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## Introduction

Welcome to the September 2021 edition of the Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership newsletter.

A monthly newsletter will be produced to ensure regular updates are provided in relation to work which is taking place across the partnership.

Since commencing my post as Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership Manager I have been overwhelmed by the commitment and dedication which is evident across the partnership to improve the lives of children and young people within Hull. I am very much looking forward to working alongside voluntary and statutory agencies and communities to continue to aim to provide the best possible opportunities for children, young people and their families.

I would also like to say a big welcome to Mia Arnold who is now in post as HSCP Business Co-Ordinator and to Opel Walton who has recently joined as HSCP Service Support Officer.

Thank you for the valuable contributions which have been made to inform this newsletter!

Any feedback is always welcome and ideas you may have for topics to include in future newsletters.

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## Priorities for 2021-2022



Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership's priorities have now been agreed for 2021 – 2022.

- Priority 1: Neglect
- Priority 2: Contextual Safeguarding
- Priority 3: Domestic Abuse
- Priority 4: Learning and Improvement
- Priority 5: COVID Recovery

Please visit [www.hullscp.co.uk](http://www.hullscp.co.uk) for more information.

# Updates in relation to priorities

## Neglect

Neglect remains the most common reason for taking child safeguarding action both nationally and locally and is consistently the most common initial category of abuse for children on a child protection plan.

Neglect continues to be a key theme identified in Learning from Serious Cases and Safeguarding Practice Reviews undertaken by the HSCP. Work is currently being undertaken to re-invigorate the current neglect strategy.

A big thank you to everyone across the partnership who has participated in task and finish groups and provided feedback to assist in updating the current 'Neglect Practice Guidance and Tool Kit'. The aim is to ensure that neglect is identified at the earliest possible stages to reduce impact on children through timely and effective support. During October/ November 2021 communication will take place to raise awareness in relation to neglect. Any further views would be most welcomed to assist in improving practice.

## Child Exploitation

The HSCP were successful in a bid to work with 'The Tackling Child Exploitation Support Programme (TCE)' which is a joint project in conjunction with University of Bedfordshire, Research in Practice and The Children's Society. The aim of this work is to enable a more effective strategic approach across the partnership to safeguarding children & young people in relation to extra-familial harm and exploitation.

Mapping work is currently taking place to explore the various services, partnership groups, networks and training across Hull in relation to child exploitation.

A similar project is also taking place within East Riding so a joint approach is being taken to consider areas of common interest. This work is being co-ordinated through the HSCP Contextual Safeguarding sub-group.

## Domestic abuse

Bron Sanders (HSCP Independent Scrutineer) has recently completed a scrutiny report to consider how domestic abuse impacts on children and young people across Hull and the effectiveness of current services and partnership arrangements in improving outcomes for children and young people. Close working has taken place between HSCP and Hull Community Safety Partnership (DAP) to complete this work.

The Domestic Abuse Bill has now become law and there is a requirement for all local authorities to review their Domestic Abuse strategy. This is currently underway in Hull through the Domestic Abuse Partnership (DAP). Recommendations are currently being finalised in relation to the HSCP scrutiny work and key messages from the report will be shared in the October 21 HSCP newsletter.

We would like to thank everyone who participated for their time and commitment in sharing knowledge, experiences and views which have formed the basis for the scrutiny findings.

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## Section 11 Audits

Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership co-ordinated a 'Section 11 Audit' to assess and understand the effectiveness of local safeguarding arrangements.

The section 11 audit is a self-assessment undertaken by an individual agency to consider the extent to which they meet the safeguarding standards, as set out in Section 11 of the Children Act 2004.

The audit assists in identifying arrangements which agencies have in place to safeguard and promote the welfare of children across the partnership.

The audit used a self-assessment rating based on the traffic light system which enabled agencies to describe how they discharge their safeguarding responsibilities, to identify areas of best practice and areas of risk. Some of the areas identified by agencies for further development are detailed below:

<b><i>S11 Audit category –</i></b>	
<b>1</b>	<b><i>Staff are aware of their responsibilities in relation to the reporting of private fostering arrangements.</i></b>
<b>2</b>	<b><i>Staff undertake training in respect of recognising and responding to Child Criminal Exploitation including Child Sexual Exploitation.</i></b>
<b>3</b>	<b><i>There are processes in place to ensure learning from individual cases occurs across the entire organisation.</i></b>
<b>4</b>	<b><i>The Prevent duties are followed to ensure that staff are trained to recognise and take action with children who could be vulnerable to radicalisation.</i></b>
<b>5</b>	<b><i>Policies exist that include reference to the importance of listening to children and parents/ carers, and taking account of their wishes and feelings in making individual case decisions.</i></b>

Additional information was also requested to gain feedback from safeguarding partners as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and considered opportunities, learning and challenge.

**A big thank-you to everyone who completed the S11 audits. The information gathered is invaluable in assisting with identifying priorities and work currently being undertaken within Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership.**

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## **Together - A Study to Promote Family Well-being**



# Together

a study to promote **family** wellbeing

**Are you a parent** with children aged 3-18?

Do you want to **help shape services** for the future?

Come and be part of a study to **promote family wellbeing!**

## Programme details

Places are limited and need to be **confirmed in advance**.

- Location:** Acorn Children's Centre, Nestor Grove, Hull, HU9 4DB
- Start date and time:** Monday 13th September 2021, for 13 weeks from 10am to 2pm
- Facilities:** Refreshments will be available and participants are also welcome to bring their own. Social distancing will be maintained throughout. Every parent will receive individual packs with paperwork, pens etc on arrival to reduce sharing and ensure everyone's safety during the session. Crèche facilities available on request. Further details will be provided once your place is confirmed.
- Contact:** Danka Collinson 01482 708953  
Beverley Thompson 07741 671792

**strengthening  
families  
strengthening  
communities**

If you are interested, find out more on our website or speak to the facilitator. You can also contact **Beverley Thompson** from the research team directly at:

- Mobile:** 07741 671 792 (Call, text or WhatsApp)  
**Twitter:** @TogetherStudy1  
**Website:** [www.ucl.ac.uk/together-study](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/together-study)

We are asking parents to complete **four** questionnaires over the course of a year and you will get **£40 of vouchers** if you complete them all.

You will take part in a **free** 13 week programme for parents, which is designed to help parents build positive relationships with their children.



This project is part of a national research study, led by UCL and funded by the National Institute of Health Research.



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## Training

### Modern Day Slavery

The Home Office launches a new child-focussed modern slavery E-Learning module.

The new 45-minute module aims to further develop practitioners' understanding of modern slavery from a child safeguarding perspective. The module focusses on child victims of modern slavery, the steps practitioners should take to safeguard victims, and the role of the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) in these cases.

The primary target audience of the E-learning will be the statutory safeguarding partners in England and Wales including local authority children's services, but it will also provide useful context for other modern slavery First Responders across the UK.

The module includes content on:

- Child-specific indicators of MS and why children are particularly vulnerable
- Grooming and recruitment into exploitation
- Child criminal exploitation
- Child sexual exploitation
- Section 45 defence
- Safeguarding and making an NRM referrals

The Home Office strongly encourages all employees of First Responder Organisations (which includes local authorities) and frontline professionals who work with children to undertake the training.

The E-learning will be hosted on the Modern Slavery and Organised Immigration Crime Unit's (MSOICU) website and can be accessed here - [E-Learning Child Victims of Modern Slavery \(policingslavery.co.uk\)](https://policingslavery.co.uk)



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## Online Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Training

29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (10.00 – 11.00) via MS Teams

In this virtual safeguarding briefing you will hear about the work of Humberside Police Online Investigation Team (POLIT) who are responsible for conducting proactive and reactive investigations into all forms of online child sexual exploitation. Their role is to identify and investigate offenders engaged in child sexual exploitation, securing best evidence to obtain appropriate convictions for those who pose the greatest risk of harm to children. You will hear in this briefing about the functions of the team in dismantling and disrupting organised criminality and the collaborative work undertaken with National Crime Agency (NCA) and Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (CEOP).

During last year's lockdown the NSPCC received a 60% increase in contacts from people worried about children experiencing online sexual abuse. With children spending more time online than ever before we know that this makes them increasingly vulnerable to the changing world of online sexually abusive behaviour, often with children not understanding that what is happening to them is abuse.

As professionals working with children and families, we have a vital role to play in keeping every child safe online and ensuring we are best placed to provide guidance, support and have the skills and knowledge in which to help in the most challenging of situations.

Take a look below at a selection of videos highlighting the work of National Crime Agency (NCA) and Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (CEOP).

<https://youtu.be/fl6wBVT-yoI>  
<https://youtu.be/wxcwn5x-jE4>

To confirm your attendance at this briefing please email [education.safeguarding@hullcc.gov.uk](mailto:education.safeguarding@hullcc.gov.uk) with your name, role, setting and session you would like to register for. Microsoft Teams joining instructions will be sent to you nearer the time of the briefing.

For further information please contact [Phillip.Painter@hullcc.gov.uk](mailto:Phillip.Painter@hullcc.gov.uk) – Education Safeguarding Manager

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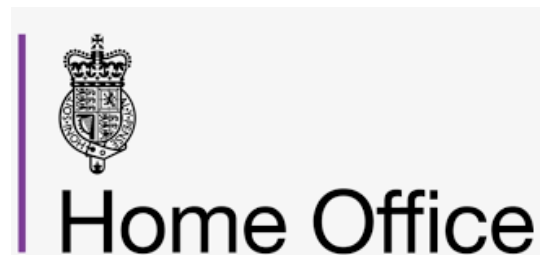
## Prevent - Counter Terrorism Training

Have you completed your Prevent training?

Prevent is a statutory responsibility placed on Local Authorities by the Counter Terrorism and Security Act and an important part of our daily work. Many of you come into contact with residents on a daily basis, including vulnerable adults and children, who could be susceptible to radicalisation.

If you haven't already done so we'd like you to complete the Prevent training to help you become more aware of how to spot the signs to prevent people who could be radicalised.

Hull City Council are offering three e-learning courses produced by the home office that are available to professionals to complete.



- Introduction to the Prevent Duty
- Prevent referrals
- Channel Awareness

To book access these courses please email [LearningandDevelopment@hullcc.gov.uk](mailto:LearningandDevelopment@hullcc.gov.uk) for further information.

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## Reducing Parental Conflict – free course

A new Reducing Parental Conflict e-Learning bundle is now being offered to all CYPFS staff and our partners. The eLearning experience is completely free, offers 24/7 access, potentially greater time for reflection and online tools to support learner development and may be used as pre-learning, replacement or refresher learning.

The RPC e-Learning is a complete package of Modules 1 - 4. Learners have access for six months once they have self-registered and created their licence, the deadline for registration is Thursday 30 September.

Learners can complete it at their own pace and log in or return as frequently as they wish within that time.

The RPC e-learning modules can also be completed in any order of preference:



- Module 1 – Understanding parental conflict and its impact on child outcomes
- Module 2 – Recognising and supporting Parents in parental conflict
- Module 3 – Working with parents in parental conflict
- Module 4 – Parental Conflict: The role of Supervisors and Managers

Each learner will then be issued with the eLearning access link and access token (code) as well as a simple step-by-step guide which explains the process each learner is required to complete to self-register and create their licence to access the RPC eLearning bundle.

If you are interested, please email Helen Richardson – [Helen.Richardson2@hullcc.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.Richardson2@hullcc.gov.uk)

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## Ofsted's review of sexual abuse in schools and colleges

Ofsted were asked by the government to carry out a review of sexual abuse in schools and colleges, this review concluded in June 2021.

The review revealed how prevalent sexual harassment and online sexual abuse are for children and young people. It is concerning that for some children, incidents are so commonplace that they see no point in reporting them.



Ofsted found that the issues are so widespread that it needs addressing for all children and young people. The review recommends that schools, colleges and multi-agency partners act as though sexual harassment and online sexual abuse are happening, even when there are no specific reports. Some key findings of the review are detailed below:

- 90% of girls spoken to by Ofsted shared that they experienced sexist name calling or were sent explicit photos and videos.
- 75% of girls spoken to report that pressure to provide sexual images of themselves happens at schools and colleges.
- Girls suffer disproportionately, sexist name calling, online abuse, upskirting, unwanted touching.
- Sexual harassment has become normalised among school age children with students often seeing the point of reporting abuse.

Following this review a number of actions have been taken in response to the key findings -

- Briefings regarding Ofsted's review have been delivered at Local Authority and Multi Academy Trust (MAT) meetings and Primary, Secondary and Special School meetings
- Liaison has been undertaken with Multi Academy Trust Strategic Safeguarding Leads, individual Headteachers and Designated Safeguarding Leads to gather frontline information in relation to actions being undertaken. There is a strong sense that MATS are taking proactive steps in which to pre-empt the findings of the review. A key theme being MAT working groups being established to consider actions being carried out.
- A working party has been initiated with representation from Humberside Police, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Hull Safeguarding Children Partnership Manager, LADO, Headstart and an Education Officer (Safeguarding).

For enquiries regarding this please contact [phillip.painter@hullcc.gov.uk](mailto:phillip.painter@hullcc.gov.uk) - Phillip Painter - Education Safeguarding Manager.

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## Mental health website for CYP and families

We know this last year has been difficult for everyone in many different ways. For many of the children and young people and families we work with (and for staff) it has impacted on mental health and wellbeing.



HeadStart Hull has worked with partners and children, young people and families to revamp the website [www.howareyoufeeling.org.uk](http://www.howareyoufeeling.org.uk).

The site has a section for young people, one for parents and carers and, also, one for professionals.

It includes information on self-care on a range of topics such as managing anxiety, sleep and routine, bereavement and loss etc all of which have been identified as issues impacting on CYP and families.

It also has information on how to access a range of early help and specialist services on mental health for CYP and families. The professionals page also has information on training including pre-recorded short training films and webinars.

Please promote the site to your staff and the children, young people and families you work with.

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## Neighbourhoods and Housing Designated Safeguarding Lead

The Neighbourhoods and Housing Team have appointed Luke Fairburn as the new Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Luke is the Neighbourhoods and Housing departments liaison for any issues that need escalating relating to safeguarding concerns and learning opportunities.

Luke can be contacted via email at [Luke.Fairburn@hullcc.gov.uk](mailto:Luke.Fairburn@hullcc.gov.uk)

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## EHASH Numbers

The Early Help and Safeguarding Hub (EHASH) team are currently experiencing a high number of calls which are not EHASH related.

In order to help us answer calls in a timely manner, we are asking all staff and partners to please only call the EHASH line if it is in relation to a concern or worry for a child that does not have an allocated worker.

Also, where possible, please use the portal on the HCC website to make the relevant referral, if a discussion with a social worker is not required.

**To access the portal please follow the link below:**

<https://www.hull.gov.uk/children-and-families/safeguarding-and-welfare/worried-about-child>



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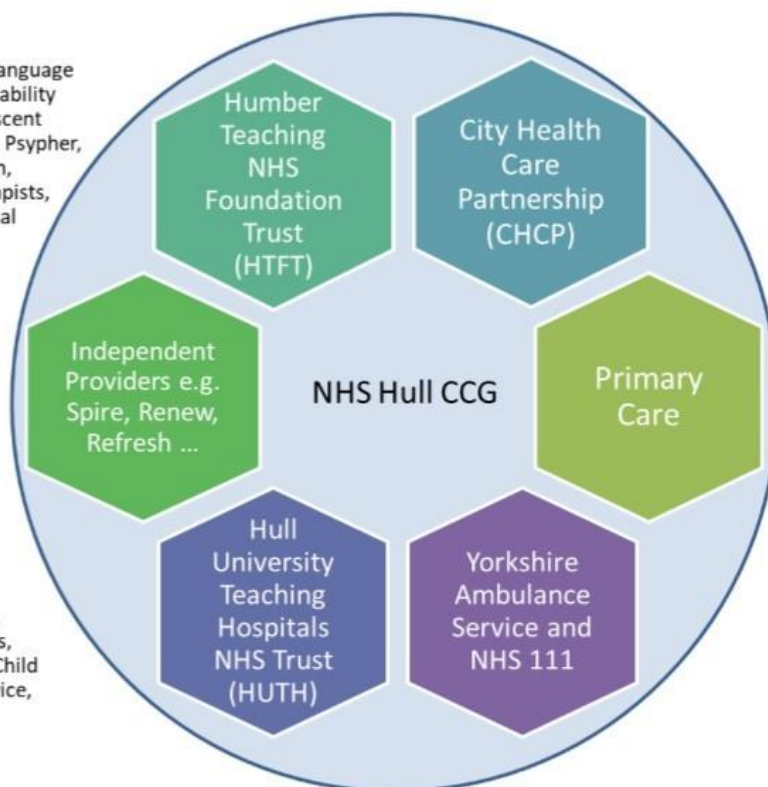
# Overview of health partners within Hull and key contacts

## Humber

Community Speech & Language Therapists, Learning Disability teams, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, Psypher, Peri-natal Mental Health, Community Physiotherapists, Community Occupational Therapists ...

## HUTH

Maternity, Acute and Community Paediatrics, Specialist Nursing Teams, Paediatric Specialities, Child Protection Medical Service, Child Sexual Assault Assessment Service...



## CHCP CIC

0-19 Public Health Nursing (Health Visiting and School Nursing), CLA Team, Community Children's Nursing, Children's Continuing Care, Special School Nursing, Sunshine House, Urgent Care, Specialist Dentistry, Sexual Health, Paediatric Dieticians, IMPS, Healthy Lifestyles, Weightwise Extra, Infant Feeding & four GP practices ...

## Primary Care

GPs, Practice Nurses, Advanced Practitioners, Pharmacists, Dentists ...

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## Contact Us

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### Worried about a Child?

EHASH - 01482 448879 – Monday – Friday

Emergency Duty Team (Out of Hours) – 01482 300304

In an emergency please ring 999