



PITSTOP

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1. Introduction & Background

PiTstop (**Partnership Integrated Triage**) is an early intervention multi-agency process designed to support with triaging information shared by Cleveland Police where the level of need for direct referral through for urgent safeguarding and a statutory social care response is not met with the information held by police at that time, but there is vulnerability identified relating to a child/young person or adult to warrant further information sharing. This includes promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children and adults through a multi-agency approach, to improve outcomes by enhanced information sharing and robustness in decision making, ensuring appropriate intervention is offered at the earliest opportunity.

It is an approach developed by Humberside Police, working with the four local authorities in that area.

Cleveland Police is committed to introducing PiTstop across the force area, commencing with a six month pilot scheme in the Stockton-on-Tees District commencing on Monday, 4 March 2024 & still ongoing

1. Aims & Objectives

PiTstop is designed to facilitate early identification and understanding of level of need, harm, and risk. Proportionate and relevant information is shared to ensure that need, harm, and any possible risk are identified as early as possible, and the most appropriate level of support can be provided to address needs.

- Better informed decisions ensuring earlier , proportionate, and necessary prevention, diversion and interventions for children, families and vulnerable adults
- Victim identification and invention. Pooled knowledge from safeguarding partners to identify hidden need harm and risk. Hidden victims are identified through third-party reporting.
- Harm identification and reduction for individuals, families and communities. PiTstop is a safe haven where the full partnership picture is seen and inform activity to reduce and prevent harm and risk
- Extension of Right Care Right Person

PiTstop is chaired by the police who will present the individuals separately discussing the following:-

- Type of concern i.e risk in the home, risk outside the home
- Supporting or corroborating information from police systems, consent given/overridden

Partnerships Involved

- Children's Social Care – CHUB
- Adult Safeguarding Team
- Early help – Children
- Cleveland Police
- Health – 0-19 Integrated Public Health Nursing
- Education
- Housing – Homeless Solutions
- CGL
- Youth Justice
- Harbour

Threshold

1. PPN Workflows into PiTstop

Child Concern PPNs, Vulnerable Adult PPNs and Domestic Abuse PPNs, where thresholds are not met, should be considered for PiTstop.

Child Concern PPN

- Initial triage by CAVA DS applying the Thresholds.
- Threshold met – Direct referral to Front Door
- Threshold not met but concerns – refer to PiTstop
- Parties active to Social Care – Information Share with Social Care
- No concerns identified – NFA.

Domestic Abuse PPN

All DA PPN's referred to PiTstop will have been Secondary Risk Assessed by PVP Hub Safeguarding Officers. Considerations for referral may be two pronged – from both a Child and Adult perspective.

The current threshold used by PVP Hub for referral to Childrens Services is as follows:

- UBB
- Child Under 1 year old
- 3 incidents in six months
- 4 incidents in twelve months
- Plus consideration of Local Authority Thresholds
- Professional Judgement

Our threshold is lower than the Local Authority Threshold, therefore cases to be submitted to PiTstop will be ones that meet our threshold but not the Local Authority ones. Additionally, if no thresholds are met (Police or Local Authority) but there are concerns, then consider sending to PiTstop.

It is anticipated that PiTstop will be the most appropriate route for some mediums but predominantly standards with children.

High Risk – Direct Referral into Front Doors

Medium Risk - LA Threshold met – refer to Front Doors

Medium Risk – LA Threshold not met – concerns but insufficient for referral – PiTstop

Medium Risk – Open to Social Care – Share

Medium Risk – No concerns identified - NFA

Standard with Children – LA Threshold Met – Direct Referral into Front Doors

Standard with Children – LA Threshold not met – concerns but insufficient for referral – PiTstop

Standard with Children – Open to Social Care – Share

Standard with Children – No concerns identified – NFA

ii. The number of PPN's received by the CHUB		
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(SBC)		
	Apr-23	391
	Apr-24	393
% increase/decrease		0.51%
	May-23	437
	May-24	326
% increase/decrease		-25.40%
	Jun-23	356
	Jun-24	239
% increase/decrease		-32.87%
	Jul-23	410
	Jul-24	372
% increase/decrease		-9.27%
	Aug-23	431
	Aug-24	315
% increase/decrease		-26.91%
	Sep-23	347
	Sep-24	338
% increase/decrease		-2.59%
iii. CHUB Outcomes in relation to PPN's		
	APRIL – SEPTEMBER 23	APRIL – SEPTEMBER 24
Total Outcomes	2372	1983
SBC PPN's resulting in SC referral	572	454
	24.11%	22.89%
SBC PPN's resulting in EH referral	355	187
	14.97%	9.43%
SBC PPN's resulting in NFA, A&G or RTOA	1445	1342
	60.92%	67.68%

CHUB PPN figures