



NSPCC 'Learning'

Child Neglect Statistics

NSPCC Learning has published an [updated statistics briefing on child neglect](#). The briefing looks at data and statistics about child neglect in the UK to help professionals make evidence-based decisions, covering the scale of the issue and what data tells us about children who have been neglected. Findings include: the total number of police recorded child cruelty offences is increasing, and that neglect is the most common form of abuse.



Department for
Science, Innovation
& Technology

Online Safety Consultation

The Department for Science, Innovation and Technology has launched a consultation on measures to prepare children for the future in an age of rapid technological change. The consultation will consider how children use digital technology as well as views on measures including: potential age restrictions on social media and other services; restrictions on design features that encourage excessive use; the digital age of consent; and better supports for parents and families. [The consultation](#) will close on 26th May.



GOV.UK

New Child Cruelty Register

The Home Office and Ministry of Justice have published a news story about a new register for people convicted of child cruelty offences. Adults who are convicted of causing or allowing the death or serious physical harm of a child will face similar police notification requirements as registered sex offenders. Crimes covered by the register will include cruelty, abandonment or neglect, female genital mutilation, and infanticide. To read the full news story, follow the [link here](#).

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What You Share Leaves A Trace

Counter Terrorism Police have launched a new campaign 'What You Share Leaves A Trace' which is aimed at 13 to 17 year-old boys at risk of being caught up in terrorist offending. It has been designed in response to increasing numbers of teenage boys being arrested for and convicted of terrorist offences in the UK, often connected to accessing and sharing extremist content on social media.

To learn more about the campaign and to access resources, follow the link [here](#).

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National Review into death of baby Victoria Marten

NSPCC Learning has published a [briefing](#) summarising the national review into the broader safeguarding issues raised by the death of baby Victoria Marten, which sets out learning for safeguarding partners in England. This highlights the need for: earlier and stronger pre-birth safeguarding; better trauma-informed practice when working with families; clearer arrangements and multi-agency planning when families move frequently; and better engagement with and support for parents before and after care proceedings.



Crown
Prosecution
Service

'Honour'-based Abuse Guidance Update

The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) has updated its ['honour'-based abuse guidance](#) to include harmful practices such as spiritual or ritualistic abuse linked to beliefs in witchcraft, spirit possession or demonic influence. The prosecution guidance outlines the features of this form of abuse which can include: witchcraft accusations; violent exorcisms; scapegoating children or vulnerable adults; and emotional or sexual abuse.



Department
 for Education

Children In Need: A Focus on Re-Referrals

The Department for Education (DfE) has published [statistics on re-referrals to children's social care services](#) in England for the year ending 31 March 2024. Findings show: there were 621,880 referrals, of which 139,080 were re-referrals within 1 year of a previous referral; re-referrals make up over a fifth of all referrals; and children from deprived backgrounds make up a bigger share of the population of children who are re-referred.



Department
 for Education

Children of the 2020's: Second Survey of Families

The Department for Education (DfE) has [published findings](#) from the second wave of the Children of the 2020s longitudinal study in England. The report draws data from a primary caregiver survey conducted when children were two years old. It focuses on family economic circumstances; parenting; mental health and wellbeing of caregivers; screen time and digital media use; children's language development; and emotional and behavioural outcomes.



Family Court Proceedings: New Film for Children

Cafcass has published a [new animated film](#) as a part of its 'Taking me seriously' series aiming to support children and young people who are involved in family court proceedings. Drawing on the voices of children with personal experience of family court proceedings, the episode aims to support children to feel as comfortable as possible when talking about their experiences, wishes and feelings, and encourages them to think about what they would like to discuss with their Cafcass support worker.



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](#)