

Hartlepool Safeguarding Children Board

# Rough Guides

An introduction

# Welcome

to the *Rough Guides*, a series of practice guides produced by Hartlepool Safeguarding Children Board to support and build on the valuable work which is carried out with children and families in the borough.

They have been designed to be read and used by practitioners and first line managers working in all agencies across children's services.

The *Rough Guides* are not intended to replace, provide the detail of or interpret legislation, policy, frameworks and procedures, which are all subject to change.

Rather, they focus more on the 'how to', incorporating key elements of good practice and messages from research, offering advice and 'top tips', highlighting pitfalls, suggesting ideas and signposting to sources of information, other

*Rough Guides*, further reading and practical resources.

There are seven *Rough Guides*:

- ❖ Rough Guide to Assessment
- ❖ Rough Guide to Planning and Review
- ❖ Rough Guide to Participation
- ❖ Rough Guide to Outcomes
- ❖ Rough Guide to Recording and Report Writing
- ❖ Rough Guide to Child Protection Conferences and Core Groups
- ❖ Rough Guide to Making Referrals to Children's Social Care

All of the *Rough Guides* are accessible electronically on the HSCB website <http://www.lscbhartlepool.org> and a limited number of hard copies are also available.