



Safeguarding Children Partnership Stoke-on-Trent

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

(November 2023)

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

7 Minute Briefing - Supporting Children and Young People with Epilepsy.

Please see link below to an amended version of the Child Death Overview Panel 7-minute-briefing around supporting children and young people with epilepsy.

Sections include -

- Background
- What to do
- Safety Advice for epilepsy
- Sharing information with parents
- Sharing information with professionals



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Meet the Team



Midlands Partnership

NHS Foundation Trust

A Keele University Teaching Trust

Hi!

My name is Gaynor Gee and I work with the Children and Families Care Group in Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (MPFT). My role is Named Nurse Safeguarding. Previously I have worked as a school nurse, and a named nurse for Children Looked After.

I work as part of a wider team of safeguarding nurses, social workers and administrators. The role of the team includes supporting colleagues needing advice regarding safeguarding matters, offering supervision to all MPFT staff, supporting staff with challenge and escalation of their concerns, and working together with our colleagues in other agencies to safeguard children. The safeguarding nurses and social workers in the team attend Child Death Overview Panel, Rapid Review and Child Safeguarding Practice meetings, and help to formulate learning action plans, and improvement in safeguarding practice, to help to keep children safe. We also deliver safeguarding training sessions for MPFT staff and the Safeguarding Children Board and Partnership.

Safeguarding work is challenging, but very worthwhile. I have met, and worked with many colleagues in health, and partner agencies whose passion and dedication to their work with children and their families has been amazing and makes a difference for children.

If you would like to contact me or the team my email address is Gaynor.gee@mpft.nhs.uk. I would be happy to hear from you.

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.

SCP Training

Level 3 Training:

Safeguarding Children and Parental Substance Misuse

Tuesday 5 December 2023, 9.30am – 4pm at Bentilee Neighbourhood Centre

Safeguarding Children and Domestic Abuse

Wednesday 31 January 2024, 9.30am – 1pm, Zoom

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Level 4 Training:

Managing Allegations against Staff and Volunteers

Wednesday 24 January 2024, 9.30am – 1pm, MS Teams

FREE Lunchtime Learning Sessions:

Private Fostering Wednesday 17 January 2024, 12.30pm – 1.30pm, MS Teams

Dangerous Dogs Thursday 25 January 2024, 12pm – 1pm, MS Teams

Safe sleep for your baby

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care System, supported by The Child Death Overview Panel for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent are sharing a new campaign aimed at providing parents and carers with clear, consistent messaging relating to safe sleep with their newborn

The Safe Sleep campaign equips parents and carers with the information they need to make informed choices. The key message is 'for the first six months of a baby's life the safest place for them to sleep is in a cot in the same room as the person looking after them, for all sleeps'.

Sleeping safely

"For the first six months of your baby's life the safest place for them to sleep is in a cot in the same room as the person looking after them, for all sleeps."

"Sadly, every year a small number of babies die suddenly and unexpectedly in their sleep, on average four or five babies a year die unexpectedly in Staffordshire and Stoke-on Trent. Sometimes a cause is found, such as an underlying health condition, but often there's no obvious reason. You may hear the term sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) which used to be called cot death.

"To reduce the chance of SIDS, you should follow this key advice for baby sleep.

"Remember that sudden infant death is rare, so please don't let worrying about it stop you enjoying your baby's first few months. Simple steps can help to keep your baby safe, please follow the advice provided.

"The advice given in this leaflet has helped to save many babies' lives and should be followed for all sleep periods, not just at night."

Dr Mansoor Ahmed

Consultant Paediatrician
and Designated Doctor for
Unexpected Deaths (South
Staffordshire)



For details about the campaign and further information contact:
Faith Lindley-Cooke, faith.lindley-cooke@staffordshire.police.uk

Private Fostering - Information for parents and carers.



Private fostering is when a child or young person under 16 years old (or 18 if they have a disability) is looked after for 28 days or more by someone who is not a close relative, guardian or person with parental responsibility. Close relatives include parents, stepparents, aunts, uncles and grandparents.

It is not private fostering if the arrangement was made by a social worker at Staffordshire County Council or if the person looking after the child is an approved foster carer.

People become private foster carers for all sorts of reasons. Private foster carers can be a friend of the child's family or someone who is willing to care for the child of a family they do not know.

[Link to Information Leaflet](#)

[Link to Short Video](#)

White Ribbon Day 25th November 2023

It is White Ribbon Day on 25 November. This year the day is focused on encouraging individuals and organisations to make consistent choices and actions to #ChangeTheStory for women and girls, so that they may live their lives free from the fear of violence.

Staffordshire Police achieved White Ribbon accreditation in 2022 as a result of working with White Ribbon UK to draft a three-year action plan to set the goals to tackle violence against women. The action plan is the force's commitment to achieve the best service for vulnerable victims and survivors, and supports on-going work to tackle violence, abuse and intimidation against women and girls.

Staffordshire Police are encouraging everyone to make the White Ribbon Promise. By doing so, you're becoming part of a wider movement to end violence and helping to make a difference to the lives of many people. Let's stand together and speak up.

To make the promise to never use, excuse or remain silent about men's violence against women visit: [Make the White Ribbon Promise — White Ribbon UK](#)



END MEN'S VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
Saturday, 25th November



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