

Foreword from Keith Perkin, Independent Scrutineer

Over recent months I have carried out a review of how partners across Torbay are working together to safeguard children from being exploited. The multi-agency approach to this area of child safeguarding is a strength, particularly the operational response that I witnessed in the Child Exploitation Multi Agency Group meetings. The in-depth knowledge of children and families enabled a sound understanding of what support was required. I would also urge you to sign up to the learning and development opportunities available for partners. This will give you a better understanding of child exploitation happening in Torbay as well as learning about local procedures and protocols. It is pleasing that Torbay partners continue to consider how its offering to children who are at risk of exploitation can be improved. A contextual safeguarding task and finish group has just been established which will look at ways in how children can be better supported and safeguarded when at risk of exploitation.

At the most recent TSCP Neglect sub group it was pleasing to see a number of new faces had joined the group. Although Working Together puts a shared focus on what it calls the 3 Safeguarding Partners (Local Authority, Police and Health), we all know every partner has a valuable contribution to make. Torbay is a relatively small partnership, but with a lot of work to cover. If you want to become more involved in the partnership through the sub groups, please contact the TSCP Business Team tscp@torbay.gov.uk

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TSCP Website links and information

The TSCP website is updated regularly with useful information and links to support safeguarding of children and young people, and you in your own practice. Click on the links below for more information in each area:

- **Child Safeguarding Practice Review reports and NSPCC Repository**
- **TSCP Quality Assurance audit reports and learning pages**
- **Managing allegations against adults working with children**
- **TSCP training schedule and guidance**
- **Information and advice for children and young people**

We are in the process of building a new website, any suggestions or comments are welcomed
tscp@torbay.gov.uk

**TSCP Harmful
Sexual
Behaviour
Guidance
(click here)**

Who to contact if you think a child is at risk of abuse:

In an emergency always call the police on 999

Torbay Council's Children's Services **01803 208100**; Devon and Cornwall Police Non-Emergency Number: **101**
NSPCC: **0808 800 5000**

All safeguarding concerns raised will be assessed by highly experienced staff who will explore your concerns with you and where appropriate make decisions about what should happen next.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



Torbay are delighted to be on the 75 local authorities implementing the government's Family Hub and Start for Life programme, and even prouder to be one of the fourteen

trailblazers selected to go faster and further in its service delivery.

The Start for Life programme centres itself on the importance of a child's first 1001 days, and strengthening families through the enhancement and development of the parent/infant relationship, including relationships with father, co-parents and other parent/carers, such as kinship carers. The Family Hub programme goes further than this and is a programme supporting children and young people aged 0-25 (including those who experience special educational needs) and their families, and focuses on the following workstreams:

- Transformation
- Infant feeding
- Perinatal mental health
- Parenting Support
- Home learning environment
- Publishing the Start for Life Offer
- Parent/Carer Panels

As part of this work, we have established the **Family Hub Torbay website** (link below); this is intended to become a one stop virtual shop, signposting children, young people, parents/carers and families to all of the work ongoing in Torbay to achieve the best possible outcomes for children:

torbayfamilyhub.org.uk

If you or your organisation would like to know more, or offer any feedback, please contact Mark Richards Mark.Richards3@torbay.gov.uk

Devon and Cornwall Police Partner Briefing

Devon and Cornwall Police have recently updated their website which includes a selection of online forms for making non-urgent and non-emergency reports. To help improve their service they are asking everyone – public and partners – to report via their website forms rather than emailing the old 101 email address.

They are aiming to remove the facility to be able to send emails to 101 by 17 April.

The new web forms are structured with 'prompts' to make sure they have all the information they need from the first time someone gets in touch helping them to respond more quickly.

Please remove all the 101 email addresses you may have stored such as **101@dcpolice.co.uk** or **101@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk**.

Please refer **www.devon-cornwall.police.uk** rather than 101 email from now on.

Links below:

- [Home page](#)
- [Partnership services \(partners only\)](#)
- [Contact us - public](#)

Multi-Agency Child Exploitation (MACE)

What is MACE?

Torbay's Multi Agency Child Exploitation (MACE forum) is held monthly and is our largest multi-agency forum for tackling child exploitation in all forms. It takes place monthly and is chaired jointly by Children's Services and the police.

How does MACE help to safeguard children?

- The forum discusses locations of concern and adults of interest who may be exploiting children locally.
- It also reviews any other themes and trends that could lead to children being exploited.
- The meeting is focused on intelligence gathering and disruption (i.e. does not duplicate individual planning or safeguarding for children)
- It is a proactive forum to identify, respond and reduce sources of child exploitation in Torbay (and beyond where needed)

What can I do?

Lots of information can be gathered through this forum, disruption can be targeted at locations and individuals of concern where referrals are made. We are respectfully asking and reminding all partners to feel confident to make referrals into MACE – you may never know what 'piece of the puzzle' you have.

The referral form can be located here: [Missing CSE - Torbay Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)

When making any referral to MACE, ensure that appropriate safeguarding referrals are also made for individual children. Also ensure that any information relating to child exploitation is input into police intelligence.

The community partnership information link can be found here: [Community partnership intelligence | Devon & Cornwall Police \(devon-cornwall.police.uk\)](#)

Suicide Prevention Engagement Event

There are around 20 suicides per year in Torbay and we have one of the highest suicide rates in England. Each of these is a tragedy, both individually and for our wider community.

The Devon Integrated Care System has prioritised suicide prevention with an ambition to bring all local authority areas in line with the England average by 2028. We are acutely aware that Torbay has more work to do than other areas due to its significantly higher rate. Partners in the Bay have been working hard to support individuals and build community resilience, but we know we still have a big task to achieve this shared goal. Suicide prevention is everybody's business.

We are inviting your organisation to a multi-agency suicide prevention priority setting event to help us agree our collective priorities for action for the next three years.

I would like to invite you or your most appropriate representative sign up to attend this event using the [Eventbrite link in this email](#) or in the attached event flyer so that you can be part of the change we wish to see.

We feel this event will work better in person but if your organisation is unable to attend, please take the opportunity to complete [this survey link](#) so that your input can be incorporated on the day.

Kind regards,

Dr Lincoln Sargeant

TSCP Training summer 2023

DASH Risk Assessment Training. Link: Course: DASH Risk Assessment Training (learningpool.com)

Graded Care Profile 2 Information Session Link: Course: Graded Care Profile 2 Information Session (learningpool.com)

Graded Care Profile 2 Link: Course: Graded Care Profile 2 (learningpool.com)

Foundation Awareness of Harmful Sexual Behaviour Link: Course: Foundation Awareness of Harmful Sexual Behaviour Course (learningpool.com)

Technology Assisted Harmful Sexual Behaviours Foundation Course Link: Course: Foundation Awareness of Harmful Sexual Behaviour Course (learningpool.com)

Safeguarding Officers Induction for Community, Faith, Sports, and Voluntary Sector Organisations Link: Course: Safeguarding Officers Induction - Community, Faith, Sports and Voluntary Sector (learningpool.com)

ICPC and Core Group Training Link: <https://torbay.learningpool.com/course/view.php?id=820>

Exploring Child in Need and Child Protection Core Groups Link: <https://torbay.learningpool.com/course/view.php?id=1039>

Introduction to Family Group Conferences in Torbay Link: Course: Introduction to Family Group Conferences in Torbay (learningpool.com)

Child Exploitation in Torbay Link: <https://torbay.learningpool.com/course/view.php?id=1014>

Recognising and Responding to Child Sexual Exploitation Link: Course: Recognising and Responding to Child Sexual Exploitation (learningpool.com)

Recognising and Responding to Child Criminal Exploitation Link: Course: Recognising and Responding to Child Criminal Exploitation (learningpool.com)

Understanding Modern Slavery and the National Referral Mechanism Link: Course: Understanding Modern Slavery and the National Referral Mechanism (learningpool.com)

Understanding the Importance of Children and Young People Who Go Missing Link: Course: Understanding the Importance of Children and Young People Who Go Missing (learningpool.com)

Safeguarding Children Foundation (Level 3 Child Protection) 2021-23 Link: <https://torbay.learningpool.com/course/view.php?id=825>

Safeguarding Children Refresher (Level 3 Child Protection) 2021-23 Link: <https://torbay.learningpool.com/course/view.php?id=826>

Safeguarding Children Foundation (Level 3) 2023-24 Link: Course: TSCP: Safeguarding Children Foundation (Level 3) 2023-24 (learningpool.com)

Safeguarding Children Refresher (Level 3) 2023-24 Link: Course: TSCP: Safeguarding Children Refresher (Level 3) 2023-24 (learningpool.com)

First Responder Modern Slavery Link: <https://torbay.learningpool.com/course/view.php?id=809>

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