

Dear colleagues,

Welcome to the first safeguarding bulletin for 2021 and what a start to the year it's been!

As we continue to work through this unprecedented time, we would like to thank you for the hard work and commitment you continue to show to the children and families of Middlesbrough.

For ease of reading the Bulletin is now colour coded to ensure essential updates and information are clear.

Red - Essential information/updates

Amber - Important/campaign

Green - useful e.g. free resources

Safeguarding UPDATES & Reports

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or education

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Updated 8 January 2021

KCSIE: Proposed revisions for September 2021

- revisions to '[Keeping children safe in education](#)', the statutory guidance that sets out what schools and colleges should do and the legal duties with which they must comply to keep children safe
- revisions to the advice on sexual violence and harassment between children in schools and colleges

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/keeping-children-safe-in-education-proposed-revisions-2021>

Consultation description – DFE are seeking views on proposed changes to the statutory guidance ‘Keeping children safe in education’2020, with a view to making changes for September 2021

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/safeguarding-in-schools-team/keeping-children-safe-in-education-schools-and-col/>

Middlesbrough MACH Update

1284 contacts were completed in Middlesbrough MACH in December 2020 (adult contacts are now included).

971 were for Children and their Families. 384 progressed to a social care referral, a conversion rate of 39%.

The highest proportion of contacts relate to domestic abuse followed by physical abuse and injury of children. The rate of requests for finance have increased as well as the rate for members of the public requesting information and advice. This relates primarily to private contact matters.

December 2020 had 45 less contacts than November 2020. The conversion from contact to referral has decreased by 1% down from 40% to 39% progressing for a social care assessment this month. The figure has remained relatively stable since July and we will now test this as we have entered the third covid-19 national lockdown.

Police consistently remain the highest referrer into Middlesbrough children’s services. December 2020 saw a rise in police referrals 350 contacts (36%). This is an increase of 8% since November (a total of 60 more contacts). The second highest referrer in December is education with 148 contacts (15%). This is a decrease of 7% since November with 69 less contacts being received from schools.

The rate from schools had continued to grow each month since July, in the first week of lockdown no contacts were received from schools. This can be reviewed as we move through January. Schools not being in is worrying as a large majority of the concerns being reported about children suffering physical abuse came from schools when children were seen every day. Schools have remained the second highest referrer since they returned following lockdown restrictions and school holidays in September.

MACH HOMELESSNESS TRAINING

MACH Homelessness Video delivered by Strengthening Practice is ready to share with you along with the 5 question survey. This video training lasts 1 ½ hours and will be available for you and your relevant colleagues to watch until 15th May 2021.

The link to this training is:

<https://vimeo.com/477578474>

Password : middlesbrough

The link to the survey can be accessed here - <https://arcg.is/1v9v84>

NOTE: Please access this survey from any web browser except Internet Explorer 11. If you use Internet Explorer 11 the survey may not load or display correctly.

We hope that you enjoy this emotive piece of training, and take valuable lessons forward if appropriate in your job role. If you have any questions or encounter any difficulties accessing this video please contact Lisa Lister on 01642 726547

Tees Esk and Wear Valleys NHS - Social Media Toolkit



Social media toolkit
- Freephone crisis lir

TEWV have drafted the following content which can be shared with parents and carers to make people aware of the crisis services and contacts details.

Operation Encompass

OPERATION ENCOMPASS (In Every Force, In Every School, For Every Child)

In September 2020, Cleveland Police relaunched Operation Encompass with the acronym CHERISH. Any Police Officer attending an incident of domestic violence within the Tees area, will use this acronym to ensure that, were there is a child or children witness to or involved in an incident of domestic abuse, they

will be seen and listened to. This will ensure that they are safe and that the information is shared with the appropriate services, particularly education if they are of school age, so that any multi-agency support needed, is provided at the earliest opportunity. A copy of the CHERISH poster is attached below and additional information in respect of Operation Encompass can be found at their website at www.operationencompass.org



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Encompass1.pdf

South Tees Safeguarding Children's Partnership

STSCP VIRTUAL SAFEGUARDING & CSE TRAINING 2021

As noted previously, the STSCP have had to stand down all face-to-face training but have progressed training virtually through WebEx. It is pleasing that this has been very well received and with this in mind, the following new training dates have been identified:

STSCP Core Level 3 Safeguarding Training

Core Level 3 Safeguarding Children: Monday 19th April 2021, Friday 21st May 2021, Wednesday 9th June 2021 and Friday 9th July 2021.

There are also a number of places still available on the course scheduled for Monday 1st March 2021.

Core Level 3 Safeguarding Update: Friday 30th April 2021, Tuesday 25th May 2021, Monday 28th June 2021 and Friday 16th July 2021.

There are also a number of places still available on the courses scheduled for Thursday 28th January 2021, Friday 12th February 2021, Tuesday 23rd February 2021 and Wednesday 17th March 2021.

When the training was provided on a face to face basis, the Core Level 3 Safeguarding Children course was held on a full day but has now been compressed to three hours, whilst the Core Level 3 Safeguarding Update course was half a day face to face but has now been compressed to two hours. All Core Level 3 courses commence at 9:30am whatever date they are scheduled.

STSCP Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Training

Barnardo's have kindly agreed to facilitate this training, which looks to:

- Provide an increased knowledge about the current local and national context regarding children and young people who are exploited
- Explore how young people might be at risk of sexual exploitation
- Identify risk factors and the grooming process for children who are affected by sexual exploitation
- Explore the movement of children for the purpose of CSE (internal trafficking)
- Understand multi-agency practical solutions to safeguard sexually exploited, trafficked and missing children
- Knowledge of Operation Shield and the National Referral Mechanism (NRMs) and understand the relevant forms and how to complete and circulate them
- Have increased knowledge of relevant local procedures.

There are currently twenty places per course and this will continue to be subject to review, therefore future courses may encompass an increased number of applicants. At the present time, courses are currently scheduled for:

- Wednesday 20th January 2021 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm
- Wednesday 7th February 2021 from 9:30am to 12:30pm
- Wednesday 24th March 2021 from 9:30am to 12:30pm

For More Information / How To Apply

More information about any of the above noted courses can be provided by emailing the STSCP Business Unit using the following email address - stscptraining@middlesbrough.gov.uk

If you wish to apply for a course, please email the STSCP Business Unit using the email address noted above, listing the date of the course, which you are applying for, your name, job title, agency and contact details.

In return, you will receive an electronic diary invitation noting that you have been allocated a place and that a further email will be provided inclusive of instructions for WebEx, which may be useful if you are new to the system and the pre-course reading / exercise, useful information and a blank evaluation form

Supervision Skills Training from Safeguarding First

Course: Supervision Skills Training via Zoom

Date: 02/03/2021

Time: 09:15 – 15:00 (there will be breaks for refreshments & lunch)

Cost: £145.00 + VAT / £95.00 + VAT for any subsequent member of staff from the same setting.

Delegates will need a working webcam to take part and will need to complete the whole session to gain their certificate.

If you are interested in this training, then please contact Lorraine Johnson at the following email address lorraine@safeguardingfirst.com to book a place.

Once you have booked your place you will receive all documentation for the training one week before along with the meeting link and password. Places can be cancelled without cancellation charge up to one week before the session, but once the documentation has been sent there will be a cancellation fee applicable to cover the cost of what has been sent.

Barnardo's: Who will notice, who will ask?

Barnardo's is the UK's oldest and largest national children's charity. In 2017/18 they supported 300,100 children, young people, parents and carers in more than 1,000 services.

For over 150 years, their mission has been to transform the lives of the most vulnerable children and young people in the country, and we they are as committed to that today as they have ever been.

At Barnardo's, they believe in children. They believe that with the right support, every child, whatever their background or circumstances, can recover from past harm and go on to thrive.



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NSPCC Let's keep kids safe online

email.nspcc.org.uk/q/11mZXrdPAT64c3jCGiN3Uuy/wv

We know that lots of families gift children devices at this time of year. Whether it's a laptop, phone, tablet or games console, it's important that it is set up safely and parents/carers have conversations with their child about how they can keep safe online.

How to set up your child's device safely - <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/new-devices/>

Stay safe and stay well.