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Tameside Safeguarding Children Board "Working Together to Safeguard Children in Tameside"

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

This edition provides information about; An [Independent Safeguarding Authority event](#) coming up in Tameside; the [TSCB Trust Your Instinct Awareness Campaign](#); new [Child Sexual Exploitation identification resources](#); Information about [Managing Allegations against people who work with children](#); an update on [Assessing Neglect and the Graded Care Profile](#); the latest [TSCB Training News](#) and an introduction to the organisation [AFRUCA – Africans Unite Against Child Abuse](#).

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

Independent Safeguarding Authority – Tameside Event 17/01/13

The Independent Safeguarding Authority's (ISA) role is to help prevent unsuitable people from working with vulnerable groups including children.

Tameside Safeguarding Children Board and Tameside Adult Safeguarding Partnership are hosting a free ISA information event for individuals and organisations working within the Safeguarding Sector. The session lasts two and a half hours and will be run on 17/01/13.

Visit the [News and Updates](#) section of our website for more information about the event and how to apply.

Trust Your Instinct – TSCB Public Awareness Campaign

Tameside Safeguarding Children Board is running a publicity campaign aimed at protecting children from abuse.

The main message of the campaign is "Trust Your Instinct" and TSCB is appealing for people to trust their gut feeling if they have concerns about a child or young person and to report it.

Posters will be appearing across Tameside, please help us to get this important message across to the public by displaying the posters in prominent locations.

For further details about the campaign visit <http://www.tameside.gov.uk/trustyourinstinct>

If anyone would like a poster to display please contact anna.cooke@tameside.gov.uk

Child Sexual Exploitation – Publications and Resources

Children’s Commissioner Interim Report

Community Care have produced a [summary](#) of the interim report published by The Office of the Children’s Commissioner earlier this week. The report is part of the two year government-commissioned inquiry into the extent and nature of sexual exploitation in England. The full report can be downloaded from www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk

Interactive identification Tool

Another helpful resource from Community Care is this [interactive identification tool](#). The tool has been assembled using recent research findings, to help practitioners identify possible signs of child sexual exploitation.

DfE Step by Step Guide for Professionals

[What to do if you suspect a child is being sexually exploited](#) has been produced by the department for Education. This step by step guide is for frontline practitioners in the statutory and voluntary and community sectors. It outlines the actions to take, as a minimum, if you suspect that a child you are in contact with is being sexually exploited.

Film

The Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) and National Policing Improvement Agency have launched a new training film to help front-line police officers spot the early signs of group-associated grooming, and support vulnerable children being sexually exploited. The film uses the character of Whitney in EastEnders, played by actress Shona McGarty, to explore how children and young people can be made vulnerable, and to highlight the grooming and manipulation techniques used by abusers. To view the film visit <http://www.cse.siyonatech.com>

Managing allegations against people who work with children

The Working Together (2010) guidance describes the procedure for managing allegations against people who work with children.

Mike Dudley is the Safeguarding Advisor (Local Authority Designated Officer) for Tameside. It is his duty to oversee investigations into allegations of child abuse and inappropriate behaviour by people working with children and young people. Mike works closely with employers to offer advice and guidance on the management of allegations.

Where there is cause to suspect that a child is suffering or is likely to suffer significant harm, or that a criminal offence might have taken place, Mike will liaise with Children’s Social Care and/or the Police to ensure that that information sharing is appropriately co-ordinated.

Mike chairs inter-agency Professional Abuse Strategy Meetings (PASMs) on behalf of the Tameside Safeguarding Children Board and is available for advice and consultation. He also supports delivery of TSCB Safer Recruitment training.

Mike is based at the Union Street building in Hyde and can be contacted on:

Tel: 0161 342 4111 or by email at mike.dudley@tameside.gov.uk

Click [here](#) to access the Tameside procedure for Managing Allegations against Adults who work with Children and Young People.

Assessing Neglect – The Graded Care Profile

One of the priorities for the TSCB this year has been to assist all who work with children and families in assessing child neglect. Many children with additional needs experience neglect at a variety of levels and it is vital that we all recognise and assess this. Research findings from Serious Case Reviews, both nationally and locally, show that neglect is the second highest category for Child Protection Plans and is often the backdrop for physical, emotional and sexual harm.

An assessment tool known as the [Graded Care Profile](#) has been identified as beneficial when used in other areas of the country, for example Salford. It can be used in early intervention with parents and carers to promote their strengths and recognise the areas in which they need to improve. It can also be used with children at higher levels of need to provide evidence of what must change if the child is to develop and be safe. The Graded Care Profile breaks neglect down into physical, emotional, social and educational aspects and with a scoring system, gives clear evidence of the impact of neglect on children of all ages.

In TSCB training, the Graded Care Profile has been used with managers and practitioners from all agencies and the feedback has been positive. It has been found useful in identifying the type and level of neglect that a child is experiencing and what 'Good Care' would look like.

The TSCB has accepted the recommendations of a multi-agency working group that the Graded Care Profile should be adopted in practice in Tameside. **From the first of December this year it will be expected that full consideration be given to using the GCP in all situations where we suspect that a child is experiencing neglect.** It is expected that it will be used in early help to families when neglect appears to be an issue, and that referrals for Children in Need due to neglect will be accompanied by a GCP. Where a child protection referral is made there should be no delay in making that referral and the completion of a GCP will be agreed as part of the Child Protection process (guidance will be sent to all agencies).

Further Training in use of the Graded Care Profile is available in TSCB Neglect Training on 11th December or 14th February and throughout 2013/14. Click [here](#) for more information about training and how to apply.

The Graded Care Profile and guidance notes for completion can be found on the TSCB [Practitioner Area](#) enter password **TSCB** twice – you will then reach the page with the Graded Care Profile on it, plus other assessment tools.

TSCB Training News

The programme of training in Child Sexual Abuse will run again from December 2012 to March 2013. Ann Potter from Barnardos will deliver courses in:

Understanding Child Sexual Abuse – 12/2/13 or 4/3/13

Child Sexual Exploitation – 6/12/12 or 24/1/13

Sexually Harmful Behaviour in Children & Young People – 28/1/13 or 5/3/13

These courses will be of benefit to all who work with children, young people and adults who are parents/carers. They will assist managers and practitioners in recognising these forms of sexual abuse; understanding the risk factors and developing practice to safeguard children and young people from sexual abuse. These are full day courses – go to [Learning Zone](#) of TSCB Website for details and an application form

And Finally..

AFRUCA - Africans Unite Against Child Abuse (UK)

AFRUCA is an organisation concerned about cruelty against the African child. Operating for 11 years in London and since 2008 in Manchester, AFRUCA is now expanding its work to ALL areas of Greater Manchester.

AFRUCA has worked closely with the communities, in particular faith leaders and church groups, parents and practitioners and has been influential in policy development such as new Government National Action Plan for tackling child abuse linked to faith or belief.

Services offered include:

- National Training Programme for practitioners Training and working with pastors and church groups / parents
- Input, advice and assessment in cases / reports
- Student placements
- Signposting

For more information about AFRUCA visit <http://www.afruca.org/>

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