

January 2026 Newsletter

As we step into 2026, TSCP will continue to provide advice, support, and updates as we work together to safeguard children and support families across Tameside. This year, we remain committed to working closely with partners to ensure every child is protected, supported, and heard.

Don't forget to visit the TSCP website for the latest information, resources, and training opportunities designed to help you and the families you work with. If you have any ideas for additional resources or training that would be helpful, please get in touch, we'd love to hear from you.



Parent Mental Health Day – 30th January 2026

Parent Mental Health Day (PMHD) takes place each year on **30th January**. Created by **Stem4**, the day raises awareness of the vital link between parents' and carers' mental health and the wellbeing of the whole family.

While PMHD is an important date in the calendar, the challenges parents and carers face are year-round. Supporting their mental health is key to safeguarding children and promoting family resilience. Please feel free to share the information with the families you work with.

Free Resources from Stem4:

[Anxiety - for parents/carers - stem4](#)

[Depression - for parents/carers - stem4](#)

[Self-harm - for parents/carers - stem4](#)

[Eating disorders - for parents/carers - stem4](#)

[Addiction - for parents/carers - stem4](#)



Bridges Children & Young People - Referral Pathway now open

Following a temporary pause to referrals for Children and Young People experiencing Domestic Abuse, Bridges are pleased to announce the referral pathway is now **open** and can be accessed via the [Bridges Partnership - Children & Young People – Fill in form](#)

Please note: They are unable to accept referrals in any other format.

The new referral form should be used for **all referrals for CYP across the partnership**, including:

- 1. Young Person's Domestic Abuse Support**
Delivered by accredited YPVAs for young people aged **13–17 years** who are experiencing or at risk of abuse within their own intimate relationships.
- 2. Domestic Abuse Recovery Support**
Delivered by accredited CHIDVAs for children and young people aged **6–17 years** impacted by domestic abuse occurring between other members of the household.
- 3. RESPECT Programme**
Support for children and young people aged **10+** who are displaying harmful behaviours towards parents and carers.
- 4. Encouraging Healthy Relationships Programme**
Support for children and young people aged **10+** who are displaying harmful and unhealthy behaviours towards intimate partners, ex-partners, or siblings.

Upon submission of your referral, you will receive an **automatic acknowledgement** detailing the next steps.



If this referral is part of a **step-down plan**, please do not close your open case until a worker has been allocated.

[Bridges Partnership](#)

Solihull Approach Training

The Solihull Approach promotes emotional health and well-being for children and families through evidence-based resources and training. Widely adopted across the UK, it supports workforce development, early intervention, and team building. Parenting programmes are available from conception to adolescence, both face-to-face and online in 108 languages, with a strong emphasis on including fathers.

With over 35 research publications and positive outcomes, such as reduced teacher stress and improved efficacy, the Solihull Approach is recognised by the Department of Health, NICE, and the Early Intervention Foundation.

Training Options:

- **2-day course** for individual staff
- **On-site sessions** tailored to your team

Find out more and book your training. [Training - Tameside Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)



CSA Centre Workshops for Local Safeguarding Partners January – July 2026

The CSA Centre is offering six free online workshops between January and July 2026 to help safeguarding partners reflect, plan, and lead on implementing the recommendations from the 2024 [National review into child sexual abuse within the family environment - GOV.UK](#)

These interactive sessions will provide practical guidance and expert insights to strengthen local safeguarding arrangements.

Workshop Schedule:

Wednesday 14th January [Workshop one - Strategic planning | CSA Centre](#)

Speakers: Dr Natasha Sabin & Jenny Coles

Tuesday 3rd February [Workshop two - Professional knowledge, skills and confidence | CSA Centre](#)

Speakers: Anna Glinski & Lorraine Myles

Thursday 12th March [Workshop three - Enquiries and investigations | CSA Centre](#)

Speakers: Paul Burnside & Nick Connaughton

Thursday 21st May [Workshop four - Assessment of people presenting risk of sexual harm | CSA Centre](#)

Speakers: Anna Glinski, Paul Burnside, TJ Abrahams & Becky Canning

Wednesday 17th June [Workshop five - Talking to children | CSA Centre](#)

Speakers: Lorraine Myles & Dr Natasha Sabin

Monday 13th July [Workshop six - Health | CSA Centre](#)

Speakers: Dr Natasha Sabin & Dr Alison Steele

The Children's Nutrition Team have shared training opportunities

Intro to Nutrition & Food Labelling

Our FREE introduction to nutrition course is for anyone working with children and families within Tameside and it covers:



- ☐ The Eatwell Guide and how to use it to achieve a healthier lifestyle
- ☐ A look at how fat, salt and sugar can be detrimental to our health and ways to manage these in our diet
- ☐ Learning how to interpret and understand the information on food labels and how to use this to make informed choices
- ☐ Sharing top tips for achieving healthier lifestyles



**Available Dates
(all sessions run
10-12pm):**

Thu 19th Feb Dewsnap Lane Clinic
Thu 16th Apr TEAMS
Thu 18th Jun West Family Hub (Greenside Children's Centre)
Thu 20th Aug TEAMS
Thu 22nd Oct West Family Hub (Greenside Children's Centre)
Thu 3rd Dec TEAMS

Delivered by:



Ideal for teachers, teaching support teams, health professionals, community workers, etc
For more information and to register for a place, please contact the Children's Nutrition Team
on 0161 366 2390/2351 or email us at childrensnutrition@tgh.nhs.uk



Northwest Safeguarding Partnership have developed a new website that aims to centralise tools, guidance and key updates.

Please sign up to the website: [North West Children's Safeguarding Partnership MoU | NWADCS](#)



CSA Free training Webinars

Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse are a multi-disciplinary team, who work closely with key partners from academic institutions, government, local authorities, health, education, police and the voluntary sector. Their focus is on supporting professionals to improve identification and response to [child sexual abuse](#) through evidence-informed resources, training, and guidance.

Why not book one of the free sessions today:

7 January 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm [Responding effectively to sibling sexual behaviour | CSA Centre](#)

21 January 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm [Responding effectively to sibling sexual behaviour | CSA Centre](#)



Tameside Safeguarding Children Partnership

New weekly Creative Club in Hurst Cross for young people aged 10 to 18, music, drama, filmmaking, animation, Podcasting (telling stories / recording)



#LookCloser Programme of Learning Events January – March 2026

The Children's Society is hosting a series of free learning events as part of the #LookCloser campaign.

What is #LookCloser?

A partnership campaign between:

- The Children's Society
- National County Lines Co-ordination Centre
- British Transport Police

The aim is to raise awareness of child exploitation and abuse and encourage the public and businesses to identify and report concerns.

Why attend?

- Learn how to spot signs of exploitation in everyday settings.
- Understand the latest trends in child criminal and sexual exploitation.
- Gain practical advice on safeguarding and reporting concerns.

Book by clicking on the links:

[#LookCloser: Financial Exploitation Tickets, Tue, Jan 13, 2026 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

[#LookCloser: The Digital Lives of Children and Young People Tickets, Tue, Feb 10, 2026 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

[#LookCloser: Overcoming gender assumptions to tackle child exploitation Tickets, Thu, Mar 5, 2026 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Virtual College/TSCP Online Training Offer

Free Safeguarding Training – Have You Registered Yet?

If you work with children, young people, or families in any capacity, safeguarding is part of your responsibility. To support you, Tameside Safeguarding Children Partnership (TSCP) has partnered with Virtual College, a leading online training provider, to offer **free access to 40 high-quality safeguarding courses**.

So far, **581** safeguarding courses have already been accessed by staff in Tameside—don't miss out!

Registration is **free** for all staff working to safeguard children in Tameside.

Two new courses have now been added to the available training:

- Keeping Them Safe: Protecting Children from Child Sexual Exploitation
- Understanding Animal Welfare in Violent Homes

These courses are designed to support your continuing professional development (CPD) and help organisations across Tameside build a confident, well-informed workforce.

Whether you're a frontline practitioner, manager, or volunteer, these courses will help us all work together to keep children, young people, and families safe.

Accessing the training is simple and completely free. Just follow the link below to register through [Enable](#), our online learning platform.

Graded Care Profile 2 (GCP2) – TSCP Training

Why this matters:

Neglect affects 1 in 10 children in Tameside, making it one of our most pressing safeguarding priorities. The Graded Care Profile 2 (GCP2) tool is central to our commitment to help professionals understand what life is really like for a child and take effective action.

What is GCP2?

GCP2 is a strength-based, evidence-informed assessment tool that measures the quality of care a parent or carer provides in meeting their child's needs. It supports professionals to identify areas of concern and strengths, enabling timely and targeted interventions.

What you'll gain from this training:

- Hands-on experience: Learn how the tool works and complete a full assessment.
- Accreditation: Receive a GCP2 license to use the tool in your practice.
- Resources: Access all training materials for ongoing support.
- Impactful practice: Gain confidence to provide guidance, interventions, or make referrals to the right agencies.

Sessions are a full day and will be delivered at Dukinfield Town Hall on you can book by clicking on the links or via the TSCP website: [Training - Tameside Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)

[Graded Care Profile 2 Training Tickets, Fri, Jan 30, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

[Graded Care Profile 2 Training Tickets, Mon, Feb 23, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

[Graded Care Profile 2 Training Tickets, Fri, Mar 6, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

[Graded Care Profile 2 Training Tickets, Mon, Apr 13, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

[Graded Care Profile 2 Training Tickets, Wed, May 20, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

[Graded Care Profile 2 Training Tickets, Wed, Jun 24, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

[Graded Care Profile 2 Training Tickets, Fri, Jul 10, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

TSCP Missing from Home Training

Thursday 15 January 2026, 9:30 – 12:30, – via Microsoft Teams

To book a place, click on the link: [Missing from Home Tickets, Thu, Jan 15, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

Why this training matters:

The local authority has a statutory duty to offer all children and young people who run away or are reported missing a Return Home Interview. These interviews are vital to understanding why a child went missing and how to reduce future risk.

The risks of going missing:

Children and young people who go missing are at increased risk of:

- Abuse in any form
- Substance misuse
- Poor mental health
- Disrupted education and relationships
- Reduced life chances

They are also particularly vulnerable to:

- Trafficking
- Violent crime
- Drug use
- Exploitation, including sexual and criminal exploitation

Who should attend?

Carers and professionals who want to develop knowledge and understanding of missing episodes and learn how to respond effectively.

Free Asthma Awareness Training – Still Available

Do you work with children or young people in a childcare, clinical, or non-clinical setting? Enhance your confidence and knowledge with **FREE online NHS training**, designed to help you safely care for children and young people with asthma.

Did you know that around **1 in 11 children** in the UK have asthma—approximately **1.1 million children**? Each year, over **60,000 children** are admitted to hospital due to asthma attacks. The latest data from the child mortality database 2024, found that, sadly 54 children died from asthma.

Many of these deaths are preventable with the right care and awareness. The [Tier 1 Asthma Awareness Training](#) takes just **45 minutes** to complete and provides essential skills and knowledge to help you make a difference.

The Brook Sexual Behaviours Traffic Light Tool is a tool to identify, understand and respond to sexual behaviours in children and young people up to 18 years old.

Curiosity about bodies and sex is a normal part of development. However, some sexual behaviours can be a sign of abuse or CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation). Brook's tool can help you know the difference.

This tool was originally introduced in Tameside following a serious case review. It takes up to 2 hours to complete. TSCP still has plenty of licences available for all partners to access.

If you are interested, please contact us at tscp@tameside.gov.uk and we will send you details on how to access the course.

An overview of what is covered in the training can be found via the link [CPD: Brook Sexual Behaviours Traffic Light Tool \(RSE\) Course](#)

NSPCC Learning

Online safety

Source: Children's Commissioner for England

Date published: 18 December 2025

The Children's Commissioner for England has published a guide to help parents and carers manage children's digital lives. The guide aims to explain common online challenges, help families start and sustain open conversations, and provide support with setting boundaries. The guide includes a checklist of actions and an additional activity pack for children.

Read the blog post: ['What I wish my parents or carers knew...' Children's Commissioner launches guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives](#)

Share the guide: ['What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives](#)

Please share the documents within your agencies, links can also be found on the Parents and Carers area of the TSCP website

Tameside Safeguarding Children Partnership Training Offer

A new TSCP training calendar of events is being developed, which will outline the multi-agency safeguarding training offer for professionals working with children and families in Tameside.

This training programme is designed to:

- Reflect the TSCP Learning and Development Framework.
- Align with strategic priorities, national guidance, and emerging local themes.
- Incorporate learning from Rapid Reviews and case learning to address recurring issues.

Our aim is to ensure that future training events respond directly to areas of need, strengthening multi-agency collaboration and improving outcomes for children and families through continuous learning and development.

Training can be booked via the TSCP website: <https://tamesidescp.org.uk/training>

Polite Request

Please Cancel If You Can't Attend

We recognise that situations change after you have booked to attend a session; however, we have seen several non-attendance and last-minute cancellations for training events. This always impacts the trainers who are delivering the events and other staff who would have liked to attend the event but were unable to book on as the event was fully booked. TSCP is proud to be one of the few partnerships that does not charge for training.

To help us manage places effectively:

- Only book a place for yourself – please ask colleagues to register individually.
- If you can no longer attend, cancel your booking as soon as possible so your place can be offered to someone else.

Thank you for your support in making training accessible to everyone.

research in practice

Research in Practice, a leading resource hub for evidence-informed practice in social care. RiP works with and for professionals in the social care, health, criminal justice, and higher education sectors, offering resources, learning opportunities and specialist expertise with an aim to support their learning to enable people – children, young people, families, adults, carers, and communities – to live good lives.

By registering with RiP, you'll gain access to:

- Expert-led webinars, podcasts, and research briefings
- Practical tools and resources to support your day-to-day work
- CPD opportunities to enhance your professional development

Whether you're looking to develop your knowledge and skills, stay up to date with best practices, or connect with a community of professionals, Research in Practice has something for you.

This resource is free of charge and open to anyone with a Tameside email address can create an account free of charge by following the information [here](#).

If you would like to learn how to get the best out of Research in Practice, why not book onto the next event: [How to use Research in Practice - January 2026 | Research in Practice](#)

Using family group conferences to enable family led decision making

09:30 - 15:30 Thursday, 29 January 2026

[Family Group Conferences | Research in Practice](#)

Foundations Practice Guide: Parenting 11–18-year-olds through adversity

11:00 - 12:30 Tuesday, 20 January 2026 [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

research in practice

Research in Practice have produced some topic flyers that support evidence-informed practice with children and their families. The flyers cover a range of topics including trauma-informed practice, strengths-based working, organisational resilience, equality and diversity, and mental health and wellbeing.

They point to Research in Practice resources to support evidence-informed practice in these areas.

[professional-curiosity-2025-v3.pdf](#).

[voice-of-the-child-2025_v3.pdf](#)

[supporting-transitions-2025_v4.pdf](#)

NSPCC Learning

Violence against women and girls

Source: UK Government

Date published: 18 December 2025

The UK government has published its strategy addressing violence against women and girls. The strategy outlines the work the government is committed to undertaking, based on three areas: prevention and early intervention; working to improve justice outcomes; and support for those affected by violence and abuse. The strategy includes a section on child sexual abuse covering the government's response to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA); reforms introduced by the Online Safety Act and Crime and Policing Bill; and



group-based child sexual exploitation and abuse. The strategy is UK-wide but specific commitments on crime, policing, and justice apply to England and Wales, while those on health, social care, housing, transport, and education apply to England only. An action plan and an evidence summary on effective approaches to reducing violence against women and girls have also been published.

Read the news story: [VAWG strategy to better protect children from misogyny and abuse](#)

Read the strategy: [Freedom from violence and abuse: a cross-government strategy](#)

You can also sign up for the NSPCC weekly Casper Newsletter and a monthly learning newsletter by registering using the links below.

- [CASPAR | NSPCC Learning](#)
- [NSPCC Learning newsletter | NSPCC Learning](#)



TSCP has signed up to the Greater Manchester Safeguarding Partnership, and along with the other Greater Manchester authorities, TSCP has agreed to use a standardised set of procedures and protocols

The [Resource Hub - tri.x \(trixonline.co.uk\)](https://trixonline.co.uk) details the latest protocols, policies and procedures in use across Greater Manchester and good practice from across the region.

December 2025 updates:

[Children of Parents with Learning Difficulties/Disabilities](#)

This chapter was revised based on good-practice guidance from recent legal judgements. Also, please note that the Working Together With Parents Network, which supports professionals working with parents with learning disabilities and learning difficulties and their children, is now run by Research in Practice, part of the NCB family.

[Children with Disabilities and Complex Needs](#) This chapter was updated in December 2025.

[Children Missing Education](#)

This chapter was updated in December 2025 to bring it into line with Children Missing Education (August 2024). The changes are technical updates only to bring the guidance in line with the Working together to improve attendance statutory guidance and the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024. It also highlights pending legislation: The Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill and brings to the attention of readers Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) Thematic Reviews of Children Not in School in Local Areas, which were undertaken in 2025.

[Child Criminal Exploitation](#)

In December 2025 a new section was added to the chapter on Child Financial Exploitation.

We hope you find this information useful. If you would like your service or any updates to be included in a future TSCP Newsletter, please e-mail TSCP@tameside.gov.uk

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