

Safeguarding Updates

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<p>Safeguarding in the early years Source: NSPCC Learning Date published: 24 July 2025</p> <p>NSPCC Learning has published the latest blog in the Why language matters series. The blog explores the ‘baby blind spot’ and the importance of including babies in the language of safeguarding. It discusses how not including ‘babies’ when talking about ‘children and young people’ can lead professionals to overlook the needs and experiences of babies in safeguarding policy, practice and service provision. It also outlines the importance of acknowledging the early years and what professionals can do to keep babies in mind.</p>	<p>Read the blog: Why language matters: the importance of including babies in the language of safeguarding</p> <p>See also on NSPCC Learning > Safeguarding and child protection in the early years</p>
<p>Early years Source: NSPCC Learning Date published: 28 July 2025</p> <p>NSPCC Learning has published a CASPAR briefing summarising the Department for Education’s (DfE’s) updated Early years foundation stage (EYFS) statutory framework for England. It combines and summarises the guidance for childminders and for group and school-based providers. The changes for 2025 come into force on 01 September and include new information on: whistleblowing; child absences; references; and safer eating.</p>	<p>Read the CASPAR briefing: Early years foundation stage (EYFS) statutory framework 2025: summary of requirements</p>
<p>Emotional resilience Source: NSPCC Learning Date published: 24 July 2025</p> <p>NSPCC Learning has published a research report evaluating the Emotional Resilience programme, part of the Together for Childhood (TfC) initiative in Glasgow. The programme aimed to build emotional resilience in children through developing their emotional intelligence. The evaluation included work with primary school children, school staff and TfC staff. Findings show: children benefitted from the programme by being emotionally supported in their learning environment; and teachers benefitted from an improved connection with their pupils. The report includes calls for programmes focusing on emotional resilience and wellbeing to be prioritised within primary schools.</p>	<p>Read the report: Building emotional intelligence and resilience in primary school children</p>
<p>Emotional abuse Source: NSPCC Learning Date published: 28 July 2025</p> <p>NSPCC Learning has published an updated statistics briefing on emotional abuse. The briefing looks at data and statistics about emotional abuse in the UK to help professionals make evidence-based decisions. It covers the scale of the issue and what data tells us about children who have been emotionally abused.</p>	<p>Read the statistics briefing: Emotional abuse: statistics briefing</p>
<p>Online safety Source: Guardian</p>	<p>Read the news story: What are the new UK online safety rules and how will age</p>

<p>Date published: 24 July 2025</p> <p>Ofcom's online safety rules came into force on 25 July 2025, requiring technology firms to implement safety measures protecting children in the UK. Companies within the scope of the Online Safety Act are required to introduce age checks preventing children from accessing pornography and material that promotes or encourages suicide, self-harm and eating disorders.</p>	<p>checks on adult content be enforced?</p> <p>See also on NSPCC Learning > Preventing online harm and abuse</p>
<p>Child wellbeing Source: Children in Wales Date published: 17 July 2025</p> <p>Children in Wales has launched its manifesto for babies, children and young people ahead of the Senedd Elections in 2026. The charity is calling on political parties and candidates to prioritise the wellbeing, rights and voices of children and provide opportunities to hear their views. The manifesto outlines actions for parties to focus on including: keeping children safe from harm; ending child poverty; greater focus on early help, intervention and prevention; and good quality education.</p>	<p>Read the new manifesto: Children in Wales launches call for champions for children ahead of 2026 Senedd election</p>
<p>Child trafficking Source: ECPAT UK Date published: 22 July 2025</p> <p>Every Child Protected Against Trafficking (ECPAT UK) has published a new report looking at how child trafficking and exploitation is defined and understood across the UK. Research involved a literature review, analysis of UK laws and data from the National Referral Mechanism, and work with practitioners and other professionals. Concerns highlighted include: rigid definitions leave many children unrecognised; inconsistent definitions undermine identification and protection; and access to support hinges on language. The findings show a need for an overarching statutory definition of child exploitation to ensure consistent, joined up responses across strategic, legal, and policy frameworks informed by children and young people.</p>	<p>Read the report: More than Words: how definitions impact on the UK's response to child trafficking and exploitation</p> <p>See also on NSPCC Learning > Protecting children from trafficking and modern slavery</p>
<p>Financial exploitation Source: The Children's Society Date published: 11 July 2025</p> <p>The Children's Society has published two reports on child financial exploitation and exploitative money laundering. In the first report, the charity carried out interviews with specialist child exploitation professionals and found: professionals were not confident in their understanding of financial exploitation; child financial exploitation could have multiple and complex causes with many situations being linked to family poverty and community deprivation; and the impact of exploitative money laundering on young people had included significant problems around managing finances. The next report shares the views of children and young people from across England and Wales on financial exploitation and looks at: social media; perceptions of perpetrators, the police and banks; barriers to reporting; peer influences; and what support would be beneficial.</p>	<p>Read the report: Moving money Read the youth insights report: Tackling financial exploitation: youth voice insights</p>

Building safer communities: a place based approach to the prevention of child sexual abuse

This event, organised by NOTA, explores the NSPCC’s Together for Childhood initiative and features NSPCC researchers. It takes place on 30 July 2025 online.

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