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Welcome to the July edition of the Tameside Safeguarding Children Board E.Bulletin.

This edition provides; information about the new Tameside Framework for [Critical Reflection and Supervision in Safeguarding](#); helpful tools and training to aid [Multi Agency Risk Assessment](#); details of the new [Practitioner Area on the TSCB Website](#); [TSCB training dates](#) in 2012-13; details of the [Hospital Safeguarding Study Day](#) on Fabricated and Induced Illness; a link to the new [Safe Parenting Handbook](#); a link to feedback from the recent [Ofsted inspection](#) of Children's Safeguarding in Tameside plus useful links to [NSPCC research](#).

The purpose of this E.Bulletin is to keep everyone who works with children, young people, parents and families in Tameside in touch with the latest Safeguarding developments. Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility; we are all involved in some way.

If you have ideas for future e-bulletins please get in touch with anna.cooke@tameside.gov.uk

Critical Reflection and Supervision in Safeguarding

It is well known that practitioners involved in Safeguarding children and young people are making complex decisions, often in stressful circumstances. The opportunity to critically reflect on this work and to be guided and supported in it is also crucial. In response to this, Tameside Safeguarding Children Board has produced a Framework for Critical Reflection and Supervision in Safeguarding. This framework is designed for use in all agencies working with children, young people and adults who are parents. It is a useful guide for managers and practitioners in supervision and in critical reflection on safeguarding.

The framework contains key principles on safeguarding practice; what helps effective supervision and critical reflection; what the barriers and pitfalls are and how to avoid them.

Agencies will receive the document shortly with recommendations for use; it will also be posted on the TSCB website and the TSCB will audit use of the framework in the future.

Multi Agency Risk Assessment

In response to practitioner feedback and lessons from Serious Case Reviews the TSCB and Children's Trust are commissioning training and tools to assist practitioners in risk assessment. To avoid multiple tools being used in risk assessment, it is recommended that all agencies use a set of tools which will be available on TSCB and Children's Trust websites.

One of the tools being promoted is the Graded Care Profile for use where there is child neglect. Early practice with the Graded Care Profile in training showed that it is useful for identifying emotional as well as physical neglect, and that it can be used to assess progress over time and as evidence for child protection and court processes.

Guidance on the tools and details of training sessions will be sent out shortly to all agencies.

Practitioner Area - TSCB Website

A Practitioner area is being developed on the TSCB website. It currently holds the Child K Briefing Notes and Power Point presentation which you may want to use in your team. The Multi Agency Risk Assessment tools will also soon be added.

To access the practitioner area, follow these instructions;

- Visit the TSCB Website <http://www.tamesidesafeguardingchildren.org.uk>
- Scroll down to the dark orange section across the bottom of the page
- Click on the 'practitioners' link
- Enter the password 'TSCBTSCB'

TSCB Training in Safeguarding July 2012

The [TSCB training programme](#) is available on the website as is an indication of courses with places available in July. Please note there are six days of training in Child Sexual Abuse, Sexually Harmful Behaviour and Child Sexual Exploitation on offer. Practitioners can attend one day, or all three as needed.

Tameside Hospital Trust – Safeguarding Study Day

On Tuesday 4th September 2012 a study day will be held at Tameside Hospital about Fabricated and Induced Illness. Whilst FI is not thought to be a common occurrence, it does happen and the consequences for children can be life threatening. This promises to be an illuminating day for practitioners involved in Safeguarding children. There will be presentations from hospital teams and case studies to consider and learn from.

For details of the day contact angela.hansell@nhs.net

TSCB Safe Parenting Handbook

The revised Safe Parenting Handbooks have been sent out to schools and will be issued to the new intake of Year 1 and Year 7 pupils in all schools from September 2012. A pdf version of the handbooks is also available via the TSCB website; [Safe Parenting Handbook](#).

Ofsted Inspection of Children's Safeguarding in Tameside May 2012

Children's Services in Tameside were recently inspected by OFSTED and the report from the inspectors is available on the OFSTED website <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk>

As with all audits and reviews of practice, there is learning for us all in what is deemed to be working well and where we can develop.

NSPCC Useful links and research evidence

The NSPCC website offers a lot of useful information for practitioners, including;

- A report about Young People and Sexting;
http://www.nspcc.org.uk/inform/resourcesforprofessionals/sexualabuse/sexting-research_wda89260.html
- An NSPCC factsheet about key Child Protection legislation in the UK
http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/research/questions/child_protection_legislation_in_the_uk_wda48946.html
- NSPCC Inform - free email alert services for practitioners to keep up to date with the latest developments in Safeguarding and Child Protection. To Sign up for the free NSPCC weekly email alerts visit;
<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/Applications/InformUserProfiles/clearinghouseprofilelogon.asp>

Escalation of Concerns guidance

A reminder to managers and practitioners that the "[Guidance on the escalation of concerns about the welfare of children and young people](#)" can be found on the TSCB website. This guidance does not replace the well-established processes for inter-agency working but is intended to assist practitioners in situations where they consider that the response of another agency/practitioner has not been proportionate to the level of risk or need.

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