



List of safeguarding-related abbreviations and other useful acronyms and terms.

CAF – Common Assessment Framework (part of Early Help)

CAMAT – Child Abuse Multi-Agency Training

CAMHS - Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services

CEOP - Child Exploitation and Online Protection centre (tackling child sex abuse and providing advice)

CP – Child Protection

CPOMS – Child Protection Online Monitoring and Safeguarding system (safeguarding and child protection software for schools).

CRB checks – Criminal Records Bureau checks (now called DBS checks)

CSA - Child Sexual Abuse

CSE – Child Sexual Exploitation (one aspect of CSA)

DA – Domestic Abuse

DASH - Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harassment and Honour-Based Violence (HBV).

DASV - Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence

DBS – Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS checks were previously known as CRB checks)

DCPO – Designated Child Protection Officer. The member of staff that co-ordinates child safeguarding concerns and makes referrals. Now referred to as the DSL.

DfE – Department for education

DSL – Designated Safeguarding Lead (formerly DCPO). The member of staff that co-ordinates child safeguarding concerns and makes referrals

DV – Domestic Violence (one aspect of DA)

DVPN - Domestic Violence Protection Notice. Served by the police against an adult, where the police reasonably believe that they have been violent or have threatened violence against an individual who needs to be protected. If approved by the magistrates, restrictions continue for 14- 28 days in the form of a DVPO. If the DVPN/DVPO is breached by the perpetrator, the victim or a third party should call the police on 101, or in an emergency 999.

DVPO - Domestic Violence Prevention Order. Once a DVPO is served, it must be presented to a magistrate's court for approval. If approved, the prohibitions stated within the notice can continue for 14-28 days in the form of a DVPO. Early Help – "providing support as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in a child's life, from the foundation years through to the teenage years". Essentially intervening to prevent abuse/neglect before it occurs.

FGM - Female Genital Mutilation

FIS – Family Information Service

HBV - Honour-Based Violence

HCPC – Health and Care Professions Council. An independent regulatory body responsible for setting and maintaining standards of training, performance and conduct of healthcare professions.

HR – Human Resources

IRL – "In Real Life", as opposed to online (internet slang)

ISA – Independent Safeguarding Authority

ISC - Independent Schools Council

ISI - Independent Schools Inspectorate. Responsible for the inspection of schools which are in membership of the Associations of the ISC. Reports to the DfE on the extent to which schools meet statutory requirements.

LA - Local Authority LADO - Local Authority Designated Officer (Can be referred to as the Designated Team of Officers)., focused on recognising signs and symptoms of child abuse and aimed at anyone who works with or around children, and who may be in a position to identify concerns about a child. Although any person can make a safeguarding referral, their concerns would usually be taken to someone who has a lead role in safeguarding such as the DSL in a school

LSCB – Local Safeguarding Children Board

MAAT - Multi-Agency Advice Team (within the MARU/Integrated Hub). Provides advice and consultation in cases where the LSCB threshold for statutory social work intervention is not met.

MACP – Multi-Agency Child Protection.

MARAC - Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference

MARU – Multi-Agency Referral Unit

NACRO – National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders

NEOST – National Employers' Organisation for School Teachers

Ofsted - Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills. Reports directly to Parliament and is both independent and impartial. By law it must inspect schools with the aim of providing information to parents, to promote improvement and to hold schools to account (see also ISI).

ONS – Office of National Statistics

PASM – Professional Allegations Strategy Meeting

POCA– Protection of Children Act

POCSA – Protection of Children (Scotland) Act

PNC record – Police National Computer record

PR - Parental Responsibility.

QTS – Qualified Teacher Status QTLS - Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills

REACH - Risk Evaluation & Coordination Hub (offer advice and support to victims/survivors of Domestic Abuse

CB - Safeguarding Children Board

SCR - Serious Case Review

SDQ – Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire - a brief behavioural screening questionnaire about 3-16 year olds.

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 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 Section 47 Enquiry – if a child is taken into police protection, is the subject of an Emergency Protection order or there are reasonable grounds to suspect that a child is suffering or is likely to suffer significant harm, a Section 47 Enquiry is initiated Sext/sexting - sending sexually explicit photographs or messages via devices connected to the internet, particularly mobile phones.

SIAMS - Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools. Evaluates the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school as a church school, and how well the distinctive Christian character and ethos of the school ensure the development and achievement of the whole child or young person.

Sxtortion / sextortion – a form of sexual exploitation, involving blackmail, extortion and/or bullying of a victim by a perpetrator who possesses sexual images/video of them. Victims have been known to take their own lives.

TAC – Team Around a Child (part of Early Help)

TAF – Team Around the Family (part of Early Help)

UKCCIS – UK Council for Child Internet Safety