

Safeguarding Updates

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<p>Sexually coerced extortion Source: NSPCC Learning Date published: 28 August 2025</p> <p>NSPCC Learning has published a Why language matters blog exploring the problems with the term 'sextortion.' The blog explores how using the term can minimise children's experiences and overlook the complexity and multifaceted nature of the issue. It highlights how professionals should use the term 'sexually coerced extortion' when reporting and recording this type of abuse, while staying aware of and reflecting the language children and young people use.</p>	<p>Read the blog: Why language matters: why we should rethink our use of the term 'sextortion'</p>
<p>Keeping children safe in education Source: DfE Date published: 01 September 2025</p> <p>Keeping children safe in education (KCSIE) 2025, the Department for Education's (DfE) statutory safeguarding and child protection guidance for schools and colleges in England, has now come into force (effective from 1st September). The NSPCC Learning CASPAR briefing provides a summary of changes to the guidance.</p>	<p>Read the guidance: Keeping children safe in education Read the CASPAR briefing: Keeping children safe in education (KCSIE) 2025: summary of changes</p>
<p>Early years Source: DfE Date published: 01 September 2025</p> <p>The Department for Education's (DfE) latest version of the Early years foundation stage (EYFS) statutory framework for England has now come into force (effective from 1st September 2025). The NSPCC Learning CASPAR briefing summarises the safeguarding and welfare requirements in the framework for childminders and group and school-based providers. This includes information on safer recruitment, supporting and understanding children's behaviour, promoting good health, and maintaining records, policies and procedures.</p>	<p>Read the guidance: Early years foundation stage (EYFS) statutory framework Read the CASPAR briefing: Early years foundation stage (EYFS) statutory framework 2025: summary of requirements</p>
<p>Child protection Source: NSPCC Date published: 26 August 2025</p> <p>The NSPCC has published a news story setting out the policy work it has been doing with government and public authorities to push for better protections for children in England. This includes work around: children's health and social care; online safety; support for victims; and tackling the physical punishment of children.</p>	<p>Read the news story: Our work to make change happen in Westminster</p>
<p>Poverty and youth crime Source: Youth Endowment Fund Date published: 27 August 2025</p> <p>The Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) has published an evidence review examining the relationship between poverty and children's involvement in crime and violence. Focusing on studies from the UK and similar countries,</p>	<p>Read the report: Evidence review on poverty and youth crime and violence</p>

<p>the researchers conducted a systematic review and meta-analysis of 31 published research papers. Findings show: poverty was a risk factor, though the review could not establish that poverty caused youth crime and violence; neighbourhood deprivation was most linked to non-violent crime, while low income was most linked to violent crime; and boys and girls experience risk differently.</p>	
<p>Violence against women and girls Source: IWF and For Baby's Sake Date published: 27 August 2025</p> <p>Ten leading children's charities and organisations, including the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and the NSPCC, have written a letter to the Home Secretary calling for child sexual exploitation and abuse to be addressed in the UK government's upcoming Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy. Additionally, For Baby's Sake have written a letter to the Minister for Safeguarding and Violence Against Women and Girls calling for babies and very young children to be explicitly recognised within the VAWG strategy, outlining the vulnerability of babies to violence and abuse.</p>	<p>Read the IWF news story: Government must tackle sexual abuse and exploitation of girls 'head on' in VAWG Strategy, charities warn</p> <p>Read the For Baby's Sake news story: Babies must be recognised in the violence against women and girls strategy: our open letter to Jess Phillips MP</p>
<p>Child sexual abuse material Source: Guardian Date published: 25 August 2025</p> <p>The Guardian has published a news story raising concerns about use of the Tor network to share child sexual abuse material on the dark web. The Tor ("the onion router") network is a tool for protecting online anonymity and routes traffic through a global web of volunteer-run servers to obscure users' identities and locations. The news story argues that the platform's design makes it difficult to remove illegal or harmful content.</p>	<p>Read the news story: Privacy at a cost: the dark web's main browser helps pedophile networks flourish, experts say</p> <p>See also on NSPCC Learning > Protecting children from sexual abuse</p>
<p>Farrer & Co annual safeguarding conference 2025</p> <p>This conference, organised by Farrer & Co, takes place on 15 October 2025 in London.</p>	<p>Find out more: Farrer & Co</p>