



7-Minute Briefing

HSSCP are pleased to share out latest 7-minute briefing, that is now live on our website, that highlights positive professional practice that has taken place across the partnership. The briefing was created following a rapid review where strong practice was identified.

To read the briefing, follow the link [here](#).



Department
for Education

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026

The DfE has published the 2026 edition of KCSIE, which will come into force and replace KCSIE 2025 on 1st September 2026. Key changes include new and updated guidance around: regulations and safeguarding requirements on school premises; children requiring mental health support; young carers; children who are questioning their gender; and safer recruitment and regulated activity.

Follow the links here for the [full guidance](#) or the [NSPCC Learning Summary of Changes](#).



Children & Young Persons' Newsletter

Have you seen the latest edition of our termly newsletter for children and young people? We work closely with young people across Hartlepool and Stockton to design and create the newsletter on a different theme each term that is relevant to young peoples' experiences. This edition is on the theme of 'Wellbeing and Summer Safety'.

Please share this newsletter with the children and young people that you work with and help more young people to learn about current safeguarding issues. Link [here](#).



Child Protection Authority Consultation: Government Response

NSPCC Learning has published a briefing summarising the government response to the consultation on establishing a Child Protection Authority (CPA) in England. The consultation on creating a CPA ran from December 2025 to March 2026. The briefing summarises: the CPA's remit; what the CPA will look like; when it will be established and what the transition will look like; and what the CPA will do.

Follow the links for the [full response](#), and the [NSPCC Learning summary](#).



IWF
Internet
Watch
Foundation

AI-Generated Child Sexual Abuse Material

The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) has launched a [campaign and new guidance](#) for parents and carers about AI-generated child sexual abuse material, discussing how AI can be misused to manipulate children's online images and how to protect children's photos from AI abuse. The guidance aims to support parents and carers to make informed decisions about their children's images and includes advice on speaking to children and young people about AI and deepfake nudes, and image consent.



Children's Social Care: Consultation

Ofsted has launched a consultation on proposed changes to the frameworks for inspecting local authority children's services and the social care common inspection framework. Proposals include removing the 'overall experiences and progress' judgement and introducing a 5-point grading scale and report cards for both frameworks. The consultation will close on 28 September.

To respond to the consultation, follow the link [here](#).



Foster Care Standards and Guidance Consultation

The Department for Education (DfE) has launched a consultation on proposed changes to the fostering standards and guidance in England. The national fostering standards and guidance have been revised to simplify and update what fostering services should do. The DfE is seeking views from people working in fostering or related areas and people with lived experience of fostering. This consultation will close on 16 September 2026. Respond to the consultation [here](#).



Child Protection in Sport

The NSPCC has published a news story on child protection concerns in sport based on contacts to its Helpline. There were 683 contacts from adults with child protection concerns in a sports setting in 2025/26, a 10% increase on the previous year. The most common concerns mentioned were sexual abuse and exploitation, followed by emotional abuse and physical abuse.

To read the news story, follow the link [here](#).



Children's and Young People's Mental Health Service: 24-25

The Children's Commissioner for England has published a report on children and young people's mental health services, examining referrals, access to treatment, waiting times, and service investment in England between 2024 and 2025. The report looks at children's journeys through mental health services and how these differ depending on what they were referred for, their age, gender, ethnic background and the area-level deprivation where they live. To read the report, 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 2026-2027 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](#)