

Training to tackle issues of neglect

TRAINING for agency staff has been rolled out in Caerphilly county to help tackle the issue of child neglect in the area.

The South East Wales Safeguarding Children Board has developed and implemented a regional guidance document with tools to help people who work with children.

Multi-agency training for social workers, police officers, health visitors, teachers and other professionals who work with children was introduced across the region.

Cllr Robin Woodyatt, cabinet member for social services at Caerphilly county, said: "The failure to provide for a child's basic physical and psychological needs can cause serious damage to the child's health and development. By providing this training, partner agencies are able to work together to increase understanding of their roles when identifying neglect and intervening where there are concerns, reducing the harm caused to children."

The guidance document and information about the training can be found on the South East Wales Safeguarding Children Board website - www.sewsc.org.uk