



[North Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership website](https://www.nsscp.org.uk/)

Autumn Edition

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL

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**Welcome to this autumn edition of our safeguarding children newsletter. Please share widely within your organisation. This and previous newsletters are available on the NSSCP website.**



## Introducing Ellen Mutch

I have lived and worked in the Southwest all my life and been interested in people from an early age. I started my career path as a youth worker in the early 2000s whilst studying psychology and religion at university. In 2005, I qualified as a social worker specialising in children and families. My career in Children's Social Care has been longer than most, incredibly varied and afforded me the privilege of working with families across a broad spectrum of teams including intake & assessment, community & court, long-term fostering, kinship and adoption.

After 15 years working on the 'front line', it was time for a change. I first became involved in delivering training when I made the transition into the world of professional and recreational sport which combined my passion for people with my great other love, cricket! Over the last 5 years my work with Gloucestershire Cricket and the England and Wales Cricket Board has given me the opportunity to use my experience, knowledge and skills to teach others about safeguarding and kept me updated on the latest developments in this area. I also think it's satisfied my inner performer too!

I have been lucky enough to have travelled extensively around the world to places including India, Australia, New Zealand, Africa and South America. Many of these trips I have taken on my own which has tested my courage and resolve but also shown me how resilient and resourceful I can be. Learning firsthand about other people's cultures has given me a new perspective on my own background and identity and shows that there is way more that unites us than divides us. But I still haven't ticked every cricket-playing nation off my bucket list yet!

## SPOTLIGHT BULLETIN PLEASE NOTE!

Exciting news! ✨

### OUR NEW MULTI-AGENCY TRAINER IS HERE!

During the summer, the NSSCP recruited to the vacant post to deliver our programme of safeguarding training, and we are very excited to have Ellen on board. She is experienced in both safeguarding children and in delivering training.

Ellen has been busy getting to know the team, reviewing the course content and delivering the remainder of the 2024 calendar of training.

With the support of the Learning & Development Subgroup, Ellen has designed the 2025 calendar of training which is available now.

## ICON Training

Thank you to all who came along to the ICON training sessions. Please visit this page on our website for more information and links to free resources.



[ICON | Childrens Safeguarding Board](#)

## The Good Childhood Report 2024:

[The Good Childhood Report | The Children's Society \(childrensociety.org.uk\)](#)

- Children's (aged 10 to 15) mean scores for **happiness with their life as a whole, friends, appearance, school, and schoolwork were all significantly lower** in 2021/22 than when the Understanding Society survey began in 2009/10. (Understanding Society, 2021/22 and 2009/10)
- Data continues to show concerning patterns for girls' wellbeing. In 2021/22, **girls were significantly less happy on average than boys with their life as a whole, family, appearance, and school.** (Understanding Society 2021/22)
- In 2024, **11% of the 10- to 17-year-olds** who completed our own survey were identified as having **low wellbeing.** (The Children's Society's annual household survey, 2024)
- In 2024, children and young people (aged 10 to 17) were, on average, most happy with their family. More children and young people (14.3%) were **unhappy with school** than with the nine other areas of life they were asked about. (The Children's Society's annual household survey, 2024)
- More children and young people (aged 10 to 17) said they were **worried about rising prices**, compared with the other eight societal issues they were asked about. Two in five (41%) of children and young people were 'very' or 'quite' worried about this issue. (The Children's Society's annual household survey, 2024)
- In 2022, the UK had the **lowest average overall life satisfaction** among 15-year-olds across 27 European countries. (PISA, 2022)
- **25.2% of the UK's 15-year-olds had low life satisfaction.** This was one in five males and almost one in three females. (PISA, 2022)

## Appropriate Language

The Appropriate Language for child exploitation and abuse has now been published and is available on The Children's Society website.

[Child Exploitation Language Guide | The Children's Society](#)

You can download the guide and all the supporting documents which include:

- 1) Advice for professionals
- 2) Signposting document
- 3) Infographic document on 'Victim blaming language'.

## Join Our Shared Learning Event

**On 17<sup>th</sup> December from 11:00 -12:00**, you are warmly invited to the first of the NSSCP's learning events where we will be sharing findings from recent multi-agency safeguarding reviews and the learning that can be applied across partnership agencies.

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 354 903 628 640

Passcode: s2w2wU79

## Multi-Agency Workforce Development CPD

Our new training offer for 2025 will be published this week. Keep checking this page [Training events](#) for the latest updates.

- ✚ For Prevent training, please visit [Prevent duty training - GOV.UK](#)
- ✚ The NSSCP have worked closely with expert partners to develop a new bespoke DA training offer. 2 sessions have been delivered and the 2025 calendar will be released shortly.
- ✚ For colleagues within North Somerset Council, please use the iLearn platform. For all other bookings, please access via CPD online.

Not yet booked a place? See below for details and click on the link [Training events](#) :

Date	Title	Course leader	Time	Venue
<b>November</b>				
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Managing Allegations Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)	James McMillan	09:30 – 10:30	Teams online
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Advanced Update	Ellen Mutch	09:30 – 12:30	Teams online
<b>December</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	The Cumulative Impact of Neglect on Children	Ellen Mutch	09:30 – 16:30	Campus – CR3
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Advanced Inter-Agency Child Protection	Ellen Mutch	09:30 – 16:30	Campus – CR3
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Intermediate Child Protection	Ellen Mutch	09:30 – 15:00	Campus – CR3
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Child Protection Conference	Independent Safeguarding Review Officers (ISROs)	09:30 – 12:30	Campus – CR3
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Managing Allegations Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)	James McMillan	09:30 – 10:30	Teams online
<b>January</b>				
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Advanced Inter-Agency Child Protection	Ellen Mutch	09:30 – 16:30	Campus
16 <sup>th</sup> January	The Cumulative Impact of Neglect on Children	Ellen Mutch	09:30 – 16:30	Castle Batch
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Advanced Update	Ellen Mutch	09:30 – 12:30	Teams online
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Basic Awareness Child Protection	Ellen Mutch	13:30 – 16:30	Weston Hospital

## Adolescent Safety Framework

Run don't walk!

The first 2 dates of our free ASF training are available to book now

More information found here: [Free ASF training sessions flyer](#)

Book via this link: [Book your free ASF training sessions](#)

**Workshop dates:**

28<sup>th</sup> November 1:30 – 4:30

5<sup>th</sup> December 1:30 – 4:30

**Venue:** [Castlewood](#)

A North Somerset Safeguarding Partnership initiative to:

1. Understand the experiences of children and young people.
2. Improve the quality of co-ordinated and consistent multi-agency safety planning when children are experiencing harm outside the home.
3. Identify children and young people early to increase safety, build on strengths and enable pro-social identity development.
4. Ensure evidence-informed and consistent multi-agency interventions.
5. Understand strategic and operational issues affecting children and young people at risk outside their home.

## Key NSSCP Documents

- Issue Resolution Policy - This is the North Somerset name for the escalation policy [Contact details and policies for support](#)
- Non-mobile baby policy [non-mobile baby injury policy July 2023](#)
- NSSCP Annual Report [North Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership annual report 2023-24](#)
- Family Strengths & Needs Toolkit [North Somerset family strengths and needs toolkit - indicators of need](#)

## Family Rights Group

[Advice service drop in for professionals - Family Rights Group](#)

Family Rights Group provides free, confidential, and independent advice to parents, kinship carers and family members via our telephone advice line, advice enquiry form, live webchat service and online forums.

And finally... Merry Christmas from all at the North Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership 🎄🎄👶

## Christmas Jumper Day [When is Christmas Jumper Day | Save the Children UK](#)

Christmas Jumper Day is Save the Children's annual event which raises money for the children who need it most. Every December, millions of people across the United Kingdom (and beyond!) put on a festive knit at their workplace, school or with friends and make a donation to help give children the magical future they deserve. **Christmas Jumper Day has raised over £30 million for children in the UK and around the world since it began in 2012!**

In 2023, thanks to all the amazing people who took part in Christmas Jumper Day:

- You raised a total of £3 million for children in the UK and around the world
- Over 1.5 million children and teachers and 27,000 workplaces took part in Christmas Jumper Day 2023

[Sign up to fundraise for Christmas Jumper Day](#)

## NSPCC [NSPCC | The UK children's charity | NSPCC](#)



### Charity treks, walk and challenges

Take on a charity walk, trek or challenge for the NSPCC. There's nothing quite like getting out, getting active and seeing the world as you've never seen it before.

[Find out more](#)



### Take our Christmas parenting quiz

Our seasonal quiz is full of advice to bring more harmony to your festivities, from managing toddler tantrums to talking about screen time with your children.

[Start the quiz](#)



### Buy from our online shop

From fun activities for kids to Christmas cards and gifts for grown-ups, there's something for everyone.

[Shop now](#)

You can change children's lives. Whether you volunteer, fundraise, or follow and share our advice, together we can keep children safe.