



Centre of
expertise
on child
sexual abuse

Key Messages from Research on Child Sexual Exploitation

The Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse has recently released a new 'Key Messages Briefing' that brings together the most up-to-date research on child sexual exploitation into a quick-read accessible overview to help professionals confidently respond to the significant number of children and young people who need support right now. To read access the summary, follow the link [here](#).



Fire Prevention and Safeguarding Training Resource

Sutton London Borough Council has recently produced a fire prevention and safeguarding resource to equip professionals, families, and carers with the essential knowledge needed to protect vulnerable people from fire risks in the home. This free national training provides a comprehensive suite of [free e-learning courses](#), [bite-sized training modules](#) and accompanying [Toolkit](#) based on learning from serious safeguarding incidents and deaths from fire in the home.



Baby Safe Sleep Briefing on E-Learning

A new Baby Safe Sleep Briefing is now available on HSSCP's e-learning platform. The briefing was designed as part of the Teeswide response to a number of sudden unexpected deaths in infancy between 2022 and 2024.

All partners can access all of our e-learning for free. For more information on registering for a free account, follow the link [here](#).



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matters.org

Online Safety

Internet Matters has published a [briefing](#) on the differences between girls' and boys' experiences online. Key findings include: boys' and girls' activity becoming more similar; both genders are broadly positive about their time online; girls are more likely to be contacted by strangers and receive abusive messages from people they know. They recommend that the government mandate robust age assurance and support schools in delivering media and digital literacy.



NSPCC
Learning

Perinatal Support

NSPCC Learning has published [four new case studies](#) to help practitioners learn more about using the Graded Care Profile 2 Antenatal, which is an evidence-based assessment tool which helps professionals working with expectant and new parents to identify areas of parenting strength and areas where families may benefit from support. The case studies demonstrate how GCP2A can be used to: strengthen parenting capacity; support midwives to explore concerns; inform decision-making; and show parenting strengths.



The
Guardian UK

Children in Care: Mental Health

The Guardian has published an article on the elevated risk of mental health problems amongst care-experienced young people. Key findings include: one in four 17-year-olds who have lived in foster or residential care have attempted to take their own life; almost 6 in 10 teenagers with experience of foster care have self-harmed; and teenagers with foster experience are more than twice as likely to report high levels of depression than those without care experience. To read the article, follow the link [here](#).



NSPCC Learning

Puberty and Learning Disabilities

NSPCC Learning has [updated its resources](#) on navigating puberty and sexual development for children and young people who have a learning disability. The resources include a guide for parents on navigating puberty, and a series of symbolised booklets exploring bodies and behaviours. New content includes a guide for parents and carers on humping and thrusting behaviour to help them understand and respond to this behaviour in a supportive, non-shaming and proactive way.



Child Sexual Abuse Material

The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) has published a story about AI tools and online sexual abuse material. Finding from IWF data shows that they discovered 3440 AI videoa of child sexual abuse in 2025, compared to only 13 in 2024, 65% of which were categorised at Category A, the most severe classification under UK law. The IWF is calling for the government to hasten plans to outlaw AI app which digitally remove clothing from the subject of photographs. Follow the link [here](#) to read the story.

NSPCC

Sex and Relationships Education Webinar

The NSPCC's Talk Relationships service is holding a free webinar on involving young people in the delivery of sex and relationships education. The webinar will cover the importance of youth voice as part of a whole-school approach and practical information on implementing youth voice in secondary education settings. The webinar will take place online on 12 February 2026 at 4pm. To register for the free webinar, follow the link [here](#).



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 LCSPP's please click: [LCSPP'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](#)