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

This edition provides information about; recent changes to the [Disclosure and Barring Service](#); a new system in Tameside for making [Early Help Referrals](#); a new Interactive Version of the Tameside [Safe Parenting Handbook](#); an introduction to the [Tameside YOUthink Team](#); [TSCB Briefing papers](#) about the Graded Care Profile and Child Sexual Exploitation; a Special Edition publication of the Vodafone [Digital Parenting Magazine](#); the [CEOP Annual Threat Assessment](#); a new NSPCC helpline dedicated to tackling [Female Genital Mutilation](#); a new NSPCC [Sexual Abuse Public Awareness Campaign](#); the Children's Commissioner's [Takeover Day 2013](#); and [Mindfull](#), an online professional counselling & support service for 11 to 17-year-olds.

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 contact anna.cooke@tameside.gov.uk

Disclosure and Barring Service – Recent Changes

Following on from the Tameside 'Duty to Refer' training held on 17/01/13, the Disclosure and Barring Service has undergone a number of changes. These are summarised below;

- The DBS Update Service is now available. This new service puts individuals in greater control of their own information; allows DBS certificates to be reused when applying for similar jobs; and reduces bureaucracy.
- DBS Certificates are now issued to the applicant only and no longer the Registered Body.
- Registered Bodies can request a copy of the applicant's DBS Certificate from the DBS in certain limited, specified circumstances.
- Changes have been made to how Registered Bodies complete Field x61 'Position Applied For' on the Disclosure application form.
- A new test of relevancy has been introduced for the release of locally held police information on an Enhanced DBS Certificate based on the type of workforce rather than actual job role.

- With the individual's consent, Registered Bodies can now request information to find out if a status change, indicating an Enhanced Certificate with a Barred List check is no longer up to date, is because the individual has been barred from working in regulated activity.

For more information and to subscribe to the DBS e-database, to be kept informed of changes to the service, visit the new DBS website;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service>

Early Help Referrals – Notice for Practitioners

Please note that The Hub, phase one of Children's Services' approach to a Multi-Agency Referral and Assessment Team, now takes all referrals for the Early Help Service, previously the Youth and Family Service, and referrals for Social Care Assessment. The Hub is based at the Denton Centre.

To make a referral please telephone one of the following numbers:- 0161 342 4222/4199/4186

The Families Information Service – F.I.S. who previously took the referrals for the Early Help Service, will continue to provide:-

- Childcare information
- OFSTED information
- Activities (advertised on the Service Information Directory www.tameside-sid.org.uk)
- General advice, information and guidance on a range of matters relating to Children, Young People and Families
- Signpost to other sources of information and services

For further information about FIS please telephone 0161 342 5434

TSCB Safe Parenting Handbook

A new Interactive Version of the Safe Parenting Handbook is now available on the TSCB website or via <http://tamesidesafeguardingchildren.org.uk/handbook/>

The TSCB Safe Parenting Handbook has useful information on a range of issues for parents and carers in the vital task of looking after and raising children.

Please take time to check the contact details at the back of the publication in respect of your agency and contact anna.cooke@tameside.gov.uk if you have any amendments.

Introduction to Tameside YOUthink Team

The YOUthink team is Tameside's sexual health intervention and prevention team which focuses on improving young people's sexual health.

They are a team of youth workers who offer one to one individual support to young people aged under 19, with regards to their own sexual health. They also support young people under 25 to access their local Contraception and Sexual Health services (CaSH).

The team does not judge young people and are a confidential service, with the aim of keeping young people SAFE. They offer a variety of services including pregnancy testing, condom distribution, R-U-Clear (Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea screening), advice and support.

They also work within local schools and colleges to improve young people's knowledge of sexual health and promote local sexual health services.

Youthink Intervention and Prevention Team Workers are: Gary Hall (Manager), Alison Dransfield, Kirsty Edwards, Cat Hockley and Abdul Ablus.

If you want to speak to a member of YOUthink about any sexual health issue, or ask a question about the CaSH or [SAFE](#) services, you can ring: 0161 342 7672 and ask to speak to someone from the YOUthink team. Or email gary.hall@tameside.gov.uk

TSCB Briefing Papers

TSCB recently circulated two important briefing papers for the attention of all managers and practitioners;

Graded Care Profile - Tameside Safeguarding Children Board endorses the Graded Care Profile and will be measuring its use in practice and impact upon outcomes for children and young people. Guidance for managers and practitioners and the Assessment Tool can be accessed via the TSCB website;

<http://www.tamesidesafeguardingchildren.org.uk/learning/gcp>

Child Sexual Exploitation - This briefing note helps managers and practitioners to recognise and respond to Child Sexual Exploitation, make appropriate referrals and support victims of CSE and those vulnerable to it. It includes important contacts and references and can also be accessed online at;

<http://www.tamesidesafeguardingchildren.org.uk/publications/child-sexual-exploitation>

Digital Parenting Magazine

The Parent Zone and Vodafone have developed a special edition version of the Digital Parenting magazine. This special edition contains 25 key articles from Digital Parenting Issue 2 (published in September 2012) and has been designed to be given to parents who have not received Issue 2. The magazine provides parents/carers with all the information they need about technology and the family. With how to guides to help set up parental controls and information on Facebook, as well as a wealth of articles from leading experts. Click here to view; <http://asp-gb.secure-zone.net/v2/index.jsp?id=727/899/7415&lng=en>

CEOP Annual Threat Assessment

The Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre has published its [annual threat assessment](#) which highlights new threats to children including the growing availability of the internet in the developing world; the use of the 'hidden internet'; and live streaming of child abuse.

Female Genital Mutilation – New NSPCC Helpline

The NSPCC has recently launched a UK Helpline which specialises in responses to female genital mutilation (FGM). It is supported by the Metropolitan Police, and is in association with a number of voluntary and professional groups, including FGM charities. The service operates 24/7 and is staffed by specially trained child protection helpline counsellors who can offer advice, information, and assistance to members of the public and to professionals. Counsellors will also be able to make referrals, as appropriate, to statutory agencies and other services.

The helpline can be contacted on: 0800 028 3550 and emails sent to fgmhelp@nspcc.org.uk

The aim of this specialist helpline is to improve the safeguarding of children in the UK by increasing the detection and protection of children at risk or who have become victims of female genital mutilation. It will also facilitate, as necessary, the sharing of information with police and relevant agencies so that intelligence can be gathered and appropriate action taken against those who facilitate female genital mutilation against children. It will work in the same way as the main NSPCC helpline.

For more information about the FGM helpline visit the NSPCC [website](#)

The Underwear Rule – New NSPCC Public Awareness Campaign

This is a new NSPCC public education campaign aimed at parents and carers of children aged 5-11. It aims to give parents and carers the confidence to talk to their children in an age appropriate way about what they can do to stay protected from child sexual abuse. The campaign encourages parents to 'Talk PANTS and help keep your child safe from abuse', by teaching them that:

- their body belongs to them
- they have a right to say no
- they should tell an adult if they're upset or worried

For more information about the campaign and to download helpful resources visit the NSPCC [Underwear Rule](#) webpage.

Children's Commissioner's Takeover Day 2013 – Save the date!

This year's Takeover Day will be held on Friday 22 November 2013. Takeover Day gives children and young people the chance to work with adults for the day and be involved in decision-making. Organised by the Children's Commissioner, the aim is to help break down barriers between generations and encourage children's active involvement in their communities.

Organisations across every sector can be part of Children's Commissioner's Takeover Day. It's a flexible event which can be tailored to suit your organisation, and they provide guidance, resources and support to help you get the most out of the day.

To find out more, register your interest or request an information pack visit http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/takeover_day

And Finally...

Mindfull – Online professional counselling & support service for 11 to 17-year-olds.

MindFull, a new mental health charity, part of the Beat Bullying group, has launched a free online professional counselling and support service for 11 to 17-year-olds. The service focuses on prevention and early intervention, teaching young people what good mental health and wellbeing are, and helping them to achieve both. It enables young people to actively choose their path to mental health, and provide them with the support to do so – whenever they need it, and wherever they are. The service helps to break down stigma and empower young people – to transform not only their own lives, but the lives of others too.

The support service was launched in response to a survey of over 2000 young people aged 16 to 25 who were asked to reflect on their mental health experiences before the age of 16. The results of the survey were recently published in the report 'Alone With My Thoughts' which makes recommendations for a new approach to young people's mental health support.

For more information visit <http://www.mindfull.org/>

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<http://www.tamesidesafeguardingchildren.org.uk/news/tscb-newsletters>