



Safeguarding Children Partnership Stoke-on-Trent

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

(April 2025)

Welcome to the Spring 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



Trauma Informed Practice and Understanding ACEs Launch

150 practitioners attended the Trauma Informed Practice and Understanding ACEs Launch which took place on Tuesday 1 April 2025, at the Bridge Centre.

Trauma Informed Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire (TrISS) launched their suite of online resources, which were developed based on feedback and needs from practitioners, to help professionals recognise and support children and young people experiencing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Trauma. Visit the Trauma Informed/ACEs resource portal here:

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

The guest speaker was Dr Lisa Cherry, Director of Trauma Informed Consultancy Services Ltd, who shared her extensive experience in supporting professionals and provided valuable insights on trauma-informed practice.

There was really positive feedback from the event:

- “The information was brilliant and the portal will be something that I will be using a great deal to draw information from.”
- “All staff members having access to the downloadable resources from the violence reduction alliance will be beneficial in everyday practice within our setting.”
- “Thank you for this launch. Having worked with the most vulnerable children throughout my teaching career, I believe the topic of trauma and its varying impacts is the most important topic to understand children and their families.”

Risk, Rights, Relationships and Resilience: working with young people facing harm outside of the home workshop

Dez Holmes - Director, Research in Practice delivered an interactive workshop on Monday 7 April 2025 at Bentilee Neighbourhood Centre.

The workshop explored what the evidence says about adolescent development, and enablers for rational, right based practice. As well as multi-agency principles for responding to child exploitation and harm outside of the home.

To read the presentation, please click on the following link [Risk, Rights, Relationships and Resilience: working with young people facing harm outside of the home](#)

Children and Young People's Strategy

Stoke-on-Trent City Council is embarking on an important journey to refresh the **Children and Young People's Strategy** (formerly known as *Room to Grow*). This Strategy aims to improve the lives and opportunities of children, young people, and families across Stoke-on-Trent.



Through close collaboration with partners in education, health, police, and the city's voluntary and community organisations, we are committed to ensuring every child has the chance to grow up healthy, safe, and supported, regardless of their background or circumstances. We invite you to share your thoughts on the biggest challenges facing children in our city and the support they need to thrive. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us design better services, improve opportunities, and ensure children and families receive the right help at the right time.

For more information about the proposed Children and Young People's Strategy, details on how to participate in the consultation, and where to email your views, please visit [Children and Young People's Strategy Consultation](#)

The consultation will close at **5pm on Friday 16 May 2025**.

Thank you for contributing to this shared effort to create a brighter future for the children and young people of Stoke-on-Trent.



"It's Silent": Race, racism and safeguarding children

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The Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel have produced a report about safeguarding children from Black, Asian and Mixed Heritage backgrounds.

It explores what happened to 53 children from Black, Asian and Mixed Heritage backgrounds who were the subject of child safeguarding reviews between January 2022 and March 2024.

The purpose of this briefing is to share learning from analyses of rapid reviews and local child safeguarding practice reviews (LCSPRs) to inform the work of safeguarding partners.

[**Please click here to read the report**](#)

Ask for Angela Campaign Partner Pack



Last year, the Violence Reduction Alliance (VRA) produced an [Ask for Angela Campaign Partner Pack](#) as part of its commitment to tackle violence against women and girls (VAWG).

The Ask for Angela initiative aims to ensure that anyone feeling vulnerable or unsafe is able to get discreet support. 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.

The campaign partner pack includes a range of resources to help venues to train staff and implement Ask for Angela, and national and local resources to promote the initiative to the public. Inside the partner pack you will find: local posters, national posters, staff workbooks, social media assets, suggested social media posts, video and vulnerability training.

For further information visit: [Ask for Angela - Violence Reduction Alliance](#)



Schools Service Update: Summer 2025



Book speak out Stay safe - primary, SEND, free

Speak out Stay safe is a free safeguarding programme for ages 5-11 and consists of online assemblies and lesson packs for schools to deliver. We may also be able to offer volunteer-led class workshops. Register at [Speak out Stay safe Registration](#)

There's also a SEND programme aimed at ages 9-11.



Talk PANTS - EYFS, primary, SEND, free

Talk PANTS teaching resources help children to understand the Underwear Rule. Download teaching packs for ages 3-11, including a pack for learners with SEND. Includes full lesson plans, slides and printables at [Talk PANTS for schools](#)



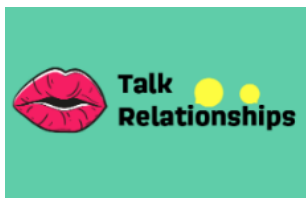
Take part in Childhood Day - all settings, Friday 6 June 2025

Sign up your school for the Childhood Day Mile 2025. Have fun, get active and raise money to help keep children safe. Register at [Childhood Day 2025](#)



Childline Posters - all ages, free

Our downloadable Childline posters encourage children to contact Childline if they need to talk. With designs for different ages, they can be printed and displayed or shared digitally. Download posters at [Childline Posters](#)



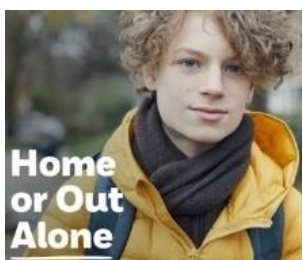
Talk Relationships - secondary, SEND, free

Talk Relationships supports settings to deliver a whole-school approach to RSE and is designed to help young people understand healthy behaviours. Tools include a whole-school framework and e-learning courses. There are also 20 lesson plans including one for transition to secondary school.



Let children know you're listening - all professionals, free

Helpful guidance and reminders for supporting adults in responding to those disclosing abuse. Includes a free printable poster to display in your setting. Find tips and the poster at [let children know you're listening](#)



Home or Out Alone Guide - free

A guide to help parents and carers decide whether their child is ready to either stay at home or go out alone. Find more information at [Home or Out Alone](#)

If you would like any further information on any of our NSPCC resources, please get in touch with your local NSPCC Schools Coordinator at Matthew.Harding@nspcc.org.uk

Top Safety Tips for Families this April

Exploring your local area this Easter holiday? Practice the Green Cross Code with your children and your good habits crossing the road safely can become theirs [How to stay safe around roads](#)



Mini eggs warning - please remember that mini eggs can choke small children. They're just the right size to block their airways and their hard texture can make them difficult to dislodge with standard first aid techniques [Keep children safe from choking](#)

Why are slushies dangerous for small children? Glycerol is often used to create the slush effect. But in high quantities, especially to small children, glycerol can cause shock, hypoglycaemia (low blood sugar) and loss of consciousness.

That's why current advice says slushies with glycerol are not recommended for children under five. But, new research suggests the age threshold may need to be even higher. [Learn more](#)

Any dog can bite - While we don't expect our own dog to bite, it's important to remember any dog can bite if they feel they have no other option. CPAT have created free resources with simple safety tips to keep your dog and children safe and happy together. [Download yours here](#)

Child Safety Week



Child Safety Week runs from **Monday 2 to Sunday 8 June 2025**, with the theme **Safety is for Sharing**.

The Child Accident Prevention Trust (CPAT) are asking for as many people as possible to share their important safety

advice to as many families as possible.

To find out how to get involved and to download the free resources, please click on the following link
[Child Safety Week 2025](#)

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.

Training taking place May - June 2025

- FREE Early Help - [May](#) and [June](#)
- FREE Outcome Star - [May](#) and [June](#)
- [FREE Lunchtime Learning: Lets Change the Narrative - the importance of language in Child Exploitation](#)
- [Level 4 Managing Allegations against Staff and Volunteers](#)
- FREE Restorative Practice - [9.30am - 12.30pm](#) and [1.30pm - 4.30pm](#)
- [FREE Threshold Framework, accessing the right help at the right time](#)
- [Level 3 Safeguarding Children and Domestic Abuse](#)
- [FREE Lunchtime Learning: Fabricated Induced Illness and Perplexing Presentations](#)
- [Level 4 Designated Safeguarding Lead Officer](#)
- [FREE Safer Sleep Practitioner Event Learning from Local Modifiable Factors](#)
- [FREE Prevent Training](#)

Prior to booking on to training, please could you check that your account is up-to-date, for example, current job role, line manager details, etc.

To view further Stoke-on-Trent SCP Training