



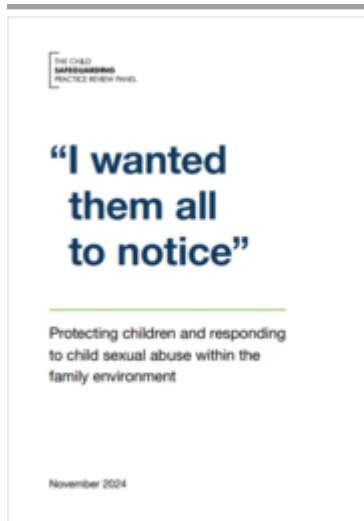
Safeguarding Children Partnership Stoke-on-Trent

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

(January 2025)

Welcome to the Winter edition of the 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



National review into child sexual abuse with the family environment

The Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel have published their national review into child sexual abuse within the family environment.

The national review analysed 136 serious child safeguarding incidents and 41 related serious case reviews (SCRs) and local child safeguarding practice reviews (LCSPRs).

It explores the specific challenges which feature in the identification, assessment and response to child sexual abuse within the family environment.

contains sensitive information

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/67446a8a81f809b32c8568d3/CSPRP_-_I_wanted_them_all_to_notice.pdf

Amity Healthy Relationships Toolkit
eLearning



Course outline:

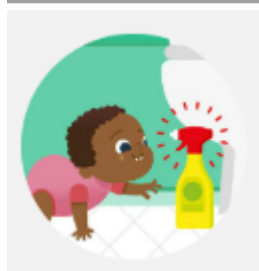
There is strong evidence that conflict between parents, whether together or separated can have a significant negative impact on children's mental health and long term life chances. Not all conflict is damaging, but when it is frequent intense and poorly resolved it can harm children's outcomes. This practical resource is useful for any organisation that's looking to boost its approach to building better relationships for parents. At its heart are transformative ways of working, ideas and tools that will build solid foundations for every member of the organisation – helping them to feel confident when working with couple relationships. On completion of the eLearning module (which should take approx. 1 hour) you will have access to download the toolkit that can be used to aid your work with parents.

Who's it for?

Multi-agency practitioners who support adults and families in their everyday role.

How to sign up:

Email Claire.Myatt@stoke.gov.uk or Kirsty.Clark@stoke.gov.uk and provide them with your email address. You will then receive an email from 'we are amity' which will allow you to set up an account and access the learning module.



Accidental ingestion of medicines and storage of household chemicals and products

Suspected poisoning is one of the most common reasons for young children to be taken to A&E.

Safety reminders - how to stop children from being poisoned

Keep the following locked away and/or out of reach of children:

- All medicines
- Alcohol
- Perfume, cosmetics
- Detergent, bleach
- Turpentine, paints
- Weed killers
- Nicotine liquid

Medication general tips and storage:

- Child safety caps aren't completely child proof. Although they slow children down, they won't always stop your child from getting into the bottle.
- Keep all medication out of children's reach and sight, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Keep them high up and hidden if stored in a fridge.
- Don't keep medications on your bedside table or in your bag – this is a favourite place for toddlers to find tablets.
- Keep all medicines in their original containers, and take extra care with see-through packets or brightly coloured tablets, as these can look like sweets and are especially tempting to children. Never pretend medications are sweets.

- Take any old or left-over medication to your local chemist for them to throw away safely.

Storing household chemicals and products:

- Keep laundry, cleaning products, and other chemicals such as paint, white spirit and weed killers on a high shelf out of reach of children or in a cupboard with child resistant catches.
- Never keep them under the sink, on the floor or by the toilet.
- Try to buy cleaning products with child-resistant caps that contain Bitrex, a product that is added to cleaning agents that produces a bitter taste if ingested.

<https://capt.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Poisoning-fact-sheet.pdf>

Keep water beads away from under 5's

An alert has been issued warning parents and childcare settings to keep water beads away from children under 5 years old.

With their bright colours and squishy feel, water beads are especially appealing to young children. When dry, water beads are tiny and can easily be swallowed without detection.

As they bathe in stomach fluids, some can expand to 400 times their original size, posing a serious risk of blockage in a child's bowel.



There is also a risk of inhalation causing coughing or choking.

Top tips for water bead safety:

1. Keep water beads away from children under 5
2. Supervise older children at all times when using water beads
3. If older children are using water beads, use a large tub with plenty of free space so stray beads can't escape onto the floor
4. After use, check that all beads are safely cleared away
5. Store dry water beads in a closed container out of children's reach

[water-beads-poster.pdf](#)



Children's Mental Health Week 3 - 9 February 2025

The week's focus is Know Yourself, Grow Yourself, with the aim to equip and empower children and young people across the UK to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them.

The more we understand about ourselves, the better we're prepared to tackle life's ups and downs. By helping children and young people understand and accept

themselves, they start to build self-awareness. This allows them to develop the skills they need to cope with what life throws at them.

[Resources and activities for Children's Mental Health Week](#)

Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Week 3 - 9 February 2025



According to the World Health Organisation, one in three women globally has experienced either physical or sexual intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence in their lifetime. It is important to also keep in mind that statistics continue to be skewed due to underreporting of sexual violence as well as apprehension to register cases. However, these statistics emphasise the urgent need to address the issue and create an environment where survivors feel supported and empowered to speak out.

Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Week provides the opportunity for individuals and organisations to have conversations about these important issues.

[#ITSNOTOK - SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEK - Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Week](#)



Safer Internet Day Tuesday 11 February 2025

The official resources for the day are now available to download for free on the UK Safer Internet Centre website. Designed by online safety experts, these resources are created to help educators integrate online safety discussions into their lessons and to empower young people of all ages to stay safe online as part of Safer Internet Day.

[Safer Internet Day 2025 - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

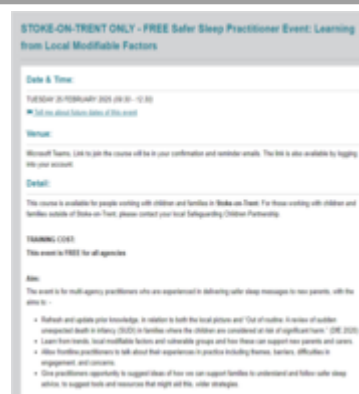
FREE Safer Sleep Practitioner Event: Learning from Local Modifiable Factors

Date: Tuesday 25 February 2025

Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Method: MS Teams

- Refresh and update prior knowledge, in relation to both the local picture and out of routine.
- Learn from trends, local modifiable factors and vulnerable groups and how these can support new parents and carers.
- Allow frontline practitioners to talk about their experiences in practice including themes, barriers, difficulties in engagement, and concerns.



- Give practitioners opportunity to suggest ideas of how we can support families to understand and follow safer sleep advice, to suggest tools and resources that might aid this, wider strategies.

Please click to book a place



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 training events on offer until the end of March 2025 or to book a place on any session, please click on the button below.

Training taking place January - March 2025

- [Level 4 Managing Allegations against Staff and Volunteers](#)
- [FREE Working with Resistant Families](#)
- [Level 3 Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness](#)
- [FREE Counter Terrorism West Midlands Police Prevent Overview](#)
- [Level 3 Safeguarding Children and Parental Substance Misuse](#)
- [FREE Outcome Star](#)
- [FREE Safer Sleep Practitioner Event: Learning from Local Modifiable Factors](#)
- [FREE Lunchtime Learning: Fabricated Induced Illness and Perplexing Presentations](#)
- [FREE Lunchtime Learning: Developing Professional Curiosity and Hypothesis](#)
- [Level 3 Child Sexual Abuse, Online Abuse, Harmful Sexual Behaviour and the role of the SARC](#)
- [Level 3 Safeguarding Children and Parental Mental Health](#)
- [FREE Restorative Practice](#)
- [FREE Early Help](#)
- [Level 3 Safeguarding Children and Female Genital Mutilation](#)

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