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Working Together to Safeguard Children 2026

The DfE have published the latest update to the Working Together to Safeguard Children 2026.

You can find the full document, a summary of changes document, statutory framework, and an illustrated guide for children, young people and their families on the following link: [Working Together to Safeguard Children 2026](#)



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 'Staying Safe Online'.

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](#).



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Children's Social Care Statistics: England

The DfE has published statistics on outcomes for children in need, children on CP plans, and children looked after by local authorities in England for 2024-25. The statistics look at educational attainment, school absences and suspensions. Key findings show: on average, children in these groups have lower attainment in KS2 & KS4; have higher rates of persistent absence; and show an increase in the percentage of children in these groups who have had one or more suspensions. To access the statistics, follow the link [here](#).



Home Office

Plans to Tackle Knife Crime

The Home Office has launched its [plan to halve knife crime](#) in the UK. The government proposes: supporting young people to get a better start in life and prevent harms and trauma that can increase risk; stopping those at risk from turning to knife crime; policing streets to prevent offending; and ending the cycle of knife crime. The Home Office has also published a [news story](#) outlining that schools in higher knife crime areas will receive specialist training to help divert children from serious violence.

NSPCC
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Domestic Abuse in Pregnancy

NSPCC Learning has published a series of expert insight videos on domestic abuse in pregnancy. The four videos include practitioner insights on the risk of domestic abuse in pregnancy, the impact on unborn children and families, and how professionals can spot the signs and respond effectively.

Videos can be accessed [here](#).



New Talk PANTS Resources

NSPCC Learning has published a new series of Talk PANTS videos aimed to keep children safe from sexual abuse. The new videos feature content for use with children aged between 3- to 5-years-old, 5- to 7-years-old, and 7- to 11-years-old, as well as children who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and additional support needs (ASN) aged 4- to 11-years-old to help them understand Talk PANTS.

Access the resources [here](#).



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Early Years Screen Use

The DfE has published [findings from an independent report](#) reviewing evidence on the effects of screen use by children under 5. Key findings and recommendations include: responsive interaction between parents and children when using screens can prevent harms and promote development; time matters and parents should remain cautious about screen use; and what children are viewing is important in determining whether screen use brings harms or benefits. New [guidance for parents](#) has also been published.

NSPCC
 Learning¹

Race, Ethnicity & Culture

NSPCC Learning has published a Learning from Case Reviews briefing on race, ethnicity and culture which identifies learning and key themes from a sample of case reviews from local safeguarding partnerships between 2023 and 2025 where race, ethnicity and culture were key factors.

To read the full briefing, follow the link here: [Race, Ethnicity & Culture Briefing](#)

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Children's Wellbeing in a Digital World

Internet Matters has published its annual '[Digital wellbeing index](#)' report for children in the UK. The report evaluates and tracks the impact of digital technology on children's physical, social, emotional, and developmental wellbeing. Key findings include: time spent online continues to rise; children are finding it hard to disconnect and regulate their time online; children are increasingly turning down real-world social opportunities to stay online; and positive and negative online experiences are rising in parallel.



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](#)