



safeguarding children

everyone's responsibility

Whatever role we do, we all have a vital role in safeguarding children from harm and abuse.

2015 working together to safeguard children

This update clarified when incidents are notifiable to regulatory bodies and made it clearer on how allegations are to be handled in regards to those who work with children. This update also recognises emerging harms to children that includes child sexual exploitation, female genital mutilation and radicalisation.

2004 the children's act

Local authorities and their partners (including the police, health service providers and the youth justice system) must co-operate in promoting the wellbeing of children and young people and to make arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children

2003 every child matters

this identified that every child has the right to:

- being healthy
- enjoying and achieving
- making a positive contribution
- achieving economic well-being
- staying safe

some key facts:

58,000

the amount of children identified as needing protecting from abuse in 2016.



8,000

the amount of Childline counselling sessions with children about physical abuse in 2016/17



23,150

the amount of children needing protecting from neglect in England in 2016. Neglect is the ongoing failure to meet a child's basic needs and is the most common form of child abuse

70%

increase in the number of calls for emotional abuse between 2011 (5,878) and 2016 (10,009)

47%

the amount of serious case reviews between 2011-14 that involved parental substance misuse

137,000

women and girls affected by female genital mutilation in England and Wales

source: nspcc.org.uk