

## Safeguarding Updates

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<p><b>Together for childhood</b>  <b>Source:</b> NSPCC Learning  <b>Date published:</b> 31 March 2025</p> <p>NSPCC Learning has published findings from an evaluation of the Together for Childhood (TfC) programme. TfC, the NSPCC’s place-based approach to preventing child abuse and neglect, aims to strengthen the way that local communities and organisations work together to help keep children safe. The 10-year programme started in 2017 across four sites in the UK – Grimsby, Glasgow (Govan), Plymouth and Stoke-on-Trent. To understand the effectiveness of TfC, a developmental evaluation was conducted with four reports published: a process evaluation; an outcomes evaluation; a meta-evaluation; and a detailed methodology paper.</p>	<p><b>Read the reports:</b> <a href="#">Developmental evaluation of Together for Childhood</a></p> <p><b>See also on NSPCC Learning</b>            &gt; <a href="#">Together for Childhood</a></p>
<p><b>Child protection in Scotland</b>  <b>Source:</b> Scottish Government  <b>Date published:</b> 25 March 2025</p> <p>The Scottish Government has published data on children subject to child protection processes in Scotland in 2023-24. Key findings include: 2,129 children were on the child protection register on 31 July 2024, representing a small increase from 2023; almost half of children added to the child protection register in 2023-24 lived in one of the 20% most deprived areas in Scotland; and domestic abuse, child neglect, parental substance use, parental mental ill health, and emotional abuse were the most common concerns identified at child protection planning meetings.</p>	<p><b>Read the statistics:</b> <a href="#">Children's social work statistics: child protection 2023-24</a></p> <p><b>See also on NSPCC Learning</b>            &gt; <a href="#">Child protection plan and register statistics</a></p>
<p><b>Child sexual abuse</b>  <b>Source:</b> CSA Centre  <b>Date published:</b> 24 March 2025</p> <p>The Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse (CSA Centre) has published a report on child sexual abuse in the UK. The report summarises key research and statistics about child sexual abuse. Findings include: child sexual abuse is more common than most people think; more children are sexually abused than are ever identified or responded to; children are most often sexually abused by someone they know and trust; any child can be sexually abused, but some children are more vulnerable to this abuse than others; and the experience and impacts of sexual abuse are different for every child. The report signposts to resources to support parents and professionals working with children.</p>	<p><b>Download the report:</b> <a href="#">What you need to know about child sexual abuse</a></p> <p><b>See also on NSPCC Learning</b>            &gt; <a href="#">Protecting children from sexual abuse</a></p>
<p><b>Domestic abuse</b>  <b>Source:</b> National Policing Vulnerability Knowledge &amp; Practice Programme  <b>Date published:</b> 25 March 2025</p> <p>The National Policing Vulnerability Knowledge &amp; Practice Programme has published its fourth annual report on deaths related to domestic abuse identified by police in England and Wales. Key findings include: 262 domestic abuse related deaths were recorded between April 2023 and March 2024; 11 of these deaths were of children under 16-years-old; in</p>	<p><b>Download the report:</b> <a href="#">Domestic homicides and suspected victim suicides 2022-2024 report</a></p> <p><b>See also on NSPCC Learning</b>            &gt; <a href="#">Healthy and unhealthy relationships</a></p>

<p>81% of child deaths from 2020-24, the suspect was the victim's carer; and in 20% of all cases from 2020-24, the victim or suspect were known to children's social services. The report suggests that the relatively small number of reported child deaths reflects the linking of child deaths to child abuse or familicide rather than domestic abuse. Recommendations include that the police should consider whether young people, including under 16s, may be experiencing domestic abuse and/or coercive control in their relationships, necessitating collaboration with partner agencies, such as social care and education.</p>	
<p><b>Contextual safeguarding</b>  <b>Source:</b> Youth Endowment Fund  <b>Date published:</b> 19 March 2025</p> <p>The Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) has released a podcast on contextual safeguarding. YEF's podcast 'Safe' features conversations about preventing violence amongst children and young people. In this episode, Professor Carlene Firmin shares what she has learned about preventing youth violence. Talking points include: how shop workers can be community guardians; and why we are all responsible for keeping young people safe.</p>	<p><b>Listen to the podcast:</b> <a href="#">Carlene Firmin: contextual safeguarding is common sense</a>  <b>Explore the series:</b> <a href="#">Safe podcast</a></p> <p><b>See also on NSPCC Learning</b>  &gt; <a href="#">Contextual safeguarding</a></p>
<p><b>Kinship care</b>  <b>Source:</b> Kinship  <b>Date published:</b> 27 March 2025</p> <p>Kinship has published a report exploring the experiences of Black and Asian kinship carers in England. The report draws on standardised assessments and interviews with 37 Black and Asian kinship carers. Key findings include: the majority of carers felt a deep sense of duty and expectation to care for their kin, with some fearing children's services intervention; carers did not always know who to contact or how to access support; and some carers felt that their ethnicity or racism influenced professionals' decisions and described examples indicating a lack of cultural competence. The report makes recommendations for improved practice and support to Black and Asian kinship carers and their families.</p>	<p><b>Read the press release:</b> <a href="#">New Kinship report reveals challenges faced by Black and Asian kinship carers</a>  <b>Download the report:</b> <a href="#">Raised by relatives: the experiences of Black and Asian kinship carers</a></p> <p><b>See also on NSPCC Learning</b>  &gt; <a href="#">Safeguarding children who come from Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic communities</a></p>
<p><b>International child and family conference</b></p> <p>This conference, organised by the Children and Families Research Centre, takes place on 17-19 June 2025 in Bristol.</p>	<p><b>Find out more:</b> <a href="#">Children and family research centre</a></p>