



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

Spring Edition

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL

May 2025

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

Introducing Sarah Burnett

Hello everyone, I'm so thrilled to introduce myself to you all as the new Business Support Officer for the North Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership. My role was introduced to support the Business Manager in practical, business and administrative duties.

In my previous role, I supported a variety of multi-agency meetings within North Somerset Children's Services. This experience deepened my understanding of the profound impact that coordinated, multi-agency support can have on the lives of children and families.

I'm so fortunate to now be in a position where I can contribute to the North Somerset Safeguarding Partnership's vision and I'm eager to learn and develop within this role, embracing the opportunities it presents for both personal and professional growth. I'm committed to working diligently and dedicating myself fully to the responsibilities entrusted to me as Business Support Officer.



SPOTLIGHT BULLETIN PLEASE NOTE!

Exciting news!

INDUCTION TO THE NSSCP

As part of the new multi-agency safeguarding arrangements, we have delivered an induction session to members.

The key information about the history of safeguarding partnerships and details of the current partnership can be found here....

[Who we are | Childrens Safeguarding Partnership](http://www.nsscp.org.uk)

Honor Based Abuse (FGM and FM) CPD day

Devon and Cornwall Police have organised a wealth of excellent speakers to talk about the complexities of HBA and lived experiences of victims/survivors. Please see the topics, speakers, and biographies of those presenting via the links below.

There are two options: attending face to face near Bristol at Avon and Somerset Police HQ which is a great opportunity to meet those giving presentations and network with partners across the region or a remote virtual option that allows attendees to dial in and listen to the presentations live. This is a free event and hosted by the 5 regional police forces in the South-West.

Use the below links to book a place. Please share links with colleagues that would be interested.

Online link : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/one-chance-online-option-honour-based-abuse-cpd-day-tickets-1356990919369?aff=oddtcreator>

In person : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1356974269569?aff=oddtcreator>

SaferEd Conference 2025: Developing a Safeguarding Culture in Education.

Join us at The Birmingham Conference & Events Centre on **1st July**, for a **full day of Safeguarding CPD**, including a certificate of attendance and invaluable networking opportunities: <https://safeguarding.network/conference/>

- Be inspired by our keynote speakers.
- Take part in tailored workshops.
- Access cutting edge insights into creating, embedding, developing and managing a safeguarding culture.
- Meet fellow safeguarding professionals, exchange ideas and strengthen your professional network.
- Free safeguarding resources and materials.
- **Plus**, breakfast, lunch and refreshments are all included.

Safeguarding Adults' Board Newsletter

[NSSAB issue April 2025](#)



Forthcoming Dates

- 1st June – [International Children's Day](#)
- 3rd June – 9th June – [Child Safety Week](#)
- 4th June – [International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression](#)
- 3rd July – [National Bereaved Parents Day](#)
- 1st August – 7th August – [World Breastfeeding Week](#)
- 6th August – [Playday](#)

Parenting Through Adversity Practice Guide

This Practice Guide sets out key principles and recommendations on parenting support for parents who have babies and children aged between 0 and 10 years old:

[Parenting Through Adversity Practice Guide \(0–10\) - Foundations](#)

Children's Services Safeguarding Quality Assurance

When making a referral to the Front Door in Children's Services, it is vital that:

- You include contact details of the family and referring agency
 - You include the ethnicity of the child and family
- You make the referral **as soon after the incident** as possible

This will enable a quicker and more effective response to ensure robust safeguarding for the child.

If in any doubt or if you have any questions about safeguarding, don't delay! Remember to use the professional consultation line if you have any queries. [Essential contact details for referrals, concerns and support](#)

Multi-Agency Workforce Development/CPD

Keep checking this page [Training events](#) for the latest updates.

Please read the below important message!

We are now preparing for the full decommissioning of CPD Online, with plans to close access to all users on Friday 13 June. The new external site, iLearn Together, is planned to go live on Monday 30 June.

Please ensure you have copies of your certificates and keep a note of any training you have completed or you have booked on to attend via CPD Online as once our new system is launched, you will NOT be able to access your training records stored on CPD Online.

We'll also be adding a notice to CPD Online to inform regular users of this change. However, as some users may not log in regularly, please do share this update with your colleagues to help ensure everyone is aware of the upcoming changes.

Date	Title	Course leader	Time	Venue
June				
3 rd June 2025	Understanding domestic abuse	Next Link	9:30am-4:30pm	The Campus, Highlands Lane
6 th June 2025	Inter-agency child protection - intermediate - level 2	Paul Cox	9:30am-3:00pm	Vision North Somerset, 3 Neva Rd
16 th June 2025	The cumulative impact of neglect on children	Multi Agency Trainer	9:30am-4:30pm	Castle Batch Children's Centre
19 th June 2025	Inter-agency child protection - advanced level 3	Ellen Mutch	9:30am-4:30pm	Castle Batch Children's Centre
24 th June 2025	Inter-agency child protection - advanced - update	Multi Agency Trainer	9:30am-1:00pm	Microsoft Teams
July				
8 th July 2025	Inter-agency child protection - basic awareness - level 1	Ellen Mutch	9:30am-12:30pm	The Campus, Highlands Lane
10 th July 2025	Prevent Training	Paul Cox / Ellen Mutch	9:30am-11:00am	Vision North Somerset, 3 Neva Rd
11 th July 2025	Inter-agency child protection - intermediate - level 2	Paul Cox	9:30am-3:00pm	Vision North Somerset, 3 Neva Rd
17 th July 2025	Inter-agency child protection - advanced level 3	Ellen Mutch	9:30am-4:30pm	Castle Batch Children's Centre
August				
14 th August 2025	Understanding domestic abuse	Next Link	9:30am-4:30pm	The Campus, Highlands Lane

FREE Practitioner Training – fire safety



Avon Fire and Rescue Service (AF&RS) has TWO FREE practitioner training session on offer to all those working with young people, families and other vulnerable members of our communities. Training is held virtually via Teams, and tickets are booked via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/afrs-fire-safety-intervention-practitioner-training-tickets>

Fire Safety Intervention Practitioner Training:

This free 1-hour online workshop aims to give practitioners an insight into firesetting behaviour, Avon Fire & Rescue's **Fire Safety Intervention** and how to make a referral for a child or young person with whom you work. Our training aims to equip you with the knowledge to identify early warning signs and take proactive steps to offer support to those in need.

Self-Evaluation Audit Tool for Schools

The recent audit received a 100% response rate from schools for the second year in a row. Audits provide an opportunity for schools to 'showcase' their practice as well as self-assess against the criteria set out in Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024. The audit comprises 40 self-assessment questions, 6 reflective questions and an action plan.

Moving forward, with greater interest and scrutiny from the NSSCP, it is hoped that schools will utilise the opportunity through the 175 audits to assure the partnership that they are providing effective safeguarding practice.

Safeguarding Children in Education (S175/157) Self Evaluation Audit Tool for Schools

This self-evaluation audit tool has been designed to support schools in both showing that they have sound, robust procedures in place, are able to identify improvement actions needed and report to governors and Ofsted on how their duties under S175 of The Education Act 2002 and the DfE guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2024 (KCSIE) have been carried out.

It is suggested the Headteacher, Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Safeguarding Governor complete this audit. It needs to be **signed off by the governing body** and submitted to the Local Authority. The North Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership (NSSCP) will be monitoring and auditing the responses.

It is a legal requirement under SECTION 14B OF THE CHILDREN ACT 2004, for school's/settings to respond to this audit.

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

[Leaving Your Child Home Alone - Advice | NSPCC](#)



Let's talk PANTS

With the help of our friendly dinosaur Pantosaurus, Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep your child safe from sexual abuse.

[Find out more](#)



The Childhood Day Mile

Play your part in keeping children safe this June and get sponsored to move a mile any way you choose.

[Find out more](#)



Lake District Challenge

Take in the stunning scenery as you trek your way around the magical Lake Windermere and help us be here for children.

[Find out more](#)