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

This edition provides information about; the [Tameside Safeguarding Children Multi Agency Policy and Procedures Launch](#); [Early Learning for the TSCB Reflective Review Pilot](#); [The Safe Network](#) and information about the Impact of [TSCB Training on Practice](#).

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.

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Tameside Safeguarding Children Multi agency Policy and Procedures Launch March 2013

In March 2013 the first edition of the Greater Manchester Safeguarding Procedures Manual will be launched in Tameside and will be available via the TSCB website. From this date, safeguarding procedures across the region will begin to have a common style and format.

The multi agency safeguarding procedures contained within this first edition manual have been agreed by Local Safeguarding Children Boards across Greater Manchester in order to support effective across borders working and to share best practice.

The adoption of common procedures does not require any substantial changes to existing delivery in any of the GM areas – where there is local variation in practice - locally specific policies will be accessible via hyperlinks within the manual.

The procedures in the first edition of the manual will replace all earlier versions held by individual LSCBs.

Please take some time to familiarise yourself with the location and layout of the common procedures once they are available. Further information in the form of Briefing Paper will be circulated in the near future.

To date, not all procedures have been agreed across Greater Manchester. The second edition of the manual will be available in summer 2013 and will incorporate any changes required by the revised Working Together guidance along with a new set of common procedures.

Any queries or concerns relating to the welfare of a child should be made in the usual way, via Children's Social Care on 0161 342 4477.

Early learning from the TSCB Reflective Review Pilot

TSCB is in the progress of piloting the use of reflective reviews for:

- cases where there has been a child protection plan for 2 years,
- cases where practitioners felt progress on implementing the Child Protection Plan was not good enough to give confidence that the child is being protected from harm.

Reflective Reviews have been included in the multi agency Child Protection procedures since 2011 as a direct recommendation from Child K Serious Case Review but conversation with staff during this TSCB pilot has shown that practitioners and managers are not always aware of the process.

It is too early to report on the overall findings of the reflective reviews at present – however there is some early learning emerging: -

- There is evidence that the reflective review process can improve aspects of child protection planning and help cases to progress.
- Child protection plans are often adult focused. The reviews have helped to re focus plans onto the child.
- There is a lack of evidence of the impact of parental difficulties on the child.
- There is a lack of evidence available in cases for legal planning and Public Law Outline Meetings, often related to level of parental engagement, parenting capacity and the impact on the child. This lack of evidence can mean that a plan does not meet the threshold for legal proceedings but does not show sufficient progress that the child can be taken off the plan.
- Reflective Reviews have helped to evidence non engagement and to clarify the consequences of non-engagement with parents.
- Practitioners offering very high levels of support to enable parents to meet the expectations of the child protection plan. Reflective reviews encouraged practitioners to consider ways of helping parents to have ownership of the changes that they need to make and sustain.

The Safe Network

The Safe Network www.safenetwork.org.uk was established as the national safeguarding unit for the third sector in 2009. It aims to build the capacity of voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations to safeguard children and young people in all their activities and within communities.

It is currently a partnership between NSPCC, Children England and the Child Accident Prevention Trust. The "Are they safe?" resource is written for leaders of voluntary and community groups working with children and young people of all ages. It contains a range of safeguarding guidance including suggestions for raising awareness, an example of a child protection policy, advice on the development of safeguarding procedures, safer recruitment and sources of support and information.

The resource was recently updated following a consultation exercise and input from

- [Stonewall](#)
- Out and About
- [Home-Start UK](#)
- [Race Equality Foundation](#)

The on-line version was released in November 2012 and hard copies will soon be available. The new resource [includes a wall chart](#) to keep a check on group's progress plus a number of new films which will also be available on the website early 2013.

And Finally..

From TSCB Training into Practice

Two of the key priorities for safeguarding children in Tameside are **Assessing Neglect using the Graded Care Profile** and **Identifying Child Sexual Exploitation**. These areas are both being covered in training and the learning is starting to impact on practice. Briefing notes for all staff will shortly be distributed advising you of the need to use the Graded Care Profile where a child is experiencing neglect and of what to do if you suspect a child is being sexually exploited.

Copies of the Graded Care profile and guidance notes can be found on the TSCB website in the [Practitioner Area](#), please use 'TSCB' for username and password. There will be further training sessions on using the GCP assessment tool from April 2013.

Training on Child Sexual Exploitation is on-going, there will be half day Train the Trainer sessions from April and full days on CSE in the 2013/14 Training Programme (due to be posted in the Learning Zone of the TSCB Website).

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