



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

Summer Edition

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR ALL

Welcome to the Summer edition of the NSSCP newsletter.
Please share widely within your organisation.
This newsletter alongside the previous editions are available on
the NSSCP website linked above.

Introducing Elizabeth Hughes

I am delighted to be opening this edition of the newsletter and introducing myself to you all. I am Liz, the Detective Chief Superintendent responsible for leading child protection and safeguarding across the whole of Avon and Somerset. North Somerset has a special place in my heart as I spent many years here as the local Neighbourhood Inspector for Weston-super-Mare and live here with my family.

Undertaking a role where I can focus on improving outcomes for children and their families is a huge privilege and one I am wholeheartedly committed to. My whole policing service I have interchanged between neighbourhood and public protection roles. From 2013-2015 I spent two years working on the national domestic abuse portfolio with the Home Office and am a trustee for the national charity SafeLives.

Reading the recent Baroness Casey report we still have much work to do, I know the best ideas to improve practice come from people doing the roles or from codesigning with children and families - my plea is that if you have ideas please share them. There are hugely talented and inspirational people across North Somerset and working together I know we can all make further improvements to ensure children and their families thrive.

At school my annual report would often include the feedback that I was a chatterbox, as an adult I haven't changed and have decided this is a core skill- if you would like to reach out to me to discuss anything or for me (or colleagues) to visit your teams at all then please get in touch.

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SPOTLIGHT BULLETIN PLEASE NOTE!

The Adolescent Safety Framework (ASF) is due to launch at the end of July.

This is an NSSCP initiative to:

- 1. Understand the experiences of children.**
- 2. Improve the quality of coordinated and consistent safety planning when children experience risk or harm outside the home.**
- 3. Identify children early to build on strengths and build pro-social identity.**
- 4. Ensure we employ evidence-informed and multi-agency interventions.**
- 5. Understand strategic and operational issues affecting children at risk outside their home.**

Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE) 2025 Guidance Update

The 'information only' version of the KCSiE details recent changes: [KCSiE Webpage](#)

You can read the Guidance [here](#).

- There are three dates to choose from for the KCSiE 2025 & Safeguarding Update Webinars, click to sign up: [17th July](#), [28th August](#) and [9th September](#).
- The [Keeping Children Safe in Education Knowledge Check](#) verifies that staff have read KCSiE 2025 and other relevant school policies from just 99p+vat, available for September.

Safeguarding Adults' Board

[Adult Safeguarding Board](#)



Independent report

As part of their response to the Big Listen, Ofsted commissioned Research in Practice to explore what vulnerability means for practitioners.

Research: [From trait to state: how Ofsted might consider conceptualising vulnerability for inspection and regulation](#)
- [GOV.UK](#)

Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health

In a series of videos, professionals from ACAMH look at the complexities of adolescent brain development and what this may mean for professionals working with adolescents.

Videos: [Inside the Teen Brain - Just be Yourself](#)

North Somerset Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) summer holiday dates are now available for booking

This year's HAF summer holiday programme is BIGGER than ever before!

- More providers
- More locations
- A greater variety of activities
- Some providers are now offering longer days

The long summer holidays are fast approaching and will be here before you know it. Our Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) days have been planned and are now ready for booking. This summer we have added some new clubs to the programme, as well as most of the "old favourites" which are still there. If you know of a family whose child receives benefits-related free school meals, they can take part in a range of sports, crafts, indoor and outdoor activity days between Monday 28 July 2025 and Friday 22 August 2025. Each child can book up to 16 days altogether.

Referrals

if you know of a family who are living in deprivation whose children would benefit from HAF provision then please send a referral email to HAF@n-somerset.gov.uk advising us of the details and the circumstances.

We have a small pot of funding for these families and we will try to help! If you know of a family who has had difficulty booking on to activities, then please ask them to email HAF@n-somerset.gov.uk or call the HAF mobile number [07385 017565](tel:07385017565). Tracy Humphris and Paige Gunstone are the HAF Coordinators for North Somerset.

[You can find out more about North Somerset HAF here](#)
[Families can book on using our Eegu booking platform here](#)

Multi-Agency Workforce Development/CPD

For the latest updates, please keep checking the NSSCP page: [Training events](#)

We're pleased to let you know that iLearn Together is now live and available to access here: [iLearn Together](#)

Logging in to iLearn

- Users who had an active booking on CPD Online already have an account created for them.
- They can visit the site, click 'Log in', use their email address as their username and click the 'Forgotten your password?' link to set a new password.
- Users who did not have an active booking will need to create a new account by selecting 'Register' on the login page.

If you experience any issues or have any queries, please contact the iLearn team: ilearn@n-somerset.gov.uk

Date	Title	Course leader	Time	Venue
September				
Thursday 4 September 2025	Inter-agency child protection - intermediate - level 2	Ellen Mutch	9.30am to 3pm	Castle Batch Children's Centre
Wednesday 10 September 2025	Understanding the impact of domestic abuse on children	Ellen Mutch	9.30am to 1.30pm	For All Healthy Living Centre
Thursday 11 September 2025	Understanding domestic abuse - coercive and controlling behaviour	Ellen Mutch	12.30pm to 4.30pm	Castle Batch Children's Centre
Thursday 11 September 2025	Inter-agency child protection - advanced - update	Ellen Mutch	9.30am to 1pm	Online
Tuesday 16 September 2025	The cumulative impact of neglect on children	Ellen Mutch / Paul Cox	9.30am to 4.30pm	For All Healthy Living Centre
Wednesday 17 September 2025	Understanding domestic abuse - stalking and harassment	Ellen Mutch	12.30pm to 4.30pm	Venue to be confirmed
Wednesday 24 September 2025	Understanding domestic abuse	Ellen Mutch	9.30am to 4.30pm	For All Healthy Living Centre
Thursday 25 September 2025	Strengths and needs toolkit training	Ellen Mutch	9.30am to 1.30pm	Vision North Somerset
Tuesday 30 September 2025	Inter-agency child protection - advanced level 3	Ellen Mutch	9.30am to 4.30pm	Vision North Somerset
October				
Wednesday 1 October 2025	Intermediate drugs training	Hannah Collins	1.30pm to 4pm	Oldmixon Family Centre
Tuesday 7 October 2025	Inter-agency child protection - advanced - update	Ellen Mutch	9.30am to 12.30pm	Online
Friday 10 October 2025	Inter-agency child protection - intermediate - level 2	Ellen Mutch	9.30am to 3pm	Portishead Children's Centre
Monday 13 October 2025	Understanding the impact of domestic abuse on older people	Ellen Mutch	9.30am to 1.30pm	For All Healthy Living Centre
Tuesday 14 October 2025	Inter-agency child protection - basic awareness - level 1	Ellen Mutch	1pm to 5pm	Weston Hospital Academy
Wednesday 15 October 2025	Understanding children's substance use - primary school	Hannah Collins	3.45pm to 5.30pm	Online
Monday 20 October 2025	Strengths and needs toolkit training	Ellen Mutch	9.30am to 1.30pm	Vision North Somerset
Tuesday 21 October 2025	Inter-agency child protection - advanced level 3	Ellen Mutch	9.30am to 4.30pm	For All Healthy Living Centre
Wednesday 22 October 2025	Understanding children's substance use - secondary school	Hannah Collins	3.45pm to 5.30pm	Online

North Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board Lunch and Learn Monthly Webinars

It can be difficult to understand and navigate the different types of reviews that can take place where there are adults at risk. Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SAR) and Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) are something you may have heard of but not quite understood the impact they can have.

These webinars will aim to discuss published reviews, the circumstances behind them and particular themes that may arise out of them. Understanding these themes promotes effective learning and improvement action across all agencies working with adults at risk and helps us to prevent future deaths or serious harm occurring again.

Executive dysfunction and application of the MCA Circe Lewis - MCA & DoLS Team Manager (NSC) Dr Niall Moore - Consultant Psychiatrist (AWP) Ric Orson - Principal Social Worker (NSC) Click here to book: [Thursday 4 September 2025 - 12:00pm - 1:30pm](#)

Email: SABmanager@n-somerset.gov.uk Visit the NSSAB website: [Adult Safeguarding Board](#)

Safeguarding Our Digital Generation Training

There is a free 2-part training session upcoming specifically for teachers in the south of England and delivered by Ygam. The sessions are on **Tuesday 30 September 2025 and Tuesday 7 October 2025; 3.45pm-4.45pm online via Teams.** **(attendees must be available for both dates to complete the full training).**

What is covered:

- Latest research from the Gambling Commission
- What influences young people to game/gamble
- Latest gaming trends including Esports
- Spotting the signs of harm
- Where to go for support and how to access our free PSHE resources

What you get:

- A bank of free KS2-5 PSHE/RSE resources
- City and Guilds certificate
- Free parent awareness sessions and introductory sessions for your young people
- Access to our additional free training on topics such as neurodiversity, cryptocurrency and lived experience

How to join:

Simply click the [link](#) to register for the first session. You will be sent a joining link 2 days before the workshop. *Please be available for both sessions in order to complete the full training.*

Online harm within schools

Published by the UK Safer Internet Centre the [2024 POSH Annual Report](#) offers an insightful snapshot of the online challenges faced by schools, educators, and safeguarding professionals.

The report shines a spotlight on the growing complexity of online harms, covering issues around online reputation, cyberbullying, and impersonation to the misuse of school branding, the evolving digital environment presents real and pressing concerns for the education sector.

Working Together Illustrated Guide

Made especially for children and young people, a [beautifully illustrated guide](#) to Working Together to Safeguard Children (2023) is now available — making key messages more accessible for children, young people, families, and practitioners.

Have you heard of Parenting Village Coffee Mornings?

Parenting Villages are relaxed, welcoming spaces for parents and carers of children of all ages. Created by parents for parents and run by the North Somerset Parenting Team, Parenting Village is a great place to hear about our free to attend advanced parenting groups, share resources, be listened to, chat with other parents and hear from other professionals on topics like SEND, employment, and additional support available in communities.

When & Where:

- Nailsea & Backwell Children's Centre – 1st Thursday of the month, 13:30pm – 15:00pm
- Castle Batch Children's Centre – 1st Friday of the month, 9:30am – 11:00am
- Oldmixon Family Centre – 2nd Tuesday of the month, 9:00am – 11:00am
- Clevedon Library – 3rd Monday of the Month, 9:30am – 11:00am

The sessions are free to attend and refreshments and snacks are provided.

If you know of or work with any parents that you feel would benefit from the Parenting Village sessions please share this information with them. The Parenting Villages are also promoted on the North Somerset Children's Centres Facebook and Instagram pages here: [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)

Or find out more about the Parenting Villages and advanced parenting groups on the North Somerset website [here](#).

If you have any questions about the Parenting Village sessions, you can contact the Parenting Team on: Parenting.Groups@n-somerset.gov.uk

Appropriate Filtering and Monitoring Definitions 2025

Following a public consultation earlier this year, the UK Safer Internet Centre has now published the updated [Appropriate Filtering and Monitoring Definitions for 2025](#).

These definitions continue to support education settings and providers across the UK in understanding what should be considered 'appropriate' in the context of statutory safeguarding responsibilities particularly in light of evolving technologies and updated government guidance.

Children's Mental Health Services 2023-24

In her [latest report](#), the Children's Commissioner identifies the increasing demand for children's mental health services and resultant increases in waiting lists.

The report suggests a program of reform, looking to put children at the heart of a shift towards prevention, early intervention and community-based support.

Summer Holiday Safety Information

Go to [Water safety - Avon Fire and Rescue Service](#) to learn what to do if you or somebody else falls into water, how you can reduce your risk of drowning and how to respect the water.

Are they ready to stay out or go home alone? [Leaving Your Child Home Alone - Advice | NSPCC](#)