



Department
for Education

Information Sharing: Statutory Duty

A new information sharing duty came into effect on 30th September, which means practitioners must share information where it is relevant to safeguarding and promoting a child's welfare. This includes where concerns relate to early help, prevention, and unmet need.

Find the new [statutory guidance here](#).

Centre of
expertise
on child
sexual abuse

The Experiences of Non-Abusing Parents and Carers

The Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse has recently published a knowledge review that is designed to help professionals, commissioners and decision-makers better understand the impact of abuse and support needs of non-abusing parents and carers of children who have been sexually abused.

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

THE CHILD SAFEGUARDING
PRACTICE REVIEW PANEL

National Child Safeguarding Review Themes: Jan - March 2026

The National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel have published a report that highlights the themes, risks and patterns emerging from 60 rapid reviews submitted to the Panel relating to incidents that occurred between 1 January and 31 March 2026. The report finds babies under 1 year old as the most affected age group, hidden males within the family as a key emerging theme, and young parents as a key theme.

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



Pol-Ed

Knife Crime Information for Parents and Carers

Pol-Ed have created an [information leaflet on knife crime for parents and carers](#). The leaflet contains information on what the law says about knife crime, why a child might carry a knife, child exploitation, knife crime and the media, and talking to children about knife crime.

Please share [this leaflet](#) within your setting and with parents and carers where appropriate.



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Statutory Guidance Updates

The Department for Education have updated its statutory guidance on advocacy services for children in care, children in need, and care leavers in England. They have also updated its statutory guidance in kinship care in England. See below for the links.

[Statutory Guidance: Advocacy services for children and young people.](#)

[National standards for the provision of children's and young people's advocacy services.](#)

[Kinship care: guidance for local authorities.](#)

THE CHILD SAFEGUARDING
PRACTICE REVIEW PANEL

Why do the same child safeguarding failures keep happening, despite decades of reviews, reforms and recommendations?

The National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel have published a news article reflecting on the persistent themes that are continuously identified in learning reviews. The article also contains information and a link to the new resources they have published on [persistent themes we see in serious child safeguarding incidents](#).

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



Department
of Health &
Social Care

Safeguarding Children Affected by Parent's Alcohol or Drug Use

The Department of Health and Social Care have updated their guidance on safeguarding children affected by a parent or carer's alcohol or drug use. The guidance aims to help commissioners and providers of adult alcohol and drug treatment and recovery services in England. It also includes a self-assessment checklist to help local partners assess their policies and practices for safeguarding children.

Read the guidance here: [Safeguarding children affected by a parent's alcohol or drug use](#)



Teeswide Safeguarding
Adults Board

National Safeguarding Adults Week: Free Webinars

National Safeguarding Adults Week will take place on 16th - 22nd November. The Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board will be hosting a number of webinars across the week including: Mental Capacity and Safeguarding, The Power of Appropriate Language and Transitional Safeguarding to Prevent Exploitation; and How to Work with Adults who Self-Neglect. To book a free place on any of the above, follow the link [here](#).



Department
of Health &
Social Care

Independent review into mental health conditions, ADHD & autism

The Department of Health and Social Care has published the final report of the Independent review into the prevalence and support for mental health conditions, ADHD and autism in England. The report highlights that mental distress and common mental health conditions have increased substantially, particularly among children and young people.

Follow this link to read the [final report](#).



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 LCSRP's please click: [LCSRP'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](#)