

Appendix 1

National Legislation and Policy Frameworks

<p>Children Act (1989) (2004)</p> <p>Care Act (2014)</p> <p>Children and Social Work Act (2017)</p>	<p>Emphasises the importance of putting the child first whilst cooperating and sharing parental responsibilities.</p> <p>Key aspects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welfare of the child is paramount Delay is not in the child's best interests and to be avoided Children's wishes to be taken seriously <p>Emphasises the importance of safeguarding vulnerable adults age 18+</p>	<p><i>Promotes:</i></p> <p>Principles of working together and in partnership and enhanced by reflective practice meetings</p> <p>Skills enhanced by multi agency training</p> <p>Working together to protect vulnerable adults</p>
<p>Protection of Children Act (1999) POCA (2010)</p>	<p>Changed the route by which employers can check whether an actual or potential employee has criminal offences against children and whether they are unsuitable to work with children</p>	<p><i>Promotes</i></p> <p>Safe recruitment DBS</p>
<p>Sexual Offences Act (2003) (as amended)</p>	<p>Sets out a legal framework to protect children from sexual abuse, covers internet pornography, grooming & exploitation. Puts restrictions on convicted sex offenders.</p>	<p><i>Promotes</i></p> <p>Internet Safety & social media</p>
<p>Children Act (2004)</p>	<p>Emphasises reform within children services</p> <p>Key aspects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New role of Children's Commissioner for England Duty of local authorities to promote co-operation between agencies Establish Local Safeguarding Partnerships Develop local arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children Develop index/data base to hold basic info on children and families Establishment of new post of Director of Children's Services 	<p><i>Promotes:</i></p> <p>Culture of co-operation and working together between agencies and organisations</p> <p>Development of common knowledge, skills and competences within the children's workforce</p> <p>Develop single C & YP plan</p> <p>Develop single inspection framework</p>
<p>Education Act (2002)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasises duty to make arrangements for the safeguarding and promoting of the welfare of children Ensures training and pastoral support Identifies designated staff to co-ordinate and manage child safeguarding practice 	<p><i>Promotes:</i></p> <p>Policies and procedures to safeguard children</p> <p>Work in partnership with other agencies</p> <p>Training and development Team meetings reflective</p>

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Domestic Abuse Act 2021	Help to strengthen the responses across all agencies from the police and courts to local authorities and service providers	Further protections for those who experience domestic abuse, and enhances measures in place to bring perpetrators to justice
Working together to Safeguard children (2018) Currently being reviewed and updated Autumn 2023	Contains statutory and non statutory guidance National frameworks for policies and procedures of what organisations and agencies that provide services relating to children must do to safeguard and promote their welfare. Outlines the responsibilities of Local Safeguarding Partners (2018), main agencies: clinical commissioning groups; Local Authorities; Police and other identified agencies.	<i>Promotes:</i> Consistency of training across Safeguarding partners. Individual agencies are responsible for ensuring staff competence & confidence to fulfil their safeguarding responsibilities Promote the welfare of children & YP
Working together to safeguard children and Young people from sexual exploitation (2018)	Informs Local Authorities and others what their responsibilities are to protect children under the age of 18 years from suspected or actual CSE and trafficking	<i>Promotes working together and referrals to MACE panel</i> Individual agencies are responsible for ensuring staff competence & confidence to fulfil their safeguarding responsibilities
Safeguarding Children and Safer Recruitment (2016)	Combines three documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeping children Safe children in education 2016 Safer Recruitment 2016 Dealing with Allegations 2016 	<i>Sets timescales for:</i> Regular initial and refresher training on safeguarding training Training for designated and lead professionals
Children and Families Act 2014 Special Education Needs and Disability reform	Key aspects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring all children and young people with special educational needs and EHCP will be supported from birth to 25 years. Support runs jointly by health, education and local authority services 	<i>Promotes</i> Multi agency working that supports SEND children and young people.
The Family Law Act 1996 (as amended) by the Civil Partnership Act 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protects the rights of spouses or civil partnerships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mediation Prevention against molestation in relation to Domestic Abuse Housing occupancy
Protection of Freedom Act 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires schools to gain consent from parent before processing children and young people's biometric information 	<i>Summary</i> Introduction of new code of conduct in relation to Domestic Abuse and fingerprinting relating to children.

Key:

M.A.C.E - Multi Agency Child Exploitation E.H.C.P – Education Health & Care Plan

S.E.N.D – Special Education Needs and Disability Updated Sept 2023