

## KSCP Safeguarding Briefing

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### Crimestoppers Neglect Campaign

Every two weeks Crimestoppers will be focusing our national attention on a different crime type.

From Monday 11th until Sunday 24th May 2020, their aim is to raise awareness of the signs to spot of Child Neglect and how the wider public can tell us what they know if they want to remain anonymous.

With people forced to stay at home during the lockdown, children in neglected homes are likely to be suffering more than ever, so the aims is to educate the general public on the signs to spot of Child Neglect, and encourage them to speak up if they have concerns.

Whilst the primary aim is to raise awareness of the signs to spot around Child Neglect to prompt those that have information on the preparators to tell us what they know, also be calling on the public to learn more about this crime type and contact the NSPCC if they require more support, advice or are willing to waive their anonymity.

Fresh content will be released throughout the next two weeks across our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) channels, so please follow and retweet. Alternatively, please find attached our social media assets and share on social.



### KSCP Assurance

This [Assurance document](#) is the Kirklees Safeguarding Children Partnerships approach to ensuring children and young people are safeguarded during the COVID – 19 timeline and that we protect the most vulnerable (and any emerging vulnerability) and safeguarding issues are identified. This document seeks to set out the way in which partner agencies across the Kirklees Safeguarding Children Partnership will work with families and protect vulnerable children in this context.

[Click here](#) to access the page.

## Online Safer Sleep Presentations

The Lullaby Trust is concerned that families will be receiving less guidance and information around reducing the risk of SIDS as access to health visiting and other support services for families are reduced during the lockdown.

We have produced some new free safer sleep presentations to support staff who are remotely working with families. These presentations can be used both by professionals as a refresher on the current advice and shared with families and carers. Links to the presentations can be found on our website in the new section created for professionals supporting parents during the coronavirus (Covid 19) crisis

<https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/professionals/supporting-families-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19>

## Youth Endowment Fund Grant Round

The Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) has launched a £6.5m COVID-19 grant round to support vulnerable children at risk of youth violence in England and Wales. The fund, which **closes 12:00pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020**, encourages applications from PCCs, police, local authorities and the third sector.

Further information and support can be accessed by visiting: <https://youthendowmentfund.org.uk/grants-2/covid-19-round/>

## Coronavirus: Parental Mental Health

The NSPCC has released figures which show that the number of adults contacting the NSPCC Helpline about parental mental health increased by 28% from the first to the third week of lockdown during the coronavirus crisis. A virtual round table panel of health visitors, a midwife, and a psychiatrist from a specialist perinatal care team shared concerns about the immediate effect of lockdown on new mother's mental health and the potential long-term impact on babies' health and development.

Read the news story: [Mental health risks for new and pregnant mothers during coronavirus](#)  
Read about the campaign: [Fight for a Fair Start](#)

## Modern Slavery Unit—£1.73m Funding for Victims of Modern Slavery

Given the importance of ensuring this funding reaches victims quickly and provides the services necessary to respond to the pandemic, this funding will support the organisations who directly work with victims under the Victim Care Contract who have been identified through the National Referral Mechanism (NRM). The funding will be used to enable organisations to change how they provide support to victims during this time, including ensuring the right accommodation is available, that victims can receive their financial assistance safely, and that support services and therapies can be accessed remotely. This will include the provision of data packages, telephone and computer hardware and software. This funding will be crucial in ensuring victims remain safe and supported during this unprecedented time.

Wide-ranging support offered by charities and organisations has been recognised outside of the Victim Care Contract and welcome the opportunity for these organisations to bid for funding through the £370 million Big Lottery Community Fund, also announced by the Chancellor last month. We expect guidelines on criteria for these bids to be made available imminently through the [website](#) and will continue to signpost to information on this fund.

## Practice Guidance Presentations

We have created a number of [Practice Guidance Presentations and 7 minute Briefings](#) to aid remote training.