

Tameside Safeguarding Children Board



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Safeguarding Children in an Electronic World TSCB E-Safety Event 24th September 2008

The aim of this event is to raise awareness of some of the key issues facing practitioners when safeguarding young people in an electronic world. It will also introduce resources and new TSCB guidance to support practitioners and young people in this area.

This training is appropriate in the first instance to those agencies where young people have access to the internet within their establishment and priority will be given to these agencies.

However, considering the use of the internet by young people, it would be beneficial for all agencies to consider sending a representative. The day will be split into 2 sessions: -

9.00am – 12.30pm: practitioners working with 11-16 year olds – practitioners attended this session will then be able to deliver CEOP (Child Exploitation Online Protection Centre) Think U Know interactive training package to young people (age 11-16 only) in their workplace.

1.00pm– 4.00pm: practitioners working with 5-11 year olds.

Please ring 337 0246 for further information and application form.

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We're on the Web!

[http://
www.tameside.gov.uk/
childprotection](http://www.tameside.gov.uk/childprotection)

Child Protection - Electronic learning

E Learning - a basic on-line course in
Child Protection Awareness.

We have renewed our e-learning contract for another year, so the course will now be free until July 09.

The course is great as an induction or refresher.

Further information and application form at:

www.tameside.gov.uk/childprotection/training

TSCB Training News

TSCB continues to provide a variety of inter-agency courses for all who work with children and families in Tameside. The courses range from mandatory child protection courses to safeguarding children and young people in specific circumstances.

Almost 1600 practitioners joined in TSCB training last year. They valued training as an opportunity to develop and refresh their skills and as an important opportunity to share their knowledge and experience with practitioners from different agencies.

Several new courses have been developed this year: -

- Safeguarding Sexually Active under 18's
- Safeguarding Young People Facing Forced Marriage

- Safeguarding Children where there is Parental Substance Misuse
- Safeguarding Children with Disabilities
- Safer Recruitment

To find out more information about these courses and all TSCB courses visit www.tameside.gov.uk/childprotection/training.

Here you'll find our complete training programme for 2008/09 including full course information and application form. We're always looking for practitioners to join our multi agency training pool to help facilitate our training programme.

If this is something you are interested in or for information on any TSCB course please contact: Lynn Ready or Lynn Jackson (TSCB Trainers) on 337-0246.

3rd Joint Chief Inspectors' Report on The Arrangements to Safeguard Children..

...that trips off the tongue doesn't it? The report is a review of services throughout England. Since the last report in 2005 there has been evidence of improvements in children's services and in outcomes for children and young people in England. In respect of Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) it says that:

LSCBs are not yet demonstrating the impact of their work. The TSCB is progressing this by focussing on 4 main areas, road safety, children in need, domestic abuse and bullying. The TSCB will produce annual reports setting out progress in these areas for Tameside.

Few LSCBs are prioritising the safeguarding of specific vulnerable groups. In Tameside there has been a lot of work to support the safeguarding of children and young people who are looked after by the local authority. This has included increased participation by young people in decisions about the way services are provided. Further work has begun on helping agencies recognise the particular safeguarding needs of children with a disability.

LSCBs have not all achieved the full involvement of statutory partners. In Tameside this has been achieved and we are building on this by ensuring that the TSCB can best support agencies in their vital work of delivering services.

If you want to find out more about the 3rd Joint Chief Inspector's report then go to <http://www.Safeguardingchildren.org.uk/safeguarding-children/2008-report>

Anti Bullying Update



New National Guidance **Safe to Learn** is the central document available on:

<http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/doc/11907/Summary%20>

Cyber Bullying Guidance

http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/_d



Cyber Bullying Summary

<http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/doc/11910/Cyberbullying%20-%20summary%20document%20-%20FINAL.pdf>

Homophobic Bullying

<http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/doc/11911/HOMOPHOBIC%20BULLYING.pdf>



Bullying around racism, religion and culture



<http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/doc/10444/6562-DfES-Bullying.pdf>

Most recently bullying in relation to **Disability**

<http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/doc/12626/7655-DCFS-Anti-Bullying.pdf>

All of the above documents contain comprehensive information about understanding the issues and positive pro-active strategies for schools.

Tameside News

Theme for Anti-Bullying week 17th to 21st November 2008 – is Discriminatory Bullying. In Tameside Services for Children and Young People will work alongside schools, youth groups and other providers to - Celebrate Diversity, Promote Equal Opportunities and Prevent Discriminatory Bullying towards vulnerable groups such as:

- Ethnic and religious minorities / Travelers / Asylum Seekers
- Children with complex home circumstances including young carers and children who are 'Looked After'.

The anti-bullying work will focus on preventing and raising awareness of:

- Homophobic Bullying
- Bullying re: disability and learning difficulties
- Sexual harassment / bullying
- Bullying due to race or religion.

Peer Support - Tameside SCYP will be working in partnership with schools and other services over the next school year to develop and consolidate models of peer support that helps prevent bullying and enhances emotional health and social well-being.

In the near future the Tameside Anti-Bullying Steering Group will be exploring the support for parents / carers that is in place when they have concerns about bullying incidents.

Are you doing enough in your setting to prevent bullying and promote positive and emotional well-being? A quick overview checklist has been developed and is available from theresa.coughlan@tameside.gov.uk

The 'side profile ... Rafik Iddin Service Unit Manager for Quality Assurance Unit, Children's Social Care



Rafik Iddin is the Service Unit Manager for Quality Assurance in Children's Social Care and is a member of the Tameside Safeguarding Children Board. He has previously managed a residential establishment for young people and has been a Social Worker, Reviewing Officer and a Team Manager for a Children with Disabilities Team. In this edition we ask Rafik some questions about life and work.

1. **Where would you rather be right now?** The Blue Lagoon in Iceland under the midnight sun (it's an outdoor geo-thermal natural pool, not a pub!)
2. **What would your super power be?** It's a tie between being able to fly and being invisible
3. **Who do you most admire?** My mum. She brought us up on her own and taught me not to back down from a challenge. She was a top woman
4. **Why social work?** I had a number of jobs (one of which was a guitar player in an early 80's rock band) but I wanted to do something that had value and that would make a difference to people's lives
5. **What is your most overused phrase?** I mean just how hard can it be!
6. **Whats the most expensive thing you have ever bought** A 1962 Gibson 335 electric guitar... don't ask!
7. **What's the worst thing anyone has ever said to you?** Have you thought about a toupee?
8. **What do you enjoy most about working in Tameside?** The people I work with. The relationships in Tameside are very positive. Good relationships are such an important part of effective multi agency working. This is particularly true for the Safeguarding Board.

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