

Safeguarding Updates

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<p>Talk Relationships Source: NSPCC Learning Date published: 02 June 2025</p> <p>NSPCC Learning has updated the Talk Relationships service. Talk Relationships provides free resources for all UK secondary schools to support them in confidently delivering inclusive sex and relationships education. Talk Relationships has been updated based on feedback from teachers and young people. New additions include: fully editable lesson plans; a new lesson plan on preventing gender-based violence; the Youth Voice Matters toolkit, to help engage young people in a whole-school approach; and case studies from schools already using Talk Relationships.</p>	<p>Access the resources: Talk Relationships</p>
<p>Domestic abuse Source: NSPCC Learning Date published: 30 May 2025</p> <p>NSPCC Learning has published a podcast episode looking at domestic abuse in pregnancy and improving support for families affected by it. The podcast features a discussion with a panel of experts from the NSPCC Helpline and the For Baby's Sake Trust on research into domestic abuse. The discussion covered: the difficulties with working out exactly how many babies are impacted by domestic abuse; identifying concerns and providing support; taking a trauma-informed approach; and blockers to parents seeking support.</p>	<p>Listen to the podcast: Protecting babies from the effects of domestic abuse Listen on YouTube: Protecting babies from the effects of domestic abuse</p>
<p>Youth justice and probation service Source: HM Inspectorate of Probation Date published: 23 May 2025</p> <p>HM Inspectorate of Probation (HMI Probation) has published a research analysis bulletin and three briefing papers exploring how transitional safeguarding is understood and applied within youth justice and probation services in England. Transitional safeguarding focuses on safeguarding adolescents transitioning to adulthood across developmental stages and the approach features six principles. The bulletin and briefings report on findings from a literature review, survey, analysis of HMI Probation data, and work with practitioners. Key recommendations include: transitional safeguarding should be embedded within existing transition protocols and inspection frameworks; relational and developmentally-informed practice should be foregrounded in policy, training and inspection; policies, protocols and training should help staff understand the safeguarding risks for young people as well as the risks they may pose to others; and youth justice and probation services should forge good local connections with education and employment routes.</p>	<p>Download the bulletin and reports: Transitional safeguarding in youth justice and probation services</p>

<p>Children in care: mental health Source: CoramBAAF, UCL and UK Trauma Council Date published: 22 May 2025</p> <p>CoramBAAF, UCL and UK Trauma Council have published a new report on improving professional mental health support for children and young people in care across England. The report outlines the mental health needs of children in care and looks at service provision. Key recommendations include: all local areas to develop a joint service delivery plan between CAMHS and children's social care, as well as new key performance indicators, to increase knowledge and accountability; introduction of an initial mental health and wellbeing assessment, 4-6 months after entry to care; and the development of a new children's social care mental health practitioner (CSCMP) training programme.</p>	<p>Read the report: Making the case for better mental health support for children in care</p> <p>See also on NSPCC Learning > Children in care</p>
<p>Serious incident notifications Source: DfE Date published: 22 May 2025</p> <p>The Department for Education has released data on the number of serious incident notifications involving children made by local authorities in England between 2019 and 31 March 2025. Key findings include: 338 serious incident notifications were made between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025, down from 405 in 2023-24. 162 notifications were related to child deaths and 167 notifications were related to serious harm.</p>	<p>View the statistics: Serious incident notifications</p>
<p>Violence against women and girls Source: Public Accounts Committee Date published: 16 May 2025</p> <p>The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has published a report on tackling violence against women and girls (VAWG) in England and Wales with recommendations for the government. Based on written and oral evidence presented to the inquiry, the report highlights the need for support across government departments to tackle violence against women and girls; calls for greater emphasis on preventative measures; and asks the government to set out how it will work with boys to prevent harmful attitudes perpetuating, and how it will improve the safety of children and young people online. The PAC is also calling on the government to gain an accurate understanding of the extent and complexity of violence against women and girls and to learn from successful local initiatives by engaging more with support services.</p>	<p>Read the news story: Govt mission to tackle violence against women and girls requires strong action on all fronts, PAC warns</p>
<p>Early help: innovation and impact</p> <p>This conference, organised by Children and Young People Now, takes place on 25 September 2025 at the Cavendish Conference Centre, London.</p>	<p>Find out more: Children and Young People Now</p>