training programme](#) for April 2024 to March 2025 is available. This includes a full programme of safeguarding children training with bookings now made via a new online booking system.

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

HSSCP is working with STSCP to develop a programme of multi-agency safeguarding training which is delivered Teeswide to ensure key messages are received across all agencies within the Tees area



Key Events: Thematic Deep Dive: Childhood Trauma and Lived Experiences

Following on from the rapid review for LA, HSSCP have commissioned a Thematic Deep Dive into Childhood Trauma and Lived Experiences, which has involved reviewing eight randomly selected cases from across Hartlepool & Stockton of children who are vulnerable to exploitation.

Multi-agency learning events have taken place in September for practitioners, managers and leaders from across the agencies. The session were well-attended with 160 attendees across the day taking part.

The findings from the deep dive will be presented at the HSSCP Executive meeting in October.



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:

- [Babies Safe Sleep Guidance](#)
- [Management of ANO Genital Warts Guidance](#)
- [Deliberate Self Harm](#)
- [Rough Guide to Planning and Review](#)
- [Rough Guide to Assessment](#)



HSSCP Website

HSSCP have been working on developing a new, refreshed website that has now gone live. The website features a newly refreshed 'Children and Young People' page that has been written in conjunction with young people across Hartlepool and Stockton. Content is still being developed so please keep checking back for updates.

HSSCP have continued to produce and disseminate their monthly e-bulletins.

This quarter's can be accessed via the following links:

[Bulletin for July 2024](#)

[Bulletin for August 2024](#)

[Bulletin for September 2024](#)

[Bulletin for October 2024](#)

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