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

This edition provides information about; [NSPCC Safeguarding leaflets for schools, colleges and academies](#); [Local Multi agency Supervision Guidance](#); [National learning from Serious Case Reviews](#); the new version of the [Vodafone Digital Parenting Magazine](#); [NSPCC services in Greater Manchester](#); [Domestic Abuse I-phone app - 'Reduce The Risk'](#); [Measuring Happiness, a Consultation by the Children's Rights Director for England](#); [TSCB Fabricated Illness Policy](#); [details of upcoming TSCB training](#) and [TSCB website feedback survey](#).

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

Good Practice in Safeguarding – NSPCC Leaflets for Schools, Colleges and academies

The NSPCC practitioner update, Inform, recently publicised two new leaflets for Schools, Colleges and academies with regard to their roles in;

Addressing neglect

July 2012. This briefing paper highlights relevant education policy and legislation and includes guidance on recognising and responding to concerns of neglect in schools.

Protecting children from grooming and entrapment

July 2012. This briefing includes a definition of grooming in education settings, signs and indicators and the legislation that underpins the actions that schools should take if concerns should arise.

To download copies of the two leaflets visit [Briefings for Schools, Colleges and Academies](#)

Critical Reflection/Supervision in Safeguarding Children - TSCB Multi-Agency Guidance Notes

Approved by Tameside Safeguarding Children Board in May 2012. These [Multi Agency Supervision Guidelines](#) have been produced to assist those who supervise or monitor

safeguarding practice with children and families. They are also relevant for those who work with adults who are parents or carers.

The guidance contains some key principles for effective safeguarding practice and provides a framework for managers and supervisors to use in supervision or in critical reflection on practice. Key messages from Serious Case Reviews, Eileen Munro's Report into Child Protection and OFSTED reports have all identified the need for safeguarding practice to be subject to critical discussion and reflection; this guidance will assist in that work.

Please read the guidance; discuss it in your team or workplace and decide how it can be used in your setting. Further help on using the guidance in practice is available on TSCB Training – Risky Business. This course outlines best practice in risk assessment and management and in supervision and critical reflection (details on TSCB Website - go to Learning Zone TSCB Training Programme 2012/13) www.tamesidesafeguardingchildren.org.uk

OFSTED evaluation of learning from Serious Case Reviews

The Department for Education has published a report on learning from serious case reviews from 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2011. Key findings include: the total number of child deaths (from violence or maltreatment) in England is estimated at around 85 per year; neglect is a factor in 60% of serious case reviews; and the number of SCRs concerning infants has dropped from 46% in 2007-9 to 36% in 2009-11.

[New learning from serious case reviews: a two year report for 2009-2011 Brief](#)
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Digital Parenting Magazine – *New version from Vodafone*

The new, second, version of the Vodafone – 'Parents' Guide to Technology' magazine is now available. It includes articles and information about all the key issues with easy to follow how-to guides to help parents set up parental controls and SafeSearch. Access the new version online; [Online Digital Parenting Magazine](#) or order hard copies directly from [ParentZone](#).

NSPCC Services in Greater Manchester

The NSPCC in Greater Manchester exists to help support children across the region. They are offering a range of new services that will help make a real difference to children, young people and families, by bringing services to those children most at risk, including children who have suffered physical and sexual abuse and neglect.

The NSPCC is currently accepting referrals for the services they offer across Greater Manchester, for which there is no charge. The services can be used by local authorities and other service providers. They are distinctive, focused and designed to make the biggest difference possible to children.

Learn about the new services below, by clicking the links for further information.

[FEDUP \(Family Environment: Drug Using Parents\)](#): A group work programme for children whose parents misuse substances. The aim of the service is to reduce isolation and help the parent to understand how their substance misuse affects their children.

[Family SMILES \(Simplifying Mental Illness plus Life Enhancement Skills\)](#): A group work programme for children who have at least one parent living with a mental health problem. The aim of the service is to reduce the risk of harm and boost their self-esteem and help the parent to understand how their mental health issues affect their children.

[Letting the Future In](#): provides therapeutic services to support children and their families to move on with their lives after sexual abuse.

[The Treatment of Young People with Harmful Sexual Behaviour: a Manual Based Approach](#): A treatment programme working with adolescents who display harmful sexual behaviour.

[Evidence-based decisions for children in complex neglect cases](#): a pioneering new approach where the NSPCC will work with local authorities to support social workers to make evidence based decisions in child neglect cases.

The NSPCC is currently exploring the need for a [Multi-disciplinary team for children with learning disabilities](#), which will work with children with severe and profound multiple learning difficulties. The team will work in partnership with local agencies to improve the protection of this vulnerable group of children.

There is no charge for any of these services

To talk to the NSPCC Greater Manchester team about any of these services and to make a referral or discuss the whether a young person would be suitable for any of the services, please get in touch and have a chat with one of their practitioners who will be happy to discuss with you.

Call NSPCC on 0161 200 1850 or email: manchestersc-reception@nspcc.org.uk

Domestic Abuse I-Phone App – ‘Reduce The Risk’

Reduce the Risk is a FREE I-phone app aimed at victims of Domestic Abuse & their friends & families. Produced by Safeguarding Children E-academy, in association with Lincolnshire Integrated Domestic Abuse Services, the app gives practical support to victims showing how to recognise the signs of abuse either in their own relationship or in someone close to them. It shows how to keep safe while living with an abuser and what to do once you’ve left. It also provides contact details for a raft of local and national support agencies. For more information about the app and how to access it visit [Reduce the Risk](#).

Measuring Happiness – Consultation by the Children’s Rights Director for England.

A new method that will help to measure the happiness of children has been developed by the Children’s Rights Director for England, Dr Roger Morgan.

Measuring Happiness is a consultation with children from care and children living in residential and boarding schools. Through discussions with children in care and/or living away from home, Dr Roger Morgan has created a questionnaire based on the things that young people might say about themselves. Twenty statements such as ‘I know what is

happening next in my life', 'I get bullied', 'I am getting all the help I need' and 'I get lonely' are listed and each is given a score. Children complete the questionnaire by ticking all of the statements that are right about them.

To view a press release associated with the consultation or to download the full consultation visit the Ofsted website [Measuring Happiness](#)

Fabricated and Induced Illness Policy and Feedback from Study Day

Every year the Safeguarding Team at Tameside General Hospital organise a multi-agency study day. This year, over 100 practitioners from a wide range of agencies attended the day and considered the issues involved when working with children who are suffering Fabricated or Induced Illness.

Presentations from medical, nursing and safeguarding staff explored the history, context, incidence and characteristics of FII. Understanding of this form of child abuse is still developing; the information outlined by the speakers helped to clarify what we might see if parents or carers are fabricating or inducing illness in their children. As in other forms of child abuse, there is a spectrum of harm. Perpetrators may exaggerate an existing illness in the child; create or induce an illness and then seek extensive medical attention and treatment for the child. The spectrum can range from a perpetrator exaggerating symptoms, such as epileptic seizures; manipulating medication to ensure seizures occur and even obtaining surgical intervention for children, which is unnecessary.

Distinguishing between a highly anxious parent and one who may be exaggerating symptoms for their child, can be the first assessment practitioners have to make. When FII is discovered, there are other child abuse factors present in 60% of cases. The potential harm to a child from FII can range from excess medical attention up to significant harm and death, (8-9% of FII cases result in death).

The importance of seeing the child as the patient, not the parent, was emphasised as was the skill with which perpetrators can entrap medical staff into believing them and split medical teams into supporters and non-supporters of their cause. Working together, clear record keeping and chronologies and sharing of concerns is crucial in this area of work. As with all concerns about harm to children, the advice is to consult with your safeguarding lead or children's social work if you suspect a child is being harmed.

Safeguarding staff shared a case study and group work was stimulating and useful in terms of developing understanding of FII. The newly published TSCB policy on Fabricated and Induced Illness was highlighted and can be obtained from the TSCB Website. It is also planned for the presentations from the day to be posted on the website in the Practitioner Area, they contain some details practitioners may find useful.

You can access the Tameside FII Policy here: [Fabricated or Induced Illness Policy](#).

Tameside Safeguarding Children Board – Training & Development

The multi-agency training programme in Safeguarding and Child Protection runs until March 29th, 2013 and is available via the TSCB website; [TSCB Training Programme](#).

The following courses will run from September to the end of March 2013 – there are spaces left on most courses;

Course	Dates: September 2012 – March 2013
Working Together to Safeguard Children – Foundation Course	8 th & 9 th October 4 th & 5 th December 25 th & 26 th February 13 th & 14 th March
Working Together in Child Protection Planning – Core Groups	6 th November 17 th January
Refresher Training – Keeping in Touch	18 th September 14 th November 31 st January 19 th March
Domestic Abuse Awareness	2 nd October 15 th November 6 th February
Safeguarding Vulnerable Infants (Pre-birth to 5yrs)	27 th February
Safeguarding Vulnerable Teenagers	26 th September 22 nd January
Risky Business – Safeguarding Training for First Line Managers & Supervisors	12 th November & 27 th November* 21 st March & 10 th April Change of Dates*
Safeguarding Children where there is Neglect	3 rd October 14 th February
Train the Trainers in Child Protection - Level 1 & 2	13 th & 14 th December
Safeguarding Children where there is Parental Substance Misuse	16 th October 10 th January
Safeguarding Disabled Children	11 th October 15 th January
Safeguarding Children where there is Parental Mental Illness	23 rd January
Forced Marriage & Honour Based Crime	Half Day 10-12 6 th March
Child Sexual Abuse Sexually Harmful Behaviour Sexual Exploitation	Dates awaited Will be advertised
Safer Recruitment Training	11 th December 12 th March 11 th June 2013
Risk Assessment & Management Training for Managers & Supervisors – Focus on Risk Assessment Tools e.g. Graded Care Profile for use in Neglect	Half Days 4 th October 1-5pm 10 th October 9-1 18 th October 1-5 13 th November 9-1 23 rd November 9-1 29 th November 9-1
New Child Protection Plans – Safeguarding Briefings Last two sessions	2 nd October 2-4pm 12 th October 10 - 12

Application forms on www.safeguardingchildren.org.uk

Note for all schools

Letters went out to all schools from the TSCB early this year outlining the required & desirable training for Safeguarding Leads in schools. Please note that a Level 3 course can replace the Refresher Course rather than repeating the Refresher every 2-3 yrs. For example a Safeguarding Lead would need to attend:-

- Whole School Awareness
- On-line Awareness in Child Protection – TSCB Course
- Working Together in Safeguarding -Foundation Course
- Working Together in Child Protection Planning – Core Groups
- Refresher Training – Keeping Children Safe (2-3 yrs after above training)

They could then choose from the programme – Mental Health; Substance Misuse; Vulnerable Infants; Vulnerable Teenagers; Domestic Abuse; Risky Business; Sexually Harmful Behaviour ; Neglect etc. It is all regarded as relevant training by OFSTED

Any further information, please contact: Lynn Ready, TSCB Training Organiser, 0161 342 3891/4342 or lynn.ready@tameside.gov.uk

And Finally..

TSCB Website Re-vamp

Following some initial consultation with our Lay Members last year, we decided that it was time to revamp the TSCB website. We want to update content, improve navigation, and generally give the whole site a better appearance.

Before we start work we want to hear from you, as people who use the website daily, what you feel works well and which parts need to be improved. Please complete our [brief survey](#) to let us know. Your views are important to us and the survey will only take a short time to complete. We want to get this right so make your views count!

If you would like the bulletin to be sent to you directly in future please send a blank email to LSCB@tameside.gov.uk and put 'SIGN UP' in the subject line. Alternatively, if you wish to unsubscribe please put 'Unsubscribe' in the subject line.

All of the TSCB E-Bulletins are available on the TSCB website at;
<http://www.tamesidesafeguardingchildren.org.uk/news/tscb-newsletters>