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### Child Sexual Abuse in the UK

The Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse has published a report that summarises key research and statistics about child sexual abuse in the UK. Amongst its many findings, the report also signposts to resources to support parents and professionals working with children who may have experienced sexual abuse.

To read the report, follow the link here.



## Annual Report on Deaths Related to Domestic Abuse

The National Policing Vulnerability Knowledge & Practice Programme has published its fourth annual report on deaths related to domestic abuse identified by police in England and Wales. Key findings show that 262 domestic abuse related deaths were recorded between April 2024 and March 2024, 11 of which were children under 16-years-old. To read the report, follow this link.



## **Podcast on Contextual Safeguarding**

The Youth Endowment Fund has released a podcast on contextual safeguarding. The podcast, 'Safe', features conversations about preventing violence amongst children and young people. Talking points include: how shop workers can be community guardians, and why we are all responsible for keeping young people safe.

To listen to the episode, click <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.



## Safeguarding Black, Asian and Mixed Heritage Children

NSPCC Learning has published a briefing summarising the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel's thematic review of race and racism in safeguarding in England. Findings include the role of racism in service and practice responses to Black, Asian, and Mixed Heritage children.

To read the summary briefing, follow the link here.



## **School Safeguarding Councils**



### Online Safety

Ofcom has published a news story about the latest measures to address online harms and how it is enforcing the Online Safety Act. On March 17th, the next set of illegal harms duties came into force, for which Ofcom will be assessing platforms' compliance. The story also provides details of the enforcement programme to tackle child sexual abuse imagery on file sharing services. To read the story, click <a href="here.">here.</a>



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### **Online Child Sexual Extortion**

The National Crime Agency have launched an awareness campaign tackling 'sextortion'. Figures shared by the by the NCA found that within the first 5 months of 2024, police forces received an average of 117 reports of sexual extortion from under 18's each month.

To find out more about the campaign and it's aims, follow the link here.



## Fostering Healthy Online Viewing Habits—Parent's Guide

The American Psychological Association has created a guide to share with parents on helping their teenagers develop health online viewing habits. The guide examines how video content affects adolescent development, mental health, and wellbeing. Recommendations explore: fostering productive conversations about video content, and supporting teenagers to develop media literacy skills. To view the guide, follow the link here.



## Neglect Six Question Tool, Framework and Practice Guidance

Have you seen the Neglect Framework and Practice Guidance on the Tees Procedures website? Children living Teesside are three times more likely to experience neglect than children nationally. With neglect being the main reason for 70% of Child Protection plans in Hartlepool and Stockton, the <u>Neglect Framework and Practice Guidance</u> is an important resources for professionals working with children and young people in the areas.



#### Tees Procedures

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

For further information please click on the following link:

https://www.teescpp.org.uk/



## **HSSCP Resources & Training Programme**

Are you aware that the latest HSSCP safeguarding children training programme for 2025-2026 is available? HSSCP also has a wide range of safeguarding resources in the professionals section of their website too.

For further information please click on the following link: <u>HSSCP</u>
For information relating to the latest LSCPR's can be found at <u>LSCPR's</u>



### TSAB Newsletter

Have you checked out the latest safeguarding adults newsletter produced by the Tees Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB)?

To access all the TSAB newsletters please click on the following link: <u>TSAB</u>

Information on the latest safeguarding adults reviews can be found at: <u>SAR's</u>