

## Useful Acronyms & Vocabulary about Safeguarding

**DSL:** Designated DSL Safeguarding Lead

**PREVENT:** Part of the PREVENT Governments Counter Terrorism Strategy to stop people being drawn into extremism

**CEOP:** Child Exploitation CEOP and On-line Protection Centre Who's

**KCSIE:** Keeping Children KCSIE Safe in Education

**CAMHS:** Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

**MARAC:** Multi Agency Risk MARAC Assessment Conferences

**CPOMS:** Child Protection Online Monitoring and Safeguarding system

**DASH -** Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harassment and Honour-Based Violence (HBV). A risk identification, assessment and management model.

**CCE:** Child Criminal Exploitation.

**CSE :**Child Sexual Exploitation

## LATEST CONCERNS AND THREATS

**Domestic violence, family conflict and drink and drug abuse are the biggest drivers of the rise in child-protection cases in England, says the Local Government Association (LGA).**

The organisation representing English councils has surveyed the councillors in charge of children's services about the causes of a 53% rise in child-protection cases over the past decade.

More than 80% identified domestic violence and substance misuse as being behind the increased numbers in their local authorities.

An average of 88 children are taken into care each day and the LGA asked the lead councillors for children's services for their view of the most common causes.

### 'Children in need'

The behaviour of adults around children - in the form of domestic violence, drinking and drug taking - was the most frequent explanation for councils having to intervene to protect 18,000 more children than a decade ago.

This was followed by factors such as poverty, housing problems and debt.

### Domestic violence killings reach five-year high Domestic abuse: 'Children are hidden victims'

Figures published recently by the Department for Education showed 52,000 child-protection plans, identifying how to deal with children considered to be at risk, had been drawn up - a slight annual decline against a significant long-term increase.



These figures also showed domestic violence to be the most common factor for so-called "children in need" - much more so than issues such as abuse, gangs, trafficking or anti-social behaviour.

There are almost 400,000 "children in need" where there are concerns about their health or development and where they are at risk of being "significantly impaired" without extra support.

After domestic violence, the most common underlying problems are mental health issues, emotional abuse, and drug and alcohol abuse. Physical abuse, sexual abuse and sexual exploitation were all lower than the previous year.

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**HBV** : Honour-Based Violence

**Section 17:** Section of the Children Act 1989 which gives Local Authorities a general duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children within their area who are In Need

**Section 47:** Section of the Children Act 1989 which places a duty on Local Authorities to make enquiries into the circumstances of children considered to be at risk of significant harm and, where these inquiries indicate the need, to decide what action, if any, it may need to take to safeguard and promote the child's welfare

**TAC:** Team Around a Child

**TAF:** Team Around the Family

**FGM:** Female Genital Mutilation

**FII** : Fabricated or induced illness

**MASH:** Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub

**LADO:** Local Authority Designated Officer

**DV:** Domestic violence

**DA:** Domestic Abuse

## ONLINE SAFETY

The so-called Aerosol Challenge, which first became popular in 2014, re-emerged on popular social media app TikTok.

The challenge has been rebranded as the #100LayersOfLynx and requires participants to spray themselves in the same spot 100 times with a can of Lynx or other spray deodorant.

TikTok, which is aimed at over-13s, allows users to create and share short videos with their friends.

The gas from a typical deodorant spray can reduce skin temperature dramatically and cause forms of frostbite.



### BBC launches digital wellbeing 'Own It' app for children

The BBC has created a "wellbeing" smartphone app called 'Own It', available through app stores, aimed at supporting children and young people to interact safely and responsibly with friends and family online and through messaging apps. The app enables users to install a special software keyboard which monitors the tone of the words being typed and language used. The app evaluates children's moods so it can offer advice, encourage them to talk to trusted adults, or prompt them to think again if they are about to share sensitive data or send an upsetting message. The app is not a monitoring or reporting system and does not report to parents about children's activity, however it is designed to enable children to develop resilience online and offers targeted help and support when necessary. The 'Own It' app also has its own content to help children manage the amount of time they spend



**The CLF Safeguarding** Policy has been updated and sent out to all CLF Provisions. Each Academy /Provision has a duty to make this academy specific and then share it with all staff. It is very important that you read this.

If you have not had a copy of this shared with you it is important that you ask a member of your safeguarding where you will be able to access this, all staff are required to read this policy.

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