



Safeguarding Children Partnership Stoke-on-Trent

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

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Welcome to the next edition of the quarterly Stoke-on-Trent Safeguarding Children Partnership (SOTSCP) newsletter. Here you will find details of upcoming events, training opportunities, safeguarding news, policy and procedure updates and much more.

Please don't forget to send us your safeguarding news and updates to share across our multi-agency partners, submissions to sscp.information@stoke.gov.uk. We are particularly interested in case studies, lessons learnt and best practice



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Update from Staffordshire Police

Police Violence Reduction Team:

The Police Violence Reduction team have been in place in the city for 2 and a half years and have been working with partners in the public health space to reduce serious violence and exploitation in young people across the city. They have identified the need for further mental health support to work with the cohort of young people they support and have successfully received funding from the police and crime commissioner for a two-year trial to imbed a mental health practitioner to the team. With the support of health colleagues this is due to launch in July 2024 and we are hopeful this will help improve outcomes for young people on the violence reduction cohort.

HM Inspector of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) Feedback:

Staffordshire Police have been taken out of 'engaged' and are now on our journey back to outstanding. HMICFRS have recently re-inspected the force and have commended on the hard work and commitment in improving the service we deliver to our communities. We have made great steps in improving our contact centre, quality of investigations and response to the most vulnerable people. The hard work will continue with the creation of new amended improvement plans and engagement sessions across the force with our front-line officers and staff and our executive team.

Safer Sleep for Babies



Tragically, around 5 babies each year die locally from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and if parents were aware of safer sleep advice, many lives could be saved.

Things you can do....

- Steps parents can take to reduce the risk of SIDS (follow this advice for all sleeps and naps, not just at night).
- Always place your baby on their back to sleep.
- Keep you baby smoke free during pregnancy and after birth.
- Place your baby to sleep in a separate cot or Moses basket in the same room as you for the first 6 months.
- Breastfeed your baby.
- Use a firm, flat, waterproof mattress in good condition.

Things to avoid....

- Never sleep on a sofa or in an armchair with your baby. (Sleeping on a sofa with your baby increase the risk of sudden infant death syndrome by up to 50 times.)
- Don't sleep in the same bed as your baby if you smoke, drink or take drugs or if your baby was born premature or was a low birth weight.
- Avoid letting your baby get too hot, don't cover your baby's face or head while sleeping or use loose bedding.

Go to the **Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB's** [Safe Sleep Campaign - Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, ICS \(staffsstokeics.org.uk\)](https://www.staffsstokeics.org.uk)



Ask for Angela Campaign

The **Ask for Angela** initiative aims to ensure that anyone who is feeling vulnerable or unsafe is able to get help and support discreetly. This could be on a night out, on a date or meeting friends.

The initiative works by training staff in vulnerability management and what to do when someone 'Asks for Angela'. When a trained member of staff hears the code-phrase they will understand the person needs support and will be able to respond in an appropriate, discreet way.

If you find yourself needing help and you are in a venue that operates [#AskForAngela](https://www.staffsstokeics.org.uk), you can go to the bar and simply ask to speak to Angela.

[Find out more here](#)



Trauma Informed
Stoke-on-Trent and
Staffordshire

Supporting Stoke-on-Trent and
Staffordshire to be Trauma Informed



Trauma Informed Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire (TrISS)

TrISS has developed resources to provide organisations and professionals with an understanding of trauma, the potential impacts of trauma and how to implement trauma informed care.

An awareness video, briefing and explainer guide has been produced for each of the topics.

<https://violencereductionalliance.co.uk/triss/>



Stoke-on-Trent SCP Training

Stoke-on-Trent Safeguarding Children Partnership provides a series of multi-agency learning and development opportunities, which includes core safeguarding training, a variety of subject specific courses and topic based briefing sessions.

To view what is currently on offer or to book a place on any training event, please click on the button below.

Training for August and September 2024

- FREE Reducing Parental Conflict
- FREE Early Help
- FREE Lunchtime Learning: Dangerous Dogs
- Level 3 Safeguarding Children and Female Genital Mutilation
- Level 1 Safeguarding Children **not for City Council employees**
- FREE Threshold Framework, accessing the right help at the right time
- Level 3 Safeguarding Children and Domestic Abuse
- FREE Outcome Star training
- Level 3 Child Sexual Abuse, Online Abuse, Harmful Sexual Behaviour and the role of the SARC

[SCP Training](#)
