

Safeguarding Updates

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Childline activity packs Source: NSPCC Learning Date published: 23 June 2026 NSPCC Learning has published summer activity packs for running sessions with children and young people to celebrate Childline’s 40th year of service and help children learn more about how to get support if they need it. There are packs for 5- to 11-year-olds and 12- to 16-year-olds containing presentation slides, session guidance and printable activities. The packs are suitable for all settings, including schools, summer groups and clubs outside of school.	Download the packs: Celebrating 40 years of Childline
Child protection in sport Source: NSPCC Date published: 30 June 2026 The NSPCC has published a news story on child protection concerns in sport based on contacts to its Helpline. There were 683 contacts from adults with child protection concerns in a sports setting in 2025/26, a 10% increase on the previous year. The most common concerns mentioned within sports settings were sexual abuse and exploitation, followed by emotional abuse and physical abuse. Adults contacting the Helpline expressed concerns about the conduct of sports professionals, as well as other parents, and how clubs lacked strong child protection procedures. This data has been released alongside the NSPCC’s announcement that the Child protection in sport unit (CPSU) has been renamed NSPCC Sport, coinciding with its 25th anniversary. NSPCC Sport helps organisations to create safe and inclusive environments for young athletes and players.	Read the news story: We've seen a 10% increase in child protection concerns in sport Access the website: NSPCC Sport
Children’s mental health services Source: The Children’s Commissioner for England Date published: 29 June 2026 The Children’s Commissioner for England has published a report on children and young people’s mental health services, examining referrals, access to treatment, waiting times, and service investment in England between 2024 and 2025. The report looks at children’s journeys through mental health services and how these differ depending on what they were referred for, their age, gender, ethnic background and the area-level deprivation where they live. It highlights that while more children are receiving treatment than in previous years, services have not been able to match demand and more children are now waiting for treatment, and waiting for longer. The report calls for changes including: a joint national strategy and outcomes framework for children’s mental health and wellbeing; and effective implementation of reforms to the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities system.	Read the report: Children’s and young people’s mental health services: 2024-25 See also on NSPCC Learning > Young people’s experiences of waiting lists
Children’s social care Source: Ofsted Date published: 02 July 2026	Read the report: Understanding children’s social care sufficiency in England

Ofsted has published a report analysing children's social care sufficiency in England. The report presents a new index to measure the sufficiency of children's social care provision, looking at how availability, workforce, placement suitability, and safety impact sufficiency. It also analyses regional variation in children's social care provision and access to placements, and the structural and system pressures shaping where and how children are placed. Findings show that sufficiency in children's social care is shaped by a complex set of factors that influence whether children can be given placements that are safe, appropriate and close to home.	See also on NSPCC Learning > Children in care
Unregistered children's homes Source: Ofsted Date published: 02 July 2026 Ofsted has published an article on children living in unregistered children's homes in England. The article outlines the scale of the issue and sets out Ofsted's new powers under the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026 to issue fines against any person operating and/or managing an unregistered children's home. The article also highlights measures to tackle the funding and commissioning of illegal children's homes; Ofsted's new approach to investigating concerns about the safety of children in an unregistered home; and improvements to the registration and regulation of children's homes.	Read the article: Changing our approach to unregistered children's homes
Technology-assisted child sexual abuse Source: University of Glasgow Date published: 01 July 2026 The University of Glasgow has launched an online survey for people aged 16 or over exploring the prevalence, nature, and impact of negative experiences online. The survey is part of the Safer-Tech project which aims to develop a framework for responses to technology-assisted child sexual abuse (TA-CSA). The framework is aiming to provide a trauma-informed structure for professionals working in sectors including law enforcement, social care and education.	Share the survey: SAFER-TECH research project survey Find out more: Mental health and wellbeing: SAFER-TECH
Adolescence unfiltered: tackling the impact of social media on young minds This conference, organised by Healthcare Conferences UK, takes place on 16 September 2026 online.	Find out more: Healthcare Conferences UK