

A partnership committed to keeping children safe and working together to achieve the best possible outcomes for children and families.

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the South Tees Safeguarding Children Partnership (STSCP)

The updated [Children and Social Work Act 2017](#) and [Working Together 2018](#) set out some changes in relation to multi-agency safeguarding arrangements. These documents placed a shared and equal duty on three Safeguarding Partners, namely the Local Authority, the Clinical Commissioning Group and the Chief Officer of the Police, to co-ordinate local safeguarding children arrangements. These partners were tasked with setting out what these new local arrangements would look like, what geographic area they would cover and how they would work with one another and with other relevant agencies to fulfil this function.

Locally it was agreed that this arrangement would cover the South Tees geographic area with the following agencies having equal responsibility:

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

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

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 published arrangements for the STSCP can be found here:

<https://middlesbrough.gov.uk/children-families-and-safeguarding/south-tees-safeguarding-children-partnership>

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR PRACTITIONERS?

Learning and Development Opportunities

Practitioners will continue to have access to multi-agency safeguarding training.

Taught courses can currently be accessed via the [Redcar & Cleveland Safeguarding Children Board website](#).

E-learning courses continue to be available via the [Virtual College](#).

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 Ros Pluck, Acting Partnership Manager: ros_pluck@middlesbrough.gov.uk