



Welcome to Sefton SCP's September 2025 Newsletter

Please share widely with your colleagues and throughout your networks!

Introduction

Welcome to Sefton SCP September 2025 newsletter! We hope you have had a fantastic summer and managed to have a restful break during the summer months.



Firstly we wanted to start by saying a huge 'congratulations' to Sefton Children Services who were rated '**GOOD**' overall by Ofsted in their recent inspection. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the leadership and staff whose hard work, commitment and passion have focused on improving services in Sefton for children and families. **Well Done Everyone!** [CLICK HERE](#) to access full report.



Sefton Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP) is chaired on a rotational basis for 12 months by the Delegated Statutory Partners (DSP) ie. Health, Police, Children's Social Care. Superintendent Paul Holden (Merseyside Police) will be taking over as Chair of the SSCP from September 2025. Paul has been a DSP since 2023 and we welcome Paul as the new Chair.

Sefton SCP will soon be publishing the **Annual Report 2024-25**. so keep an eye on our website seftonscp.org.uk for the document publication in October 2025.

Threshold of Need Document: Sefton Families First Partnership (FFP) are creating a Cheshire and Merseyside co-produced threshold document and decision making tool. There is a short survey which is your chance to ensure the final tool is based on what works, what matters and what is needed. Complete a survey available to ensure your voice is heard! [CLICK HERE](#) for survey. See page 2 of this newsletter for more information on Sefton FFP.



Sefton SCP 7 Minute Briefings



Sefton SCP SWAY Briefings

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Coming Soon.....Family Hub Digital Front Door

Sefton's Family Hub offer is digitally expanding.....



A new online service is being launched to help children, families and professionals easily find the right support, at the right time. The Family Hub Front Door will be a one-stop, easy access hub for clear, reliable and local information. The new platform will be engaging and user friendly, packed with helpful resources, integrated with the Local Offer and Children's Directory and linked to family hub events, courses and activities (all in one place).

What can you find on the Family Hub Digital Front Door?

Here's a sneak peek at some of the themes:

- Start for Life
- Early Childhood Education & Care
- SEND Local Offer
- Nutrition
- Wellbeing & Mental Health
- Support for Your Family or Children
- Help with Childcare
- Parenting Support
- Education & Employment Guidance
- and lots more!

Look out for updates on www.sefton.gov.uk and Sefton social media channels.

If you want to get involved with shaping/testing the site, get in touch by emailing:

Childrenstransformation@sefton.gov.uk



INFORMATION FOR EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS (but not exclusively)



Keeping Children Safe in Education (2025)

has been updated. There are few changes to the 2025 version. [Safeguarding Network](#)

has a summary of the key changes which can be downloaded from their website. [NSPCC](#) also has a summary of changes for KCSiE (2025).

Whole School Model Child Protection Policy has been updated (September 2025) and is available to download and adapt to your individual school setting. [CLICK HERE](#) to access.

DfE has published revised guidance on [Relationships, Sex and Health](#)

Education for schools (July 2025). This is for reference to help schools prepare for introduction on 1 September 2026. Secondary schools will also now include lessons on incel culture, including how a piece of content online can impact a person's understanding of sexual ethics and behaviour, as well as increasing awareness of AI, deepfakes and how pornography links to misogyny.

Health relationships: Anna Freud **A toolkit to support primary-aged pupils.**

Anna Freud have published a four part lesson toolkit, assembly, teacher guidance, and parent/carer guidance to support primary aged pupils to develop the skills

and understanding they need to build healthy friendships and manage conflict in ways that support their mental wellbeing.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access toolkit.

Anti-Bullying Week

2025: 'Power for Good' runs from 10-14 November 2025. Anti-Bullying Alliance has lots of information and resources to support schools to get involved! [CLICK HERE](#) to access.



Home Office - Lessons for Prevent

An Independent Report by Lord Anderson has been published. This report is a result of two deadly stabbing incidents ie. assassination of Sir David Amess MP and the tragic events in Southport in 2024. The independent review was to conduct a thorough review of the Prevent history to identify what changes are needed to make sure serious cases are not missed, particularly where there is mixed and unclear ideology. [CLICK HERE](#) to access report.

Independent report

Lessons for Prevent

Updated 17 July 2025

National Audit on Group-Based Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (Baroness Casey) June 2025. This audit was commission by Government in January 2025 to focus on group-based CSE by grooming and gangs. [CLICK HERE](#) to access report.

Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE): NSPCC have published 'Expert Insight Videos'. This series of insight films help those working with children and young people understand what CCE is, recognise the signs and respond effectively. [CLICK HERE](#) to access videos on NSPCC website.

NSPCC

Children's Commissioner - Growing up in a low-income family: Children's experiences

[This report](#) (linked) is based on findings and describes children's experiences of living in poverty and the impact of poverty on every area of their lives. The research explored children living in poverty, with an aim of informing the government's upcoming Child Poverty Strategy.



Sefton Families First Partnership (FFP) is about creating stronger families and brighter futures.

In Sefton the goal is to work together with families, schools, health, police and community groups so families get help early and feel supported. The FFP is a national initiative to help improve children's social care across England, encouraging services to work together in a joined up approach to early help and child protection.



There is a [7 minute briefing](#) available which provides a quick overview of FFP and also a [NEWSLETTER](#).

[CLICK HERE](#) to find out more information about Sefton Families First Partnership.



SEFTON SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP TRAINING



DUE TO HIGH DEMAND FOR PLACES, PLEASE BE COMMITTED TO ATTENDING

ANY TRAINING YOU BOOK To book your place via the Sefton SCP Training Calendar [CLICK HERE](#) (Delegates need to do a one off registration to obtain a login using their individual email address. Once registered, delegates can book training places, monitor their bookings, attendance and download their certificates of attendance.)

Sefton SCP has lots of new and exciting training opportunities coming up, such as:

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| ♦ Ketamine Awareness & the impact on children & families (<i>Virtual Briefing</i>) | ♦ Sefton Joint Housing Protocol (Homeless 16/17 year olds) (<i>Virtual Briefing</i>) |
| ♦ Recognising & Responding to Child Sexual Abuse (<i>face to face</i>) | ♦ Your Role in Strategy Meetings & Section 47 Enquiries (<i>face to face</i>) |
| ♦ Adulthood Bias (<i>Virtual Briefing</i>) | ♦ Multi-Agency Agreement (<i>Virtual Briefing</i>) |
| ♦ The journey so far—CHAT & FAST (<i>face to face</i>) | ♦ Online Safety by Karl Hopwood (<i>face to face</i>) |

Practitioner Briefing & Engagement Session **(22 September 2025)**

Focusing on learning from Sefton Reviews and Multi-Agency Audits, book onto this virtual briefing to:

- Share multi-agency learning from recent case reviews & audits
- Explore cases from a practitioner perspective
- Help us to shape the future of multi-agency practice

[**BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE!**](#)

Neurodiversity Through

A Safeguarding Lens (1 December 2025)

Sefton Safeguarding Children Partnership are delighted to offer this virtual briefing to support Sefton Children's workforce in their roles and responsibilities and child centred practice.

The briefing aims to demonstrate neurodiversity through a safeguarding lens and explore multi-agency responsibilities to children who are neurodiverse and may also be suffering or have suffered trauma.

The session will cover 'what do we mean by Neurodiversity?' and learning from Sefton Reviews and Multi-Agency Audits.

[**BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE!**](#)

PREVENT Training Session (2 October 2025)

This VIRTUAL session will discuss how young people consume online content and interact with the internet, including young people with Autism and SEND, considering their vulnerability to radicalisation. The session will cover: notable applications and platforms, modern scope of radicalisation, warning signs & best practice. The link for the session can be requested by emailing training@safeguarding.sefton.gov.uk.

Partnership Practice Fortnight Focusing on Neglect (3 November—14 November 2025)

Sefton SCP will be delivering a range of virtual briefings as part of the upcoming 'Partnership Practice Fortnight' focusing on recognising and responding to child neglect. These briefings will be delivered by a range of partners and will support practitioners in recognising and responding to the many forms of neglect.

Featuring topics such as: Educational neglect, medical signs & symptoms of neglect, the vulnerability of baby bump, baby & beyond, the impact of parental mental health on parenting capacity AND MORE!!

Keep an eye out on the [training site](#) for these events...



Sefton Domestic Abuse Service / SWACA are providing several virtual briefings across September, suitable for anyone who has an interest in learning more about what Domestic Abuse looks like and how to support victims. Topics include: *Introduction to Domestic Abuse, Controlling & Coercive Behaviour, Children and Domestic Abuse, Post-Separation Abuse and "Older People and Domestic Abuse"* **BE QUICK AND BOOK YOUR PLACE!**

View SWACA's training offer and book your place at:

[**SWACA Events - 7 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite**](#)



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Useful Information & Resources

The National Child Mortality Database (NCMD) has reported that 13 children have died since 2019 as a result of falling from a window, with many more suffering from major trauma and injuries. With the UK summers getting hotter each year, the **Child Accident Prevention Trust** is advising people to keep furniture away from windows where possible, to fit and regularly check window locks and avoid leaving a child alone in a room with an open window.

Children are highly vulnerable to window falls due to their interest in the outside environment, and their lack of understanding of danger. Smaller children are particularly vulnerable to falls due to being 'top-heavy', therefore when they fall, their heads take much of the impact, causing them serious harm.

The Child Accident Prevention Trust have a wide range of FREE resources available, including a 'Free From Falls' factsheet, tips on preventing falls and a session plan, designed to support practitioners in running engaging group discussions with parents.

You can view these resources as well as further guidance and tips at [Falls from open windows](#) | [Child Accident Prevention Trust](#).

Window locks and restrictors save lives



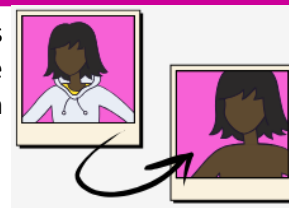
If your window won't lock or you need to open it wider because of heat or cooking please don't leave young children alone in the room

child accident prevention trust

NSPCC Learning has published a briefing summarising the latest updates to the [DfE Early Years Foundation Stage \(EYFS\) statutory framework](#) for England (2025). It combines and summarises the guidance for childminders and for group and school-based providers. The 2025 edition of the framework replaces the 2024 version and is effective from 1 September 2025. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the briefing.



The rapid evolution of Artificial Intelligence (AI) brings numerous benefits, but also poses significant risks, particularly concerning the creation and sharing of child sexual abuse material. **Internet Watch Foundation** have produced guides to equip professionals with critical knowledge to identify, report and combat AI generated child sexual abuse imagery. You can download the FREE guide [HERE](#).



Place2Be have developed a suite of parenting advice briefings. These briefings provide practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour and cover a wide range of topics such as:

"My child is anxious"; "Understanding sexual development to support your child"; "De-escalation techniques with children" and many more! There are 54 topics which can be used to support practitioners working with families.

[CLICK HERE](#) to browse the wide range of practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour.



Communicating with Children Guide

The Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse have published guidance for those working with children who have or may have been sexually abused. This guide is to give professionals the knowledge and confidence to speak to children about sexual abuse.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access guide.



If you have any suggestions or comments on Sefton SCP Newsletter, please contact Sefton SCP team SSCP@sefton.gov.uk.

The next edition of the Sefton SCP Newsletter will be published in **December 2025**.