

Tameside Safeguarding Children Board



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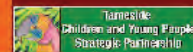
The *Mini Guide* to the Children's Frameworks is here!

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Mini Guide

to the Tameside Safeguarding Children Framework and Tameside Children's Needs Framework



Here it is and we hope that you as a practitioner will now have received a copy. Let us know what you think, there's always room for improvement and polite comments help us do that!

Learning from Serious Case Reviews

Much of the recent media coverage of safeguarding has been about the tragic death of Baby Peter. Haringey Local Safeguarding Children Board has published two Serious Case Reviews in respect of the circumstances surrounding the death.

Serious Case Reviews are a major function for LSCBs and the expectation from government is that they should provide valuable information for improving services to children and families. The recent Laming Report and the follow up Action Plan from DCSF have indicated that the guidance on Serious Case Reviews in *Working Together* will be revised with a draft issued for consultation in July.

Meanwhile the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) has recently produced a very interesting Guide 24 *Learning together to safeguard children* which advocates another approach to learning from case reviews. SCIE say that this is an *innovative approach that requires a respectful approach towards the practice experience of street-level workers and their managers*. The aim is to identify underlying patterns of factors in the work environment that support good practice or create unsafe conditions in which poor practice is more likely. TSCB is currently using this approach alongside

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We're on the Web!

<http://www.tameside.gov.uk/childprotection>

Youth Online Survey – Much to Celebrate...

A recent survey of Year 10 students in Tameside schools suggests we have much to be proud about our young people in terms of their achievements, their behaviour and their aspirations. For example:

- 86% claim to have done something to help others in the four weeks leading up to the survey and more than half had helped raise money for a charitable cause during the last year
- The vast majority do not smoke or use drugs
- Nine out of ten feel they have some great friends and often enjoy themselves and the majority feel confident most of the time
- 3 out of 4 have not had sex

However there are also findings we need to attend to, some of which relate to safety:

- Many young people feel bullying to be a big problem and nearly a quarter have been affected to some degree by violence at home
- Of those saying they take drugs, 12% will usually get them from family members
- 23% think it is ok in certain circumstances for a boy/girl to get aggressive with their girlfriend/boyfriend
- 10% of young people who responded would not know who to ask for help if they were ever unhappy because of an abusive relationship
- The minority who do smoke appear to be smoking more heavily than in 2006 whilst levels of alcohol use continue to be a concern
- A third of those that had had sex did not use contraception on their first sexual experience

The experiences of pupils with disabilities or special educational needs are not generally as positive as for other young people, for instance they are more likely to smoke or drink heavily and more likely to feel unsafe

There are many other important findings within the survey which will be used to help plan and improve services. A report is also being produced for each school that took part as well as a report focussing on the experience of young people with disabilities or special educational needs.

You can get hold of a summary version or the whole report via the CYPSP website:

<http://www.tameside.gov.uk/cypp/youthonlinesurvey08>

or by contacting: Martin Higgins or Jody Stewart on 0161 342 3626/3527

New guidance available from the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths



The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths [FSID] has launched an online resource for new parents to highlight the only five essential products needed to reduce the risk of cot death. The Guidance can be downloaded from the website also includes advice for parents to reduce the risk of cot death. <http://www.fsid.org.uk/sleepsimple.html>

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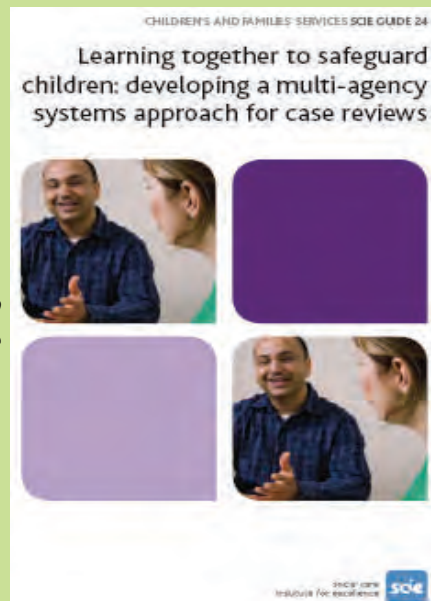
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the Serious Case Review arrangements as a way to inform learning for all agencies from situations where things have been done well and there have been good outcomes.

As SCIE say, *"this kind of organisational learning is vital to improving the quality of service provision and needs to be applied to ordinary work, not just to tragedies"*.

To find out more about the SCIE guide 24 go to:

<http://www.scie.org.uk/publications/guides/guide24/index.asp>



TSCB Training News

Welcome to TSCB training news

TSCB provide a variety of inter-agency courses for all who work with children and families in Tameside. More than 1600 practitioners attended TSCB training last year. Inter agency training provides an opportunity not only to develop and refresh your skills in safeguarding children and promoting welfare but also to network with colleagues from all partner agencies across Tameside.

TSCB provide 4 levels of training depending on your role: -

Basic Awareness level – for all practitioners whose work brings them into contact with children & families.

Foundation level – for practitioners with regular contact with children & families

Specialised – for practitioners who either have a specific child protection responsibility and / or who wish to develop their knowledge in safeguarding children in specific circumstances e.g. domestic abuse

Training for Operational and Strategic Managers – all TSCB courses are accessible to operational & strategic managers but additional training for this group is in development this year.

In addition to the existing TSCB programme new course in development this year include:

Safeguarding Vulnerable Infants

Neglect

To find out more information about all TSCB courses contact:

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Or visit: www.tameside.gov.uk/childprotection/training

The 'side profile ... Munera Khan, Designated Doctor, Child Protection



Munera Khan is the Designated Doctor for Child Protection within NHS Tameside and Glossop. She graduated as a doctor in 1982 and became a consultant paediatrician in 1991. She has worked in several areas in the UK and as a consultant in Wakefield, Welwyn-Garden-City and Luton as well as working in Africa for a few years, before coming to Tameside in 2008. Munera works at Tameside Hospital as a consultant as well as working for the Community Trust for issues around Safeguarding Children and in this role is a member of the TSCB.

1. ***Where would you rather be right now?***
In Disney World or on holiday with my children.
2. ***What would your super power be?***
I would like the ability to change time and space so that I can put more time into every single day and manage to get everything done.
3. ***Who do you most admire?***
Nelson Mandela because he shows the power of peaceful protest over that of violence and aggression.
4. ***Why Health work?***
I have always liked biology and I got the marks to get into medicine, but I do love medicine and I do enjoy my job and find it very fulfilling.
5. ***What is your most overused phrase?***
What's next?
6. ***What's the most expensive thing you have ever bought?***
My wedding dress, and I didn't buy that - my father in law did, it cost a lot!
7. ***What has been your biggest challenge so far?***
Working for a Trust that was just starting up its Child Protection team, they had nothing in place, and getting them to see how important it was and setting up a good team.
8. ***What do you enjoy most about working in Tameside?***
The people, they are a really nice, friendly bunch and all of them want the best service delivered and are willing to work together to do that and that makes the job worthwhile.

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