

SAFE GUARDING NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the February edition of our Safeguarding Newsletter, where we bring you a comprehensive roundup of the latest news stories, reforms, regulatory actions and judicial outcomes from January 2025.

In this issue we look back at the [Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill](#) that took a major step forward with its second reading in Parliament on 8 January - a landmark move heralded by the Children's Commissioner for England as essential for safeguarding thousands of hidden vulnerable children.

In this edition we also highlight sweeping safeguarding measures, such as [stricter age verification for knife retailers](#) and an overhaul of serious crime laws to [crack down on people-smuggling gangs](#), alongside targeted [legal actions against predators producing explicit deepfakes](#) and new initiatives to [secure children's online safety](#). Adding to the mix are fresh [SCIE guidance on tackling inequalities in care](#) for individuals with learning disabilities and autism, enhanced regulatory scrutiny of church charity trustees following the [Makin Review](#), and alarming reports about [phishing scams](#). The issue also highlights the calls for [Prime Ministerial intervention](#) amid record levels of online CSA imagery.

Safeguarding Record Keeping Case Management Software Special Offer for SAFEcic Members

Safeguarding record keeping has never been more important and, following the recent launch of our very popular 2 hour [Effective Safeguarding Record Keeping](#) course, we have realised that many organisations would really benefit from using a digital safeguarding case management system but have found the costs prohibitive. We are pleased to announce that we have negotiated a **special deal** with our colleagues at [iKnow Safeguarding](#), where SAFEcic members can get 6 months free access to their [Safeguarding Management Software](#). Prices start at just £30 per month with discounts for registered charities. If you would like to take advantage of this offer and not a SAFEcic member you can [join here](#). With prices starting at £60, annual membership has a range of benefits including a comprehensive template safeguarding policy to ensure compliance and the opportunity to attain the SAFEcic Award by undertaking a self-audit, which our experts will scrutinise for you at no extra charge.

For the January 2025 news please scroll down.

SAFEcic Products & Services

Free Safeguarding Consultations

Owing to increased demand there is currently a waiting list for this free consultation. Booking will recommence in March so keep an eye out in the next newsletter.

The FREE consultation offers help and advice on:

- Policies and procedures
 - Safer recruitment
 - Safeguarding training
 - Single Central Record
 - DBS Checks
 - Best practice
- and much more.

Safeguarding Supervision

Effective safeguarding Supervision provides support, coaching and training for staff supervision and promotes the interests of children. Supervision will foster a culture of mutual support, teamwork and continuous improvement, which encourages reflection and confidential discussion of sensitive issues.

To find out more email supervision@safecic.co.uk

Safeguarding Audits

SAFEcic offers both Desktop and On-site Audits that include comprehensive policy reviews, recruitment and record keeping processes, personnel interviews and safeguarding walks to audit premises, activities and services. The expert SAFEcic team has been providing safeguarding audits and pre-

inspection audit services for over 25 years. We offer them for a wide range of organisations including charities, businesses, faith groups, leisure, health and education. [Find out more.](#)

Safeguarding Rapid Review Service

SAFEcic's Rapid Review Service is a proven, cost-effective and efficient way for busy managers, directors and trustees across many sectors (including Ofsted, CQC and Charity Commission regulated organisations) to gain external, expert insight and support to help their organisation attain the highest level of safeguarding culture, policy, procedures and practice.

A Rapid Review takes just two hours of management time via Zoom or Teams and the price includes preparation of a high-level assessment report and an action plan to efficiently and cost effectively address any identified issues. Find out more or book a [Rapid Review](#)

Effective Safeguarding Record Keeping

This two-hour live Zoom training is designed to highlight key legislation and statutory guidance related to record keeping. The session will define the meanings of confidentiality, consent, information sharing, privacy, mental capacity, record storage and retention periods, data protection and UK GDPR in relation to safeguarding record keeping.

All delegates must already have a current Leading on Safeguarding training certificate in place before attending this course.

For further information [click here](#)

Professional Boundaries Training

The Professional Boundaries Training course professional boundaries within a manager's own role and responsibilities. The course is designed for managers of all those who work or volunteer directly, with children, young people, adults at risk and/or their families or carers. All delegates must already have current Safeguarding training certificates in place, as relevant to their role, prior to attending this live 2 hour course via Zoom.

Delegates will gain an understanding of the concept of the duty of care and the code of conduct required when working with children, young people and adults who may be at risk. We look at issues which challenge professional boundaries in the organisation and debate possible scenarios and the actions that need to be taken when there is a concern that professional boundaries have been breached.

The course includes a digital resource pack and certificate of attendance or each delegate, valid for three years

For further information [click here](#)

Single Central Record

Single Central Record (SCR) live 2 hours Zoom course with one of our experts and designed for education colleagues. This thorough, detailed and fully up to date course is essential for all those involved with managing and reviewing the SCR in regulated educational settings, in line with Ofsted expectations.

For further information [click here](#)

Newsletter Sign-Up

If your colleagues wish to receive this newsletter they can join our database [here](#).

Training Schedule

Our latest training schedule is listed below and feel free to share this email with your colleagues and they too can join our newsletter database.

SAFEcic Blended Live Online Training

Professional Boundaries Training live online Zoom training only - [View available dates](#)

Effective Safeguarding Record Keeping live online Zoom training only - [View available dates](#)

Single Central Record (SCR). Managing, Reviewing and Updating live online Zoom training only - [View available dates](#)

Blended Learning live online Zoom training plus online course

Leading on Child and Adult Safeguarding online course plus live online Zoom training - [View available dates](#)

Standard Child and Adult Safeguarding online course plus live online Zoom training - [View available dates](#)

Safeguarding: Trustees' legal responsibilities online course plus live Zoom training - [View available dates](#)

Safer Recruitment Training online course plus live Zoom training - [View available dates](#)

Managing and Leading on International Safeguarding online course plus live online Zoom training - [View available dates](#)

Online Training Courses

SAFEcic provides a range of [online training courses](#) available to users on a 24 x 7 x 365 basis.

Face to Face Training and Safeguarding Audit Services

SAFEcic is also accepting many more bookings for its [face to face](#) safeguarding training and [audit services](#).

DBS Checks

SAFEcic provides [DBS Check applications](#) and administration.

Free Resource Hubs by Setting

SAFEcic Free [Resource Hubs](#)

Safeguarding News Round Up January 2025

Legislation & Bills

1 Major reforms to protect thousands of vulnerable children hidden from sight has taken another crucial step forward today. [Read more...](#)

2 Stricter age-verification checks for all knife retailers. [Read more...](#)

3 Serious crime laws to be overhauled to combat people-smuggling gangs. [Read more...](#)

4 The Children's Commissioner for England describes the changes, she is putting forward, as needed in the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill. [Read more...](#)

Good Practice Guidelines

1 New SCIE guidance 'Tackling inequalities in care for people with learning disabilities and autistic people'. [Read more...](#)

2 Guidance published by NICE, Gambling-related harms: identification, assessment and management. [Read more...](#)

Regulatory Bodies

The Charity Commission

1 The Charity Commission is engaging with trustees of Church charities following the Makin Review. [Read more...](#)

2 Regulator disqualifies trustee after finding Brighton Mosque "poorly managed" Royal College of Nursing. [Read more...](#)

Online Safety

1 Predators who create sexually explicit 'deepfakes' could face prosecution as the Government bears down on vile online abuse. [Read more...](#)

2 Better protection for victims thanks to new law on sexually explicit deepfakes. [Read more...](#)

3 Age checks to protect children online. [Read more...](#)

4 Call for Prime Minister to intervene as IWF uncovers record levels of online child sexual abuse imagery. [Read more...](#)

Scams

Action Fraud issue new alert warning to look out for unusual messages or phishing emails from hotel accounts using the Booking.com platform. [Read more...](#)

Worthy of Note

1 The Lucy Lamplugh Trust Statement on John Cannan's death. [Read more...](#)

2 New reforms and independent commission to transform social care. [Read more...](#)

Reason to Remain Vigilant

1 Doctor jailed for sexually assaulting female patients. [Read more...](#)

2 Former surgeon jailed for five and-a-half years after admitting offences including assault occasioning actual bodily harm and child. [Read more...](#)

3 Former US government advisor who arranged to rape a child is jailed. [Read more...](#)

Thank you for reading this newsletter. We appreciate your ongoing support and hope you continue to find our newsletters useful. Feel free to forward this to a colleague if you feel they may benefit from its content.

Until next month please stay safe and if there is anything else you think SAFEcic could do to offer ongoing support please let us know.

Warm regards,

The SAFE Team

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