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Welcome to our January 2024 Newsletter

In this newsletter, the first one for 2024, we bring together information which we hope you will find useful and we highlight how the Partnership continues to communicate and keep in touch with all our agencies and provide guidance to support you in your role working with children and adults. In this edition, we bring you information in the spotlight about Working Together to Safeguard Children updates and also information about Partnership work, important safeguarding updates and new training dates.

This month we launch our new Learning Management System for all of our safeguarding training. The system is called Me Learning and is accessible for all to use.

See inside this newsletter for further information about what this change will mean for yourself and your colleagues.

Happy New Year!

Wishing everybody across Darlington, and beyond, a very happy and healthy 2024!



In the Spotlight..... Working Together to Safeguard Children update

The Department for Education (DfE) has published updated 'Working together to safeguard children' statutory guidance on multi-agency working to help keep children safe in England. The guidance applies to all organisations and agencies with functions relating to children and all education providers and childcare settings. A CASPAR briefing summarising changes to the guidance has been published on NSPCC Learning.

Read the guidance: [Working together to safeguard children](#)

Read the CASPAR briefing: [Working together to safeguard children 2023: summary of changes](#)

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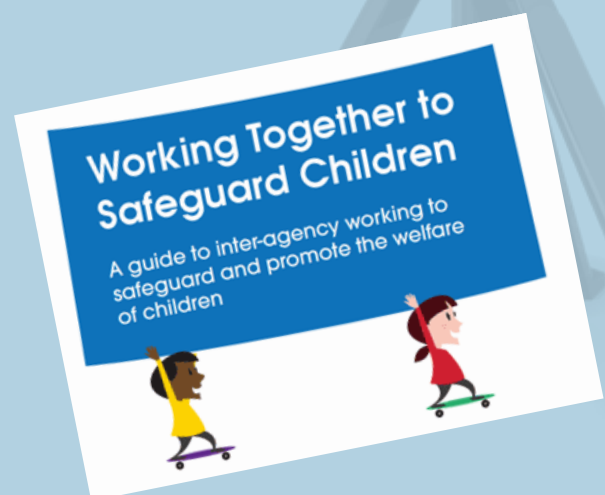
The Department for Education (DfE) published a new edition of its statutory guidance Working together to safeguard children in December 2023.¹

This 2023 edition replaces Working together to safeguard children 2018, which underwent a limited factual update in 2020.

The guidance outlines what organisations and agencies must and should do to help, protect and promote the welfare of all children and young people under the age of 18 in England.

This briefing outlines the main changes in the 2023 edition, including updates around:

- multi-agency expectations for all practitioners
- working with parents and families
- clarifying the roles and responsibilities of safeguarding partners
- the role of education and childcare providers
- multi-agency practice standards
- support for disabled children
- tackling harm that occurs outside the home.



The Department for Education (DfE) has published its Children's social care national framework outlining statutory guidance on principles and best practice within children's social care in England. The framework describes four outcomes which include: children, young people and families stay together and get the help they need; children and young people are supported by their family network; children and young people are safe in and outside of their homes; and children in care and care leavers have stable, loving homes. The DfE has put together a separate guide to support local areas with embedding 'Working together to safeguard' children and the 'Children's social care national framework'.

Access the framework: [Children's social care: national framework](#)

Read the guidance for local areas: [Improving practice with children, young people and families](#)

Prevent Duty Guidance and Supporting Toolkit

The Prevent duty guidance has been updated and came into force on 31 December, subject to Parliamentary approval. The updated Prevent duty toolkit has practical information and suggestions to protect people from radicalisation.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance and [Prevent duty toolkit for local authorities](#)

Me Learning system for safeguarding training

Our new system for all of our training booking, resources and information will be going live this month. Please see our DSP website for information on the training sessions available and find the link to register yourself on the Me Learning system. Once registered, you will be able to browse our range of courses, both delivered sessions and e-learning modules, and select sessions to suit your timetable and book yourself a place on your chosen session or event. You will receive feedback forms and certificates directly and you can keep track of your own CPD on your Me Learning profile. New training sessions going live on the DSP website from Monday 8th January.

Concerned about a child?

Contact the Children's Initial Advice Team
Professionals on **01325 406252**

Concerned about an adult?

Contact the Adult Contact Team
on **01325 406111**



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