

## Updates to the London Safeguarding Children Procedures



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(Formerly London Child Protection Procedures)

**REMINDER:** Our LSCP has endorsed the use of the pan-London **LSCP Threshold of Needs Guide**.

<https://www.londonsafeguardingchildrenprocedures.co.uk/files/threshold.pdf>

In addition, the following updates have been made to the London Safeguarding Children Procedures with effect from the **25 September 2024**:

As part of the negotiation of a protocol for children moving out of the London area, minor amendments were made to CP6 (Children Moving Across Borough Boundaries) to take account of the statutory timescale for homelessness assessments in March 2024. The protocol is expected to be agreed with local authorities in the east of England by the end of 2024.

In this update to the procedures, the practice guidance on sexual abuse has been updated and new links added to reflect further work undertaken by the Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse.

The Referral and Assessment chapter has been divided into two separate chapters, Referral and Assessment and Pre-birth referral and assessment to highlight the importance of the latter procedures.

Amendments have been made to the chapters dealing with Child Protection Enquiries, Child Protection Conferences, Information Sharing, Safe Recruitment, Domestic Abuse and Information Technology.

New practice guidance has been added to the procedures concerning: [Safer Sleeping Guidance](#), [Good Practice Supporting the Voice of the Child](#) and [Child Protection Information Sharing \(CP-IS\)](#). The CP-IS chapter includes reference to the

expansion of CP-IS that will include more unscheduled health care settings and some scheduled health care settings.

## **Updated Chapters:**

### ***Core Procedures***

- **CP2** [Referral and Assessment](#) - this chapter has been updated in line with Working Together 2023.
- **CP4** [Child Protection Conferences](#) - this chapter has been updated in line with Working Together 2023 around the purpose and function of child protection conferences and the role of the lead practitioner.
- **CP3** [Child Protection Enquiries - Section 47 Children Act 1989](#) - information on paying due regard to ethnicity has been included in information on strategy meetings and information on paediatric assessments has been updated.
- **CP9** [Information Sharing Guidance](#) - this chapter has been updated in line with the latest statutory guidance the 7 Golden Rules for Information Sharing.

### ***Partnership Arrangements***

- **PA2** [Safe Recruitment and Selection, and the Management of Adults who Work with Children](#) - a link has been added to the Education Supply Chains – better hiring Toolkit. This provides guidance to support schools and colleges to hire new employees in line with regulatory guidelines and best practice.

### ***Practice Guidance***

- **PG14** [Domestic Abuse](#) - a new section on non-fatal strangulation has been added. Definitions have also been updated in line with Working Together 2023 which now uses the statutory definition of domestic abuse from the Domestic Abuse Act.
- **PG25** [Information and Communication Technology \(ICT\) based Forms of Abuse](#) - a link to the Online Safety Act 2023 has been added and further information on online grooming.
- **PG42** [Sexual Abuse](#) - this chapter has been updated.

## **Next update due March 2025**

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