

*The South Tees Safeguarding Children's Partnership is committed to keeping children and young people safe and working together to achieve the best possible outcomes for children, young people and their families*

## Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the South Tees Safeguarding Children Partnership (STSCP) newsletter for September 2020.

The STSCP became operational on 29 September 2019 and replaced the Local Safeguarding Children Boards in Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland.

The arrangements cover the South Tees geographical area with the following agencies having equal responsibility:

- Cleveland Police
- Middlesbrough Council
- Redcar & Cleveland Council
- Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group

The STSCP aims to support and enable local organisations and agencies to work together in a system, which places the child at the heart of the process with a key focus on:

- improving Practice
- Enhancing Outcomes for Children and Their Families

The arrangements can be found on the STSCP website: <https://stscp.co.uk>

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR PRACTITIONERS?

### Learning and Development Opportunities

Practitioners will continue to have access to multi-agency safeguarding training – see below for more details on training.

### Multi-Agency Audit and Learning Activities

To fully understand what is working well and what needs further development, practitioners from all agencies will be invited to take part in multi-agency audits and other thematic focussed learning activities.

Practitioners will also have the opportunity to participate in Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews and other learning /case reviews.

## WHAT NEXT?

Work is ongoing to develop our new website but in the meantime regular newsletters will keep you up to date with developments including Learning and Development opportunities. For further information contact Gary Watson, Partnership Manager STSCP, [gary\\_watson@middlesbrough.gov.uk](mailto:gary_watson@middlesbrough.gov.uk)

## COVID 19

In these extraordinary and very challenging times, the South Tees Safeguarding Children's Partnership would like to acknowledge the continued dedication to partnership working. This includes the innovative ways in which partners are responding to the crisis and have adapted their working practices to ensure that children and their families across Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland remain safe and supported.

## STSCP Training & ME Learning

Although the STSCP have had to stand down all face-to-face training for the time being, we would like to take this opportunity to remind professionals of the wide range of virtual safeguarding training courses we have available. As of April 2020 and working in collaboration with TSAB (Tees Safeguarding Adults Board) and the HSSCP (Hartlepool & Stockton Safeguarding Children's Partnership), we have commissioned a new e-learning provider, Me Learning who have provided a suite of courses. ME Learning noted that:

*The Adults and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships in the Tees area have selected Me Learning to provide digital safeguarding training for their adult and children's social care workforce and partner agencies. The training, some of which is mandatory and some specialist, will be aligned with nationally recognised competencies relating to both Adult and Children's Services. Learners will follow different pathways depending on the requirements for their role and whether they specialise in Adult or Children's Social Care. Individual modules cover a broad range of topics relating to the identification and management of different types of abuse including the correct procedures and good practice guidance to follow. All training content will be developed by Me Learning with input from subject-matter experts.*

There are thirty one courses available in total and given that this is a shared resource, some are tailored to Adult Safeguarding; some tailored to Safeguarding Children with other courses applicable to both Adults and Children. Further information in respect of the courses and how to register can be found on the STSCP E-Learning webpage using the following link

STSCP website: <https://stscp.co.uk>

## Tees Procedures Website

Although there have been restrictions in holding face to face meetings due to Covid 19, the Tees Procedures Working Group have continued to meet virtually to ensure that updates to procedures are posted on the website. In addition to the Procedures, you can also find details of specific issues that affect children; a guidance section which provides additional resources to support professional practice and the latest version of the SAFER Referral form. Access to the website can be found by using the following web address:

<https://www.teescpp.org.uk/>