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Welcome:

This is the first E.Bulletin from Tameside Safeguarding Children Board (TSCB). We want to be in touch with all of you working with children, young people, parents and families in Tameside. Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility; we are all involved in some way.

This is your bulletin, we hope you find it useful and welcome any information, ideas, examples of good practice etc for future bulletins. If you would like to be involved in putting together future bulletins please get in touch with anna.cooke@tameside.gov.uk

News:

Focus Groups:

Lots of practitioners took part in the first ever TSCB focus groups. These sessions were facilitated by TSCB Strategic and Executive members who were really keen to learn about safeguarding practice in Tameside; what works, where the challenges lie and what we can do to improve multi agency working. Read the '[You said – We did](#)' summary for further details. The focus groups will be running again soon, if you want to get involved contact your TSCB member, the list of members is attached.

E Safety Competition:

This year TSCB organised an E Safety competition to raise awareness of Safer Internet Day 2011. Children were asked to develop a resource to help other young people stay safe online. The entries were amazing and resulted in some of Tameside's young people going on to win prizes at the Regional event and their work showcased at www.esafetynorthwest.org.uk. All the winners were invited to tea in the Mayor's Parlour and the young people's work will be developed as an educational resource for schools.

Learning from Serious Case Reviews:

The prime purpose of a Serious Case Review (SCR) is for agencies and individuals to learn how to improve the way we work individually and together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Last year TSCB published three SCRs for Child B, C & D – the full Executive summaries for these can be found at the TSCB website <http://www.tamesidesafeguardingchildren.org.uk/publications/scrs>

Learning from these SCRs is incorporated in TSCB training and includes the need to:-

- Work towards engagement with families but recognise resistance and non compliance and respond appropriately.
- SEE children and young people and ask yourself 'what is life like for them?'
- Be persistent in your work to safeguard children and be prepared to challenge as appropriate.
- Use historical information in our assessments – especially of parenting capacity and keep up to date chronologies of children's lives
- Be aware how different risks interact with each other especially those families experiencing a combination of domestic violence, mental ill health and substance misuse.
- Intervene early using common processes (CAF etc)
- Identification of risk, however small, needs to trigger a plan about how the risk can be managed.

The Board is currently conducting a Serious Case Review for Child K; this is a one year old male child who was seriously physically injured whilst subject to a child protection plan. This review will be submitted to OFSTED on 8th Sept 2011 and the Board will be sharing learning from this review as soon as possible.

Training update:

In response to learning from Tameside SCRs a new programme of Child Sexual Abuse training is underway in Tameside; the courses are on offer to managers and practitioners from October 2011 and include: -

- Child Sexual Abuse.
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sexually Harmful Behaviour

A flyer advertising these dates will be distributed shortly

We have also learned from our SCRs that we need to be more aware of the needs of vulnerable infants (pre birth to 5 years); A new course will help practitioners recognise and respond to the particular needs of these children; dates for the course are 25/10/11 & 19/01/12.

TSCB Training Programme and Application form available at <http://www.tamesidesafeguardingchildren.org.uk/learning/training>. If you would like to attend any of the courses advertised please speak to your manager.

Latest Policies and Guidance:

The TSCB produces a range of policies and guidance to help those whose work brings them into contact with children and families work better together; the most recent are:

[Neglect –Practice Guidance](#)
[Child Sexual Abuse – Guidance for Practitioners](#)
[Guidance on the Escalation of concerns about the welfare of children and young people in Tameside](#)
[A process chart for working with Vulnerable Young People](#)
[Practice Guidance for Sexual Exploitation and a format to report concerns of Sexual Exploitation](#)
[Practice guidance for safeguarding Disabled Children](#)
['Stay safe on the Internet' – information leaflet for families](#)
[Guidance for setting up a Facebook group page targeted at young people aged 13-18](#)
[Tameside Multi agency referral form](#)

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