

Appendix 1 National Legislation and Policy Frameworks

<p>Children Act (1989)</p>	<p>Emphasises the importance of putting the child first whilst cooperating and sharing parental responsibilities.</p> <p>Key aspects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welfare of the child is paramount • Delay is not in the child's best interests and to be avoided • Children's wishes to be taken seriously 	<p><i>Promotes:</i></p> <p>Principles of working together and in partnership and enhanced by reflective practice meetings</p> <p>Skills enhanced by multi agency training</p>
<p>Protection of Children Act (1999) POCA</p>	<p>Changed the route by which employers can check whether an actual or potential employee has criminal offences against children and whether they are unsuitable to work with children</p>	<p><i>Promotes</i></p> <p>Safe recruitment</p>
<p>No Secrets (2000)</p>	<p>Guidance to local agencies who have responsibility to take action when a vulnerable adult is believed to be suffering abuse</p>	<p><i>Promotes</i></p> <p>Development of local inter-agency policy, procedures and joint protocols</p>
<p>Sexual Offences Act (2003)</p>	<p>Sets out a new legal framework to protect children from sexual abuse, covers internet pornography, grooming & exploitation. Puts restrictions on convicted sex offenders.</p>	<p><i>Promotes</i></p> <p>Internet Safety</p>
<p>Children Act (2004)</p>	<p>Emphasises reform within children services</p> <p>Key aspects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New role of children commissioner for England • Duty of local authorities to promote • Co-operation between agencies • Establish Local Safeguarding Children's Boards • Develop local arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children • Develop index/data base to hold basic info on children and families • Establishment of new post of Director of Children's Services 	<p><i>Promotes:</i></p> <p>Culture of co-operation and working together between agencies and organisations</p> <p>Development of common knowledge, skills and competences within the children's workforce</p> <p>Develop single C & YP plan</p> <p>Develop single inspection framework</p>
<p>Education Act (2002)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasises duty to make arrangements for the safeguarding and promoting of the welfare of children 	<p><i>Promotes:</i></p> <p>Policies and procedures to safeguard children</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures training and pastoral support • Identifies designated staff to co-ordinate and manage child safeguarding practice 	<p>Work in partnership with other agencies</p> <p>Training and development Team meetings reflective practice</p>
<p>Working Together to Safeguard Children: a guide to inter-agency working... (2010) replaced by Working together to Safeguard children (2013)</p>	<p>Contains statutory and non statutory guidance</p> <p>National frameworks for policies and procedures</p> <p>Outlines the responsibilities of Local Children's Safeguarding Boards 2013 Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility and emphasis on a child centre approach practice</p>	<p><i>Promotes:</i> Safeguarding training must be consistent with common core</p> <p>Individual agencies are responsible for ensuring staff competence & confidence to fulfil their safeguarding responsibilities</p>
<p>Safeguarding Children and Safer Recruitment (2006)</p>	<p>Combines three documents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding children in education 2004 • Safer Recruitment 2005 • Dealing with Allegations 2005 	<p><i>Sets timescales for:</i> Regular initial and refresher training on safeguarding training</p> <p>Training for designated and lead professionals</p>
<p>Every Child Matters: Change for children (2004)</p>	<p>Focuses on a shared programme of national change to provide services "around the needs of children & young people"</p>	<p>Integrated services</p> <p>Achieving better outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be healthy • Stay safe • Enjoy and achieve • Make a positive contribution • Achieve economic wellbeing