

Tameside Safeguarding Children Board



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Spring 2009
is
'Independent'
Time!

First, Independent Chair of the TSCB



We are pleased to announce the recent appointment of Lynne Jones as Independent Chair of Tameside Safeguarding Children Board. Lynne is a Consultant with an impressive track record in Children's Services at all levels.

Lynne is following in the footsteps of Ian Smith who so capably guided the board from its inception. Lynne's particular expertise in partnership development will build further on this approach, providing the foundation for TSCB to engage everyone in the wider safeguarding agenda. Lynne will be chairing her first TSCB Board meeting on 30th March 2009.

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Second, Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) – update on arrangements for referrals and registrations

In January this year, the ISA took over responsibility from government ministers for decisions on new cases referred under existing barring schemes (List 99, PoCA and PoVA). The ISA has begun including or considering to include all barred individuals on the new lists.

Referrals to the ISA should be made by agencies using existing processes. Additionally, each agency should have a Senior Designated Officer in place to liaise with the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) on concerns about the conduct of individuals.

12th October 2009 – a new duty will be implemented to share information - employers, social services and professional regulators will have to notify the ISA of relevant information so individuals who pose a threat to vulnerable groups can be identified and barred from working with these groups.

26th July 2010 – all new entrants to roles working with vulnerable groups and those switching jobs within these sectors will be able to register with the Vetting and Barring Scheme and be checked by the ISA. From that date registration will include employers being continuously informed of an employee's suitability to work.

For more information go to: <http://www.isa.gov.org.uk/> Or contact Rafik Iddin, Safeguarding Unit Manager (and LADO for Tameside) at rafik.iddin@tameside.gov.uk (and on 0161 342 4348).

We're on the Web!

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

TSCB Training News

Welcome to TSCB training update.

The new training programme for 2009/10 is now available at www.tameside.gov.uk/childprotection

The programme contains dates for all TSCB mandatory child protection courses: -

Module 1 – Working Together in Safeguarding Children ‘Recognition & Response’ – 2 day course for all staff (paid or unpaid) working with children and families in Tameside.

Module 2 – Working Together in Child Protection – a 1 ½ day course for all staff (paid / unpaid) who are likely to be involved in the child protection planning process

Refresher training in child protection ‘Keeping in Touch’ – a one day course for staff (paid / unpaid); who have previously attended mandatory training and require an update in child protection.

We also provide a range of courses

available which focus on specific safeguarding areas.

This includes parental factors such as domestic abuse, substance misuse & mental health issues as well as specific safeguarding issues for young people such as sexual active under 18's, forced marriage, sexual exploitation & children with disabilities.

We also offer a safer recruitment course (which includes safe practice) for staff involved in recruiting staff to work with children and young people.

Staff can also complete an E Learning course in basic child protection which is available until July 2009. Electronic application form available at www.tameside.gov.uk/childprotection/elearning

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Missing from Home

The topic of children missing from home is such a deep problematic issue that we may all be guilty of not giving it enough in-depth attention. We assume, that children who run away from their homes are misbehaving, are unruly or merely expressing themselves. Looked after children run away from care establishments because they are unhappy. All the above may be true but how simplistic is that view?

Depressingly, there are occasions when children become runaways for a myriad of highly depressing reasons and we need to look beyond the obvious to find what compels children to leave their homes. The TSCB have commissioned a short-life working group to look into the issue of missing children, chaired by Detective Inspector Weaver of the Tameside Police PPIU.

Looking beyond raw data, the intention is to draw out the reasons why children go missing. DI Weaver commented,

“Some of the potential motivators behind going missing may include domestic abuse, violence in the home, drug abuse, bullying and sexual exploitation. Whatever the reason, TSCB is committed to addressing these root causes and bringing help, guidance and where necessary, the force of the law to bear. We will work tirelessly to protect the children of Tameside, to remove the abusers and prosecute, where possible those who seek to harm children”

Safeguarding Children in an Electronic World E-Safety update

This year has seen a range of activities to promote good practice in the use of the internet and other electronic media. Training events were held in September and February, that enabled participants to deliver CEOP [Child Exploitation On line Protection] training.

A new Scaffold, a framework for agencies to use to put in place an Acceptable Use policy, was launched. Guidance on internet safety, was developed and a strategy and action plan are due to go to the next meeting of the Safeguarding Board.

These are useful resources that can be found on the web at <http://www.tameside.gov.uk/childprotection/guidance>

Many of you are developing these materials for children and young people, and for parents. We would love to hear about any good practice that you might want to share at future events.

The Protection of Children in England The Laming Review

Lord Laming was asked by Ed Balls, Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families, to carry out a review of progress on implementing effective arrangements to safeguard children in England. This followed on from the publication of the Baby 'P' Serious Case Review in Haringey in November 2008 which raised many concerns about safeguarding arrangements.

A Progress Report

The review has now been published and sets challenges for all local safeguarding children boards (LSCBs) as well as for government, Ofsted and individual agencies. The government will publish an action plan in April but Mr Balls has already said that all of the report recommendations are accepted by government.

Mr Balls also says that "every day, across the country, people working with children are doing their best to do the right thing, and make the right decisions, to keep children and young people safe".

Tameside Safeguarding Children Board (TSCB) will be taking the necessary steps to support the work and commitment of everyone in Tameside to keep children safe, giving children the best opportunity to grow up happy and healthy.

To find out more about what the Laming Review Report says, go to <http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/socialcare/safeguarding/>. Also watch out for more information from TSCB on what we will be doing in Tameside to take this forward.

The 'side profile ... Detective Inspector Derek Weaver



Derek Weaver is a Detective Inspector in the Public Protection Investigation Unit of Tameside Police. He has been a police officer for 27 years and has worked in Rochdale, Oldham, North Manchester, the Commercial Fraud Squad, Force Intelligence Bureau and the Major Incident Team. The PPIU have responsibility for issues around safeguarding, particularly children and the very vulnerable. Derek has been at Tameside for nearly 7 years and is a member of the TSCB.

1. Where would you rather be right now? Tough one, if I could have two, either, sat watching the dancing fountains outside the Bellagio hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, not Stalybridge. Or, at the Manchester Academy last year watching Elbow play in concert following the release of their last album.

2. What would your super power be? I'd have to pass on the super power; I nearly killed myself when I had a Subaru Impreza, who knows what damage I could do with a super power!!

3. Who do you most admire? I like people who are funny and intelligent. Stephen Fry is one such individual but if I ever had a hero then it would probably be Spike Milligan. He was an author, poet, raconteur, comic, actor, ex-soldier and manic-depressive. He cared about everything but didn't care who knew it!

4. Why police work? No great calling I'm afraid. I was training to be a valuation surveyor when the economic crisis of the early 1980's hit and I was made redundant. I saw an advertisement in the Daily Mail for the police. I applied thinking it would tie me over until something better came along. 27 years later and I am still here!

5. What is your most overused phrase? Where's the remote for the telly!

6. What's the most expensive thing you have ever bought? My current car, an Audi A4 Cabriolet!

7. What's the worst thing anyone has ever said to you? As a police officer I have had a myriad of people, some colleagues, say some very unpleasant things over the years, wouldn't want them printing!

8. What do you enjoy most about working in Tameside? Although Oldham born and bred I am a great fan of this town and have worked here for over 7 years. We have a great understanding between our partner agencies and a will and desire to make the town a safer and better place to live in.

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