

Safeguarding



What is Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the Preventative action taken to promote the welfare of children or vulnerable young adults and protect them from harm.

To protect from harm or damage with an appropriate measure.
"a framework which safeguards employees from exploitation"

Infancy of Safeguarding

During 1945 The first formal child death inquiry in England was the Curtis Committee Report into the death of Dennis O'Neill, who was killed at the age of 12 by his foster father.

Some of the outcomes of the report are listed below.

- A boarding-out committee required (minimum of 3 women)
- Visit each child fostered within 1 month of placement
- Submission of a compulsory written report
- No child was to be fostered or remain fostered by a person with any criminal conviction

Safeguarding History

- 1973 The death of 7-year-old Maria Colwell led to the establishment of our modern child protection system.
- 1984 Further changes were prompted partly by the inquiries into several other child deaths, including 4-year-old Jasmine Beckford
- 1989 The Children Act 1989 established the legislative framework for the current child protection system in England and Wales.
- The Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 and the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 set out the same for the other UK nations.

2000 The death of 8-year-old Victoria Climbié led to Lord Laming's report which led to sweeping changes to the way children's services were structured in England and Wales.

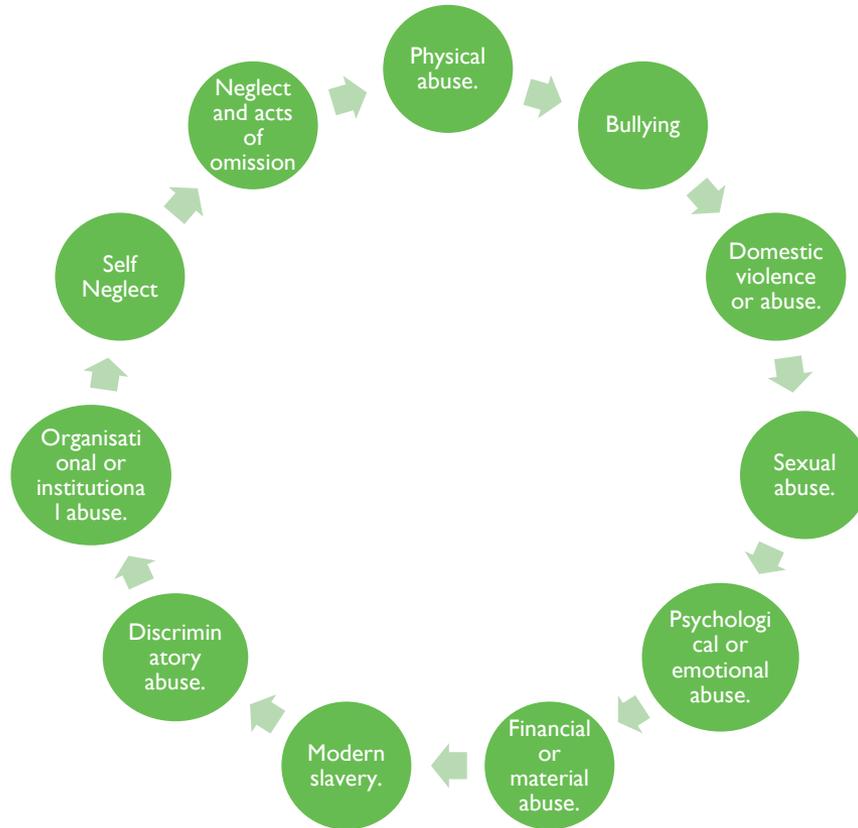
- [2002 The deaths](#) of 10 year olds Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman in Soham led to the strengthening of legislation across the UK to protect children from adults who pose a risk to them

Safeguarding Today

- Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.
- Safeguarding children and child protection NSPCC [guidance and legislation](#) applies to all children up to the age of 18. This also applies in terms of Work Experience programs, Apprenticeship programs and any other colleagues who are under the age of 18.

What areas are covered by Safeguarding

Abuse:



Who needs Safeguarding

The UN Charter on child safety states that All children should be protected from All forms of violence and exploitation.

The Children Act 1989/2004 states that the definition of a child is a person under the age of 18 for the most part.

In The Protection of [Vulnerable Adults Scheme](#) (PoVA2004) it states the a vulnerable adult is a person over the age 18 or over who may fall into one of the following categories:

1. A substantial learning or physical difficulty
2. A physical or mental illness or disorder, chronic or otherwise, including addiction to alcohol or drugs
3. A significant reduction in physical or mental ability

Actions for Safeguarding

- We must ensure that safe recruitment and the suitability of staff or volunteers who work with young or vulnerable people
 - Promoting between staff the awareness of safeguarding and child protection
 - Working from time to time with other agencies such as Social services/Child protection agency or Police
 - Taking any allegations or reasonable suspicions seriously and acting promptly
 - Develop and implement a reporting structure and procedure for cases of abuse or suspected abuse
 - Provide support for young person or adult who has been abused
 - The establishment of a safe working or learning environment where young persons can learn, Speak, listen and develop.

Thank you for listening

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