









Evolution of Safeguarding - Historical to Present Day.

Legislation to prosecute people accused of child cruelty has been in force since the 1880s but it has taken a series of high-profile child abuse deaths and subsequent inquiries to establish the child protection system we have today.

1945	The first formal child death inquiry in England was the Curtis Committee Report into the death of Dennis O'Neill, who was killed at the age of 12 by his foster father. Led to changes in Fostering legislation.	
1973	The death of 7-year-old Maria Colwell led to the establishment of our modern child protection system.	
1984	Further changes were prompted partly by the inquiries into several other child deaths, including 4-year-old Jasmine Beckford	
1989	The Children Act 1989 established the legislative framework for the current child protection system in England and Wales.	 Children Act 1989
1995	The Children (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 and the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 established the legislative framework for the current child protection systems in Northern Ireland and Scotland.	
2000	The death of 8-year-old Victoria Climbié led to Lord Laming's report (2003) which led to sweeping changes to the way children's services were structured in England and Wales.	
2001	The Children's Commissioner for Wales Act 2001 created the first children's commissioner post in the UK.	
2002	The deaths of 10-year-olds Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman in Soham led to the strengthening of legislation across the UK to protect children from adults who pose a risk to them i.e. current DBS checks (Disclosure and Barring Service)	
2004	The Children Act, informed by Lord Laming's report, established a Children's Commissioner in England (the last of the UK nations to appoint one); created Local Safeguarding Children's Boards (LSCBs) in England and Wales; and placed a duty on local authorities in England to appoint a director of children's services and an elected lead member for children's services, who is ultimately accountable for the delivery of services. Shropshire Safeguarding Children Board was formed.	
2008	The death of 1-year-old Peter Connelly led to further reviews of social service care in England by Lord Laming, with the House of Commons debating the case.	
2009	Lord Laming's The protection of children in England: a progress report (2009), ordered following the Peter Connelly case, makes 58 recommendations for child protection reforms.	

2010 Working Together sets out how organisations and individuals should work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in accordance with the Children Act 1989 and the Children Act 2004.



2010 The new Secretary of State for Education, Michael Gove, commissioned Professor Eileen Munro to conduct an independent review of child protection in England.

2010 Minister for Children and Families announced that Local Safeguarding Boards in England should publish the overview report and executive summary of all case reviews initiated on or after 10 June 2010.

2011 Professor Munro's report A child-centred system (2011) set out recommendations to "help to reform the child protection system from being over-bureaucratised and concerned with compliance to one that keeps a focus on children, checking whether they are being effectively helped, and adapting when problems are identified".

2012 Operation Yewtree was set up to investigate sexual abuse allegations against Jimmy Saville and others.

2013 High profile Child Sexual Exploitation case 'Operation Chalice' in Telford area which led to several convictions.

2013 The Independent review into child sexual exploitation in Rochdale examined the council's response to issues around child sexual exploitation.

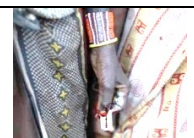
2013 A new version of Working Together to Safeguard Children was published in England, informed by the Munro review.

2014 The Children and Families Act became law giving greater protection to vulnerable children

2015 The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse in England and Wales (IICSA) officially launched to consider the growing evidence of institutional failures to protect children from child sexual abuse.

2015 Under Serious Crime Act 2015 It is illegal to take, possess or share 'indecent images' of anyone under 18 even if you're the person in the picture.

2015 Under Serious Crime Act Female Genital Mutilation - FGM Protection Orders (FGMPO) came into force. FGM has been a criminal offence in the UK since 1985.



2015 Serious Crime Act Coercive or controlling domestic abuse (even if it stops short of physical violence) has become a crime punishable by up to five years in prison.



2015 The Modern Slavery Act 2015 includes Human trafficking covering both sexual and non-sexual exploitation.



2015 The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015. Prevent is about working with people to stop them becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.



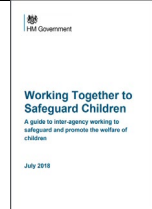
2016 The Football Association (FA) launched an internal review into child abuse following allegations of child abuse. The Scottish FA announced an independent inquiry.

2017 The Digital Economy Act 2017 extended protection from online pornography by allowing sites which display pornography to children to be blocked in the UK.



2017 The Children and Social Work Act includes a range of provisions from support for children in care, care leavers to PHSE for school pupils

2018 An updated version of Working Together to Safeguard Children (Department for Education, 2018) was published for England, replacing LSCBs with safeguarding partner arrangements.



2019 A mother has been jailed for 11 years after becoming the first person in Britain to be convicted of female genital mutilation (FGM).

2019 Shropshire Safeguarding Partnership was formed replacing Shropshire Safeguarding Children Board (now includes safeguarding adults and children)



2020 Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership was formed replacing Shropshire Safeguarding Partnership (now includes safeguarding adults and children and responsibilities of previous Community Safety Partnership)



2020 Updated version of Keeping Children Safe in Education was published

