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Violence Against Women and Girls

The UK government has published its strategy addressing violence against women and girls, which outlines the work the government has committed to undertaking based on three areas: prevention and early intervention; working to improve justice outcomes; and support for those affected by violence and abuse. An action plan and an evidence summary on effective approaches to reducing violence have also been published. To read the news story, click [here](#). To read the strategy, click [here](#).



**YOUTH
ENDOWMENT
FUND**

Children, Violence & Vulnerability Research

The Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) has published the final findings from its annual Children, Violence & Vulnerability research, where they surveyed 11,000 13-17 year-olds about their experiences of violence. Findings include: 1 in 8 teenagers were asked to sell, transport, or store drugs, weapons or money; criminally exploited teenagers were 18 times more likely to face serious violence; and adverse home environments were associated with increased risk. To read the report, follow the link [here](#).



School Safeguarding Council—Spring Term 2026

This term's School Safeguarding Council topic 'Staying Safe in an Online World' is now live on the HSSCP website. On the page, you can find age-appropriate discussion points, resources from Pol-Ed that complement this topic, and the link to the feedback form to make sure your young people's voices are heard by the partnership. This topic and all associated links will stay live until Thursday 2nd April 2026. Follow the link [here](#) to view the resources page.



**CHILDREN'S
COMMISSIONER**

Parent's & Carer's Guide on Managing Children's Digital Lives

The Children's Commissioner for England has published a guide to help parents and carers manage their children's digital lives. The guide aims to explain common online challenges, help families start and sustain open conversations, and provide support with setting boundaries. The guide also includes a checklist of actions and an additional activity pack for children. To view the guide, click [here](#). For the associated blog post, follow the link [here](#).



**Department
for Education**

Proposed Child Protection Authority Public Consultation

The DfE has launched a consultation (closing 5th March) on the creation of a new national body to improve child protection in England. The Child Protection Authority (CPA) will aim to provide national leadership and oversight, use data and intelligence to spot risks early, and advise on policy at local and national level. Responses are invited from children and families, frontline practitioners, local authorities, and VCS organisations involved in safeguarding. Follow the links to the [consultation](#) and the released [statement](#).



**Department
for Culture,
Media & Sport**

Youth Matter: Your National Youth Strategy

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) have co-produced a national youth strategy with over 14,000 young people taking part. The work will include: ensuring young people have access to trusted adults; helping them develop positive social connections in schools, colleges, communities and online; involving them in decisions that affect them. A 'State of the Nation' report has also been published alongside the strategy. Follow the links to the [strategy](#), [press release](#), and ['State of the Nation' report](#).



Cyberbullying and Mental Health

King's College London has published [new research](#) examining links between cyberbullying and mental health conditions in adolescents in the UK. Findings show that adolescents who have experienced cyberbullying are more likely to have mental health conditions by age 18; however, it is highlighted that cyberbullying usually occurs alongside other offline harms which are also likely to contribute. Researchers are calling for policy-makers to look beyond online harm when considering how to protect young people.



**Department
for Education**

Child Sexual Abuse & Exploitation

The DfE has published new data on children in England who have been recorded as being affected by CSA or CSE. Key findings show: 29,560 children assessed as having been affected by CSA; 12,120 children assessed as having being affected by CSE; girls were over-represented in the assessments; children affected by CSE having one of the highest re-referral rates while those affected by CSA had one of the lowest re-referral rates. To view the statistics, follow the link [here](#).



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Child Poverty Strategy

The UK government has announced the launch of a new strategy for reducing child poverty. The strategy brings together information about the action that the government has already taken, alongside new measures to increase family incomes, reduce essential costs and strengthen local services to try to address the root causes of child poverty and provide immediate support to families living in poverty. Click [here](#) to read the strategy.



Tees Procedures

Have you checked out the latest information regarding safeguarding procedures on the Tees Safeguarding Children Procedures website?

To access all of the Tees Safeguarding Children Procedures, please click on the following link: <https://www.teescpp.org.uk/>



HSSCP Safeguarding Training & Resources

Are you up to date with your multi-agency safeguarding children training? The HSSCP safeguarding children training programme for 2025-2026 is available, along with a wide range of safeguarding children resources in the professionals section of the HSSCP website. For further information, please click on the following link: [HSSCP / Training](#) For information relating to the latest LCSRP's please click: [LCSRP's](#)



Tees Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB) Update

The Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board is a statutory body working across the four local boroughs to effectively prevent and respond to adult abuse.

For the latest TSAB newsletters, please click on the following link: [TSAB](#)

Information on the latest safeguarding adults reviews can be found at: [SAR's](#)