

SAFEcic's September 2024 Safeguarding Newsletter

September is the harbinger of autumn and a timely reminder that safeguarding is an all-year-round responsibility. Whether in schools, workplaces, or communities, safeguarding practices ensure that every individual, especially the more vulnerable in society are protected from harm, abuse, and neglect.

This Month

In this month's newsletter we feature the [scrapping of single headline Ofsted grades](#) and highlight a new report on the [current state of online safety in schools](#), which identifies both areas that have improved and areas for concern.

With the significant leap in technological advancement of Artificial Intelligence in just a handful of months, there is cause for both celebration and concern. The increased sophistication and prevalence of financial scams rooted online, require us as individuals to be extra vigilant and alert to the potential dangers. There are planned changes in the banking sector which may slow down transactions but will allow banks up to 72 hours to investigate suspicious transactions thereby increasing consumers' protection from fraud such as romance scams.

The Scams section underscores just how important it is to stay informed with incidents involving [fake computer repairs](#) and [fabricated parking ticket texts](#). We also offer [guidance on how to avoid losing your pension to phoney investment scams](#).

Together, let's strengthen our commitment to safeguarding and ensure that this autumn is one of protection, care, and vigilance.

iKnow Safeguarding

This month we are also highlighting a brand new-to-market safeguarding management product from [iKnow Safeguarding](#), including an introductory offer until 22nd November giving 6 months free when you purchase 10 months (effectively 16 months for the price of 10). The product gives organisations a secure and customisable, single central location to record and store any raised concerns, along with any appropriate supporting documentation. Users can also record any historical concerns, giving a comprehensive view of the organisation. The product can also be used to record risk assessments and highlight assessments that are due for renewal from both people involved in a concern or for DBS checks. This is also a useful tool for recording the status and progress of DBS checks across the organisation, coupled with the ability to set a refresh date for each certificate.

You can discover more by clicking [here](#), or if you require any additional information please email hello@iknowsafeguarding.co.uk

New Courses and New Dates Available

Effective Safeguarding Record Keeping

This new 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

SAFEcic is pleased to announce the launch of a new training course focused on safeguarding professional boundaries within their own roles 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 course.

This two-hour live via Zoom course will allow delegates to 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 for each delegate, valid for three years

For further information [click here](#)

Single Central Record

New 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](#)

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

Free Safeguarding Consultations

SAFecic's ever-popular FREE Safeguarding Consultation service continues throughout October and November. Consultations are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Don't miss out on this free opportunity.

Email us at consultations@safecic.co.uk to arrange your FREE consultation which offers help and advice on:

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

For the September news please scroll down.

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 September 2024

Statutory Guidance

England

Statutory guidance published for local authorities on the use of agency child and family social workers. [Read more...](#)

Inquiry and Review Reports and Responses

The Chartered Institute of Fundraising (CIOF) has released the report and findings from the Independent Review into historical allegations of sexual harassment/assault. [Read more...](#)

Research Briefings and Reports, Consultations, Campaigns and Studies

1. Safeguarding in English schools a Research Briefing from House of Commons Library. [Read more...](#)
2. College of Policing consultation on Modern Slavery Guidance. [Read more...](#)

Regulatory Bodies

Ofsted

1. Single Headline Ofsted Grades Scrapped in Landmark School Reform. [Read more...](#)
2. Joint Targeted Area Inspections to Focus on Domestic Abuse. [Read more...](#)
3. Ofsted Publishes Updates to School Inspection Handbooks. [Read more...](#)

Charity Commission

4. Whistleblowing Disclosures Made to the Charity Commission for England and Wales 2023 to 2024. [Read more...](#)

Online Safety

1. 1 SAFER INTERNET DAY 2025 Too good to be true? Keeping yourself and others safe from scams online. [Read more...](#)
2. Lucy Faithful introduce their chatbot - a pioneering tool in the fight against online child sexual abuse. [Read more...](#)
3. Sharing intimate images without consent will be made a ?priority offence? under the Online Safety Act. [Read more...](#)
4. New report reveals the current state of online safety in schools across England. [Read more...](#)
5. Child protection groups warn there?s nothing to stop imagery sent to Edwards spreading further on WhatsApp. [Read more...](#)

Scams

1. Cold-calling companies offering ?computer repairs? shut down after preying on vulnerable pensioners. [Read more...](#)
2. How can you protect yourself? Here are some steps to protect yourself fraudsters trying to get your pension. [Read more...](#)
3. Driving and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) issues warning about parking fine scam text messages. [Read more...](#)

Worthy of Note

1. Metropolitan Police: Statement on allegations against Mohamed Al Fayed. [Read more...](#)
2. Man convicted of conspiring to commit FGM against young girl in legal first. [Read more...](#)

The Reasons to Remain Vigilant

1. Mother and lover jailed for conspiring to rape a child. [Read more...](#)
2. Trio sentenced after using vulnerable man's home to deal and take drugs. [Read more...](#)

And Finally

Social Workers were right: The British Association of Social Workers (BASW) response to the Kirstie Allsop and Marina Fogle malicious reports referrals. [Read more...](#)

Thanks for reading this newsletter. We appreciate your ongoing support. We hope you found it useful and until next month, please stay SAFE!

If there is anything else you think SAFEcic could do to offer ongoing support please do let us know

The SAFEcic Team.

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