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# PIER TRAINING SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

## Abuse



Abuse is a form of maltreatment of a child. Somebody may abuse or neglect a child by inflicting harm or by failing to act to prevent harm. Harm can include ill treatment that is not physical as well as the impact of witnessing ill treatment of others. This can be particularly relevant, for example, in relation to the impact on children of all forms of domestic abuse.

Children may be abused in a family or in an institutional or community setting by those known to them or, more rarely, by others. Abuse can take place wholly online, or technology may be used to facilitate offline abuse. Children may be abused by an adult or adults or by another child or children. KCSE (2023).

## Snapchat - Did you know?

- **Privacy:** There have been multiple data breach incidents associated with Snapchat which exposed the personal data of Snapchat users.
- **Hacking:** No app in the world is safe from hackers, and Snapchat is no exception.
- **Encryption:** Snapchat does not have end-to-end encryption for messages.
- **Sharing of personal details:** This is more likely to happen if you allow your children to use Snapchat.
- **Lack of built-in security:** Snapchat does not have any kind of built-in security.
- **Staying safe:** Enable "Ghost Mode" on the Snap Map so that no one has access to your exact GPS coordinates. Change your settings so that only "My Friends" can contact you and view your story. Report and block any user that makes you feel unsafe or uncomfortable.

Click the image to watch how easily this young person was groomed!



For more information visit [NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)

## News Update

Keeping children safe in education has been updated and will come into force on the 1st September 2023.

More emphasis has been placed on staff knowing how to identify and deal swiftly with safeguarding in accordance with policy and procedure.



## Keeping children safe in education 2023

Statutory guidance for schools and colleges

The 2022 version of the guidance is currently in force. The 2023 version will come into force on 1 September 2023.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all practitioners should make sure their approach is child-centred. This means that they should consider, at all times, what is in the best interest of the child.

Part one: Information for all school and college staff

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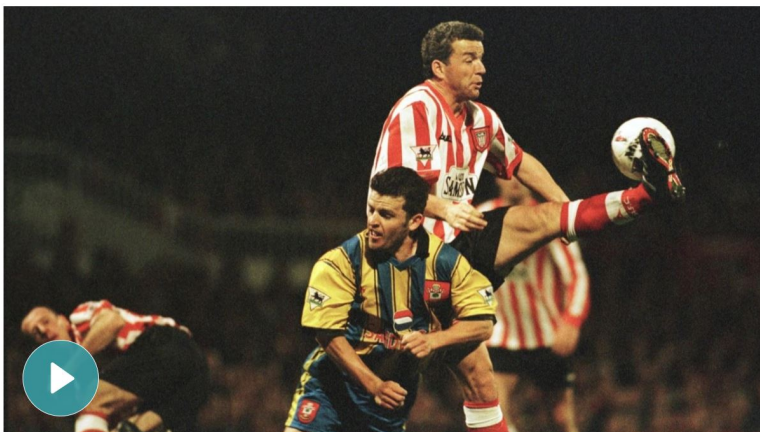
## Safeguarding in Sports

**Do you ask sports clubs and organisations whether they have Safeguarding policies?**

Figures show that 1 in 3 parents across the North East region have never asked their club about safeguarding and 1 in 4 have never spoken to their children about the signs of abuse.

Paul Stewart, a former Sunderland footballer, has opened up about the abuse he faced as a junior player in a bid to protect the next generation. He has talked about being groomed during his time as a youth player in the North West and after years of silence he and other former players have spoken out.

Click [here](#) to watch the news report.



## Safeguarding - Guidance and Support

Safeguarding in sport is the process of protecting children and adults from harm by providing a safe space in which to play sport and be active.

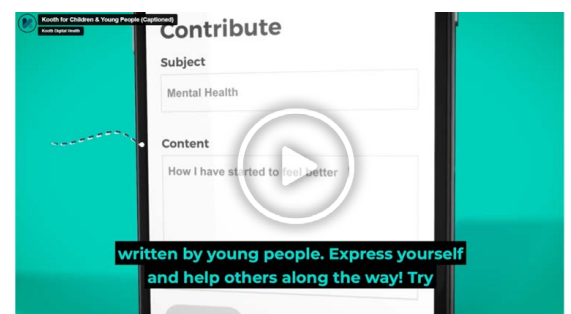
### How to report or respond to a concern?

- If you think a child is in immediate danger or requires medical attention, you should call the emergency services on 999. You can also ring the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000 to report immediate risks. For more detailed guidance, please click [here](#).
- If you think an adult is in immediate danger or requires medical attention, you should call the emergency services on 999. Wherever possible let the adult know what you're doing.
- If the adult is not in immediate danger or injured, wherever possible you should discuss your concerns with the adult and look together at what should happen next. For more detailed guidance, please click [here](#).



## Kooth Digital Health

The Kooth team provide free, safe and anonymous online support and counselling. The whole team are made up of friendly and experienced individuals who want to help young people.



Click the image to watch the video and for more information visit the website [here](#).

- Chat to the helpful team about anything that's on your mind. Message or have a live chat.
- Start or join a conversation with our friendly Kooth community.
- Read helpful articles, personal experiences and tips from young people and our Kooth team.
- Write your own daily journal to track your feelings or emotions and reflect on how you're doing.

## Parent Toolkit



Birmingham Safeguarding Parent Toolkit is a list of useful websites offering free advice and support on a range of topics, tailored to parents and carers.