

Safeguarding In Schools

with Specialist Safeguarding Consultant, **Andrew Hall**



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Introducing the MAAPP LinkIndex Key Ring - LinkIndex Keyring Company

Finding the right guidance at the right time is a vital part of executing your role as an educator. The remit of the educational professional continues to expand exponentially. No one employee, can be expected to understand the myriad of different inputs required of the modern teacher at all times. What is then required, is a method by which information can be retrieved quickly and efficiently without compromising staff response times. The MAAPP LinkIndex Key Ring provides an effective answer to this growing demand. It is an invaluable tool for teachers, offering instant access to an index of over 3,000 curated resources to support safeguarding practices. With a simple QR code scan, educators can access websites, videos, and materials that enhance learning and provide crucial support in key areas like Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), Internet Safety, Domestic Abuse, and well-being. Designed to be shared with families, these resources empower both practitioners and parents in creating safer, more informed environments for children. This portable tool ensures you have essential safeguarding information at your fingertips, wherever and whenever you need it.

<https://qrcoderesources.co.uk/>

Report Remove - Childline

The children and young people of today have been socialised within the confines of the internet age. Pornography has been an important element in the online space since the beginning. Its ubiquity has coloured the boundaries of acceptable behaviour among those approaching adolescence. Whilst the

meeting of one's first 'intimate' partner may still occur within the scholastic state, much of the relationship will take place in the e-space. Cycling to a girlfriend or boyfriend's house, has been usurped by a constant exchange of texts and images across telephonic networks. The erosion of the aforementioned boundaries of acceptability in cross-gender conduct, may lead to individuals engaging in a trade of explicit images without thinking forward to the potential consequences. This is exacerbated among school aged individuals, as their under-developed decisional matrix leads them to be particularly vulnerable to 'heat of the moment' actions. This has led to a swathe of cases across the smart phone era, in which concepts such as 'revenge porn' have entered the safeguarding and legal lexicon. Childline has built a new tool designed to aid subjects of this format of harassment, gain back control of their images and their internet life. If interested please click on the link below:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/report-remove>

Question of the Week

Question: How many under-16s in England and Wales were the victims of homicide* between April 2022 and May 2023?

Answer:

Total = 48

Perpetrator parent or step parent = 17

Perpetrator other family, friend, acquaintance = 9

Stranger = 4

(One victim of a stranger was Lilia Valutyte, 9 years old, killed whilst out playing in Boston, Lincolnshire by a 22-year old man with schizophrenia.)

[No suspect charged in 18 cases as at 30th March 2023 (will decrease over time as charges are brought)]

Male = 29

Female = 19

Under 1s = 17

Aged 1 - 4 = 11

Aged 5 - 15 = 20

Average over previous ten years = 52

- Homicide includes murder, manslaughter and infanticide

Source: Homicide in England and Wales: year ending March 2023 (Office for National Statistics)

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/crimeandjustice/articles/homicideinenglandandwales/yearendingmarch2023>

Download .ppt slides of this data: <https://6282.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Homicide+in+England+and+Wales+2022+2023+SHARIN+G+VERSION.pptx>

Online Safeguarding Conference - Services for Education

Services for Education will be holding its first online safeguarding conference on the 27th March 2025. The Birmingham based charity was formed in 2012, to combine both the power of learning and music to build confidence in children and young people. The organisation has won several accolades including 2021's West Midlands Tech Award for Innovation in Technology, 2023's Excellence in SEND award and 2024's Training Provider or Educational Establishment of the Year. Their first ever safeguarding conference will be focused on the critical and evolving field of Contextual Safeguarding.

The conference will consist of a day of expert insights from leading academics, those with lived experience and frontline practitioners from across the UK. Our speakers will delve into the complexities of Contextual Safeguarding, providing essential knowledge, practical advice, and best practice guidance for professionals working with vulnerable children across all sectors. Attendees will discover how to effectively address the challenges posed by children at risk and implement robust safeguarding strategies across diverse settings. Their excellent credentials and the content of the event, will surely make for a fantastic day of professional discourse. If interested, please follow the link below:

[Online Safeguarding Conference - Services For Education](#)

Have you ordered your copy of the Safeguarding Handbook yet?

You can order the latest copy of the Safeguarding Handbook by going to: <https://checkout.safeguardinginschools.co.uk/sh2024>

DBS Checks Fee Change - Disclosure and Barring Service

The DBS check is an integral part of joining the educational establishment at any level. Its presence as the first line of defence, against those with unscrupulous aims attempting to infiltrate the profession is vital. December 2024 will see the price scheme for acquiring a DBS check increase. The new fee structure includes different prices for the update service, basic check, standard check, enhanced check and the barred list enhanced check. To view the planned changes, please click on the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/dbs-fees-are-changing-in-december>

Advanced Safeguarding for DSLs

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Next live online course - 14th November 2024

Thursday 14th November 2024 [Book here](#)

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Other available online courses include:

- Whole School Safeguarding Course for September 2024 (2 hours of content plus a break)

Online courses - Safeguarding.Pro

All our other courses are now available in [Safeguarding.Pro](#) These courses can be accessed for a full year.

Current courses include:

- Safeguarding Refresher
- An Introduction to Cybersecurity
- Safeguarding for Governance
- Safeguarding Induction for new staff

For further details, go to: <https://safeguarding.pro/>

Until next time, keep safe,

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