

Newsletter

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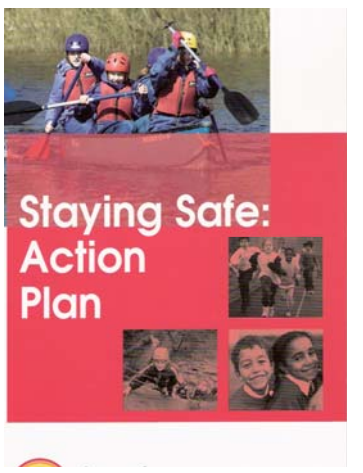


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Since our last issue a lot has happened, here's some of it!

- Tameside SCB published the *Tameside Safeguarding Children Framework* in October 2007. This contains the new version of the Child Protection procedures for Tameside. If you haven't seen it yet then ask your manager where your team copy is. It can also be accessed at <http://www.tameside.gov.uk/childprotection/guidance>
- The government this year has published the *Staying Safe: Action Plan*

It sets out the government's ambition for children and young people. '*Childhood should be a time for enjoyment, learning and exploration*' says Ed Balls, the Secretary of State in the foreword.

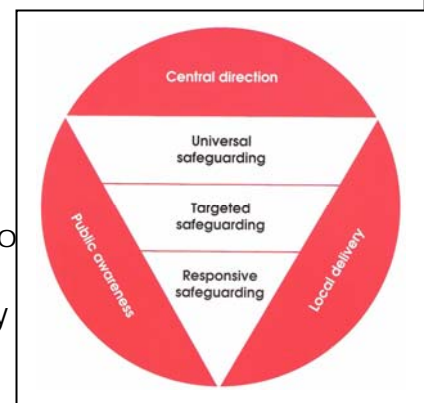


The Action Plan goes on to say, '*we need to find a balance between protecting children and young people and allowing them the freedom to develop and enjoy their childhoods*'.

Interestingly, the Action Plan sets out 3 levels of safeguarding:

Universal Safeguarding – Working to keep all children and young people safe and create safe environments for all children. **Targeted Safeguarding** – Some groups of children are more at risk than others, and it is important to target policies and services to these groups, to help keep them safe from harm. **Responsive safeguarding** – Unfortunately, no matter what we do, there will always be some children and young people who suffer harm. We need to respond quickly and appropriately when this happens.

www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/stayingsafe





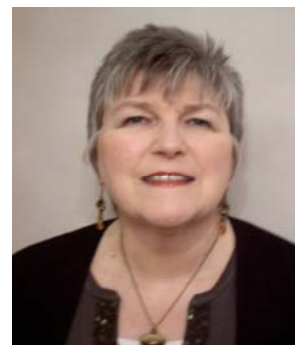
Learning the E way!

E learning is a flexible way of providing basic child protection training via the internet. The training is hosted for TSCB by Virtual College, one of the UK's leading e-learning sites. Hollingworth School is one of several agencies in Tameside to have taken advantage of this FREE programme. Phil Davies, headteacher says *"this will help us all to maintain our systems and our vigilance, and ensure that we do not slip into any kind of complacency about the children's care"*. To find out more, go to <http://www.tameside.gov.uk/childprotection/elearning> It's FREE until 1st July 2008 and the programme takes only 3 hours to complete.

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The Child Protection Register is no more Long live the Child Protection Plan

This is not an April Fool's story. The government has decided that from 1st April 2008 the Child Protection Register will cease to exist. But **Child Protection Conferences will continue to take place** and the best bit is that Child Protection Plans will assume even more importance. And research shows that it is the successful implementation of CP Plans that has the greatest impact on the child's welfare so keep up the good work!



There is more about the work of Tameside & Glossop PCT at <http://www.tamesideandglossop.nhs.uk/>

Kath says that the work is challenging and rewarding. 'Parents have a high regard for the work of Health Visitors and School Nurses and the team contributes to that, often at critical moments by supporting the practitioner'. Kath and the team can be contacted on 0161 304 5427.

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In December 2007, Katie Lelliott sadly left the post of TSCB Administrator for prospects new in Sussex. But the good news is that from April 2008, Anna Cooke will be the TSCB Administrator and can be contacted on 0161 343 4348 or at anna.cooke@tameside.gov.uk. David Barnes, the TSCB Development Officer is on the same number or at david.barnes@tameside.gov.uk.