



Keeping Children Safe:

News from the Southampton Safeguarding Children Partnership

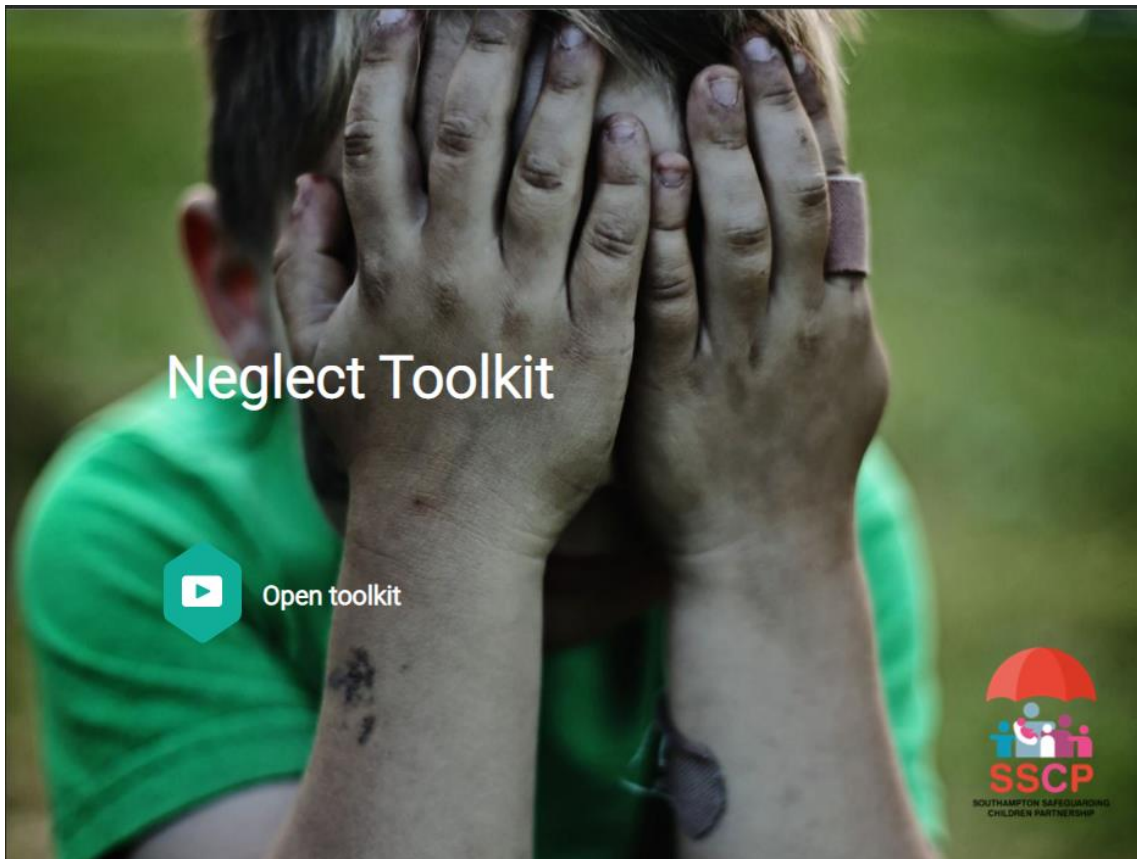


Welcome to news from the Southampton Safeguarding Children Partnership

To find out more about the work of the SSCP visit our [website](#).

To access multi-agency Safeguarding Procedures and Guidance visit the [Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton \(HIPS\) Procedures website](#).

To view and booking upcoming training courses visit our [eventbrite](#) page.



Launch of the SSCP Neglect Strategy and Toolkit

Over 140 colleagues from across the children and young people's workforce in Southampton joined the launch event on the 24 March.

The session was opened by Derek Benson, Independent Chair of the SSCP and included contributions from Steph Murray, Deputy Director of Children's Social Care, Jacqui Schofield, Head of Safeguarding and Hayley Winters from the Safeguarding Partnership team.

Question time for the panel was busy. Steph, Jacqui and Derek were joined by Councillor Peter Baillie, Lead Member for Children's Social Care, Simon Dodds, District Commander for Hampshire Constabulary, Alison Philpott, Cross Phase Advisor and Harry Kutty, Headteacher at Cantell School. The panel answered questions and shared their views about why this is so important for our city's children and families.

The main aim is to ensure we collectively share a common approach to neglect, with a common language and use this consistently to make a difference to children and families.

The toolkit puts all the guidance, tools and information in one place making it easy to access and navigate.

Please explore and use the [toolkit](#), share and discuss with colleagues in your teams, services and agencies.

All those who attended the session will receive copies of the presentations from the session shortly.

Our thanks go to all those who joined us and to both Harry Kutty, who led this work, and the multi-agency task and finish group who offered their expertise developing the [SSCP Neglect Strategy and Toolkit](#).

Working with families where we perceive resistance or lack of compliance

This [guidance](#) has been developed in response to serious case reviews. The aims include helping practitioners recognise how resistance and lack of compliance may be displayed and why this may happen. It includes strategies and tools that can support practitioners, including effective multi-agency working and tips and information about how to build positive relationships with families.



Spotlight on briefings published

These are short briefings giving practitioners key points about areas of safeguarding practice. They can be used to refresh your knowledge and contain links to more guidance and procedures.

[Spotlight on Unborn/New born Baby Protocol](#)

This is an important multi-agency protocol which sets out how to respond to concerns for unborn babies.

[Spotlight on Resolution of Professional Disagreement](#)

It is recognised that effective safeguarding practice will sometimes include constructive challenge or healthy debate between colleagues while they seek to safeguard a child. We know safeguarding children can be difficult and complex. This briefing takes us through the HIPS Escalation Policy for the Resolution of Professional Disagreement.



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