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NSPCC Learning

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025 Updates

The DfE has published an information only version of the 2025 updates to Keeping Children Safe in Education. NSPCC Learning have produced a CASPAR briefing that sets out the changes to the guidance before the final version is published in September.

To read NSPCC Learning's briefing, follow the link here.



Department for Education

Relationships and Sex Education

The Department for Education has published updated statutory guidance for schools on RSE and health education. Revisions to the statutory guidance include an increased focus on online safety in relation to emerging technologies such as AI, and tackling misogyny and the influence of harmful online communities and influencers. The guidance will come into force on 1st September 2026.

To read the new guidance, follow the link here.



Adultification Research Report

Over 5 years ago, Listen Up emerged to highlight the growing issue of adultification in the child safeguarding landscape, which significantly impacts children from the most marginalised and vulnerable groups in society. Their latest research 'Pushing Forward—Testing leaning on Adultification in Child Safeguarding Practices in England' has recently been published. To read the report, follow the link here.



DfE's Updated EYFS Statutory Framework

NSPCC Learning have published a CASPAR briefing summarising the DfE's updated EYFS statutory framework in England. It combines and summarises the guidance for childminders and for group and school-based providers. The changes for 2025 come into force on 1st September and include new information on whistleblowing, child absences, references, and safer eating.

To reach the briefing, follow the link here.



Online Safety Rules

Ofcom's new online safety rules came into force at the end of July, which require technology firms to implement safety measures to protect children in the UK from accessing pornography and material that promotes or encourages suicide, self-harm, and eating disorders. Ofcom released a <u>guide for parents</u> that lays out how children will be kept safer online. To read a summary of the new rules and how they will be enforced, please follow <u>this link</u> to an article published by The Guardian.



Why Language Matters: Safeguarding in Early Years

NSPCC Learning has published its latest 'Why Language Matters' blog, which explores the importance of including babies in the language of safeguarding. It discusses the language used by professionals can lead to overlooking the needs and experiences of babies in safeguarding policy, practice and service provision. It also outlines the importance of acknowledging the early years and what professionals can do to keep babies in mind. To read the blog, follow the link here.



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Consent to Share

HSSCP have developed a new <u>poster</u> and <u>email banner</u> to promote the message that you can **share information** about a child at any time **without consent**, if you suspect **a child is at risk or to protect them from harm**. Professional confusion around consent to share information is a frequent theme within rapid reviews and LCSPR's in our area and nationwide. Please use the links above to download the re-sources and share with col-



Harm Outside the Home Tools and Resources

The Tees Procedures website has had an update on the Harm Outside the Home page, which now hosts the new Tees-wide documents and resources, including: the new HOTH screening tool; HOTH language guide for practitioners; the HOTH standard operating procedure,; and the Tees HOTH strategy.

To view, read and download the resources, 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: 2025/2026 Training 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>