

Safeguarding Updates

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<p>Online safety Source: NSPCC and Vodafone Date published: 15 August 2025</p> <p>The NSPCC has designed a series of webinars in partnership with Vodafone covering the potential harms children and young people face online. Starting in September, the eight-part series will provide an overview of online safety for children, focusing on key topics such as: navigating social media; online grooming; online scams; and managing digital footprints.</p>	<p>Sign up for the webinars: Online safety webinars for schools</p> <p>See also on NSPCC Learning > Preventing online harm and abuse</p>
<p>Exam results Source: NSPCC Date published: 12 August 2025</p> <p>The NSPCC has published a news story on contacts to Childline about exam results. Childline data shows that between 2024 and 2025, Childline delivered 706 counselling sessions where the young person mentioned exam results worries. The news story includes practical tips for parents and for children and young people on managing concerns.</p>	<p>Read the news story: Childline is hearing from young people about their worries around exam results day</p>
<p>Safeguarding in sport Source: NSPCC Date published: 08 August 2025</p> <p>The NSPCC has published a news story on children's welfare in sports settings. Data from the NSPCC Helpline shows that between 2024 and 2025, there were 623 contacts from adults across the UK with concerns about a child's welfare in a sports setting, an increase from 425 contacts in 2023-2024. The news story highlights how the NSPCC's Keeping Your Child Safe in Sport resources support adults in ensuring children can enjoy their sport in safety.</p>	<p>Read the news story: Our Helpline saw an almost 50% rise in contacts about children's welfare in sports last year</p> <p>See also on NSPCC Learning > What is safeguarding in sport?</p>
<p>Child protection plans and registers Source: NSPCC Date published: 14 August 2025</p> <p>NSPCC Learning has updated the United Kingdom factsheets in its collection of statistics that look at children who are the subject of a child protection plan or on a child protection register. The factsheets set out the number of children who are the subject of a child protection plan or on a child protection register for each nation in the United Kingdom.</p>	<p>Read the factsheet: Child protection plan and register statistics</p>
<p>Online safety Source: IWF Date published: 12 August 2025</p> <p>The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) has published a blog post on how the Online Safety Act's age assurance requirements will affect children's online safety. The story outlines what age assurance is, why it is important for keeping children safe online, and public opinion on age verification to access websites that may contain pornographic material. It calls for tech platforms to continue to consider how to ensure safety by design.</p>	<p>Read the blog post: New age assurance requirements: what does this mean for children's online safety?</p> <p>See also on NSPCC Learning > Responding to online abuse</p>

<p>Online child sexual extortion Source: Guardian Date published: 09 August 2025</p> <p>The Guardian has published a news story on the rise in online child sexual extortion, or 'sextortion'. Key findings include: tech companies including Snapchat and Facebook reported 9,600 cases of sextortion in the UK in the first six months of 2024; and Snapchat reported more suspicious material than any other platform.</p>	<p>Read the blog post: FBI and NSPCC alarmed at 'shocking' rise in online sextortion of children</p> <p>See also on NSPCC Learning > Young people's experiences of online sexual extortion or 'sextortion'</p>
<p>Domestic abuse Source: Refuge Date published: 13 August 2025</p> <p>Refuge has published a news story on domestic abuse experienced by young women and girls aged 16 – 25. Data from its support service found that in 2024-2025 there were increases in domestic abuse, particularly involving psychological abuse, coercive control and physical violence, amongst this cohort. Refuge calls for improved domestic abuse education in schools.</p>	<p>Read the Refuge news story: Refuge reports rise in violent threats and strangulation among young people</p> <p>See also on NSPCC Learning > It's Not Love: teaching resources about positive relationships</p>