

ACRONYM LIST FOR SAFEGUARDING

HAMPSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDRENS PARTNERSHIP

If you come across an acronym that relates to safeguarding that you feel would be useful for us to include on this list please email us at child.protection@hants.gov.uk with the subject heading Acronym.

Acronym	Meaning	Link or guidance
ABE	Achieving Best Evidence	Guidance that police and social workers follow when interviewing children when a crime may have been committed. Link
AMHS	Adult Mental Health Service	https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/adultsocialcare/mental-health
CAFCASS	Child and Family Court Advisory and Support Service	Government agency responsible for court based social workers and children's guardians http://www.cafcass.gov.uk/
CAIT / CAIU	Child abuse investigation team / unit (Police)	Hampshire police teams who investigate child abuse. North (Hart/Rushmoor/Basingstoke/Winchester/Andover East Hants Petersfield and above) East (Portsmouth, Fareham, Havant, Gosport and East Hants below Petersfield) West (New Forest, Southampton, Eastleigh, Romsey)
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service	https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/
CAO	Child Arrangements Order	A 'child arrangements order' decides where a child lives; when a child spends time with each parent; when and what other types of contact, like phone calls, take place
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group	"A clinical commissioning group is an NHS organisation set up by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to organise the delivery of NHS services in England. It is clinically led by GPs and clinical staff who work with patients and are best placed to make decisions about local healthcare commissioning."
CDOP	Child Death Overview Panel	Responsible for collecting and analysing information about the death of children and young people under 18 years. https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/safeguardingchildren/child-death-overview-panel
CEOP	Child Exploitation and On-Line Protection Command	http://ceop.police.uk/ works with child protection partners to identify the main threats to children and coordinates activity against these threats to protect children from harm online and offline
CIC	Children in Care	Children who are in the care of the local authority either voluntary (Section 20) or through a court order.
CIN	Children in need	A child in need is defined under S17 the Children Act 1989 as a child who is unlikely to achieve or maintain a satisfactory level of health or development, or their health and development will be significantly impaired, without the provision of services; or a child who is disabled.
CLA	Children Looked After	See children in care

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CME	Children Missing from Education	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-missing-education children who are not on an education role rather than absent from schools
CMHT	Community Mental Health Team	http://www3.hants.gov.uk/mhtteams.htm
CPP	Child Protection Plan	An initial plan produced at the initial child protection conference and updated at subsequent core group meetings and conferences.
CPS	Crown Prosecution Service	https://www.cps.gov.uk/
CPSU	Child Protection in Sport Unit	https://thecpsu.org.uk/ partnership between the NSPCC, Sport England, Sport Northern Ireland and Sport Wales to protect children in sport
CRT	Childrens Reception Team	The children's services team that carry out the initial triage against the threshold chart.
CRU	Central Referral Unit (Police)	The police team that carry out the initial triage of all crimes against children against their threshold chart
CSD	Childrens Services Department	Local authority department made up of the education and children's social care teams. Established in the Childrens Act 2004.
CSE	Child Sexual Exploitation	Child under the age of 18 who is receiving something in return for sexual activity
CWD	Children with disabilities	CSD team working with those children deemed to have additional needs due to disability. Also known as disabled children's team
CYP or CYPR	Child Young Person at Risk (Police)	Police report sent to Childrens Services where a child is deemed to be at risk following either direct or indirect police intervention or intelligence
DA (DV)	Domestic Abuse (domestic Violence)	Any form of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between two parties who are in an intimate relationship
DASH	Domestic Abuse Stalking, Harassment and Honour based violence risk assessment	http://www.dashriskchecklist.co.uk/ Tool used to assess risk of harm
DBS	Disclosure and Barring Service	https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service
DCT	Disabled children's team	CSD team working with those children deemed to have additional needs due to disability. Also known as children with disabilities team
DN / DD	Designated Nurse / Designated Doctor	An employee of the NHS who has the role and responsibilities for safeguarding children, including the provision of strategic advice and guidance to organisational boards across the health community
DPA	Data Protection Act	controls how personal information is used by organisations, businesses or the government https://www.gov.uk/data-protection/the-data-protection-act

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DSL	Designated Safeguarding lead	Role set out in Keeping Children Safe in Education 2014 (annex B) for the professional and strategic safeguarding lead within schools and colleges. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education
DT	Designated Teacher	Named teacher within schools and colleges who supports and monitors the educational progress of children who are in care. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/designated-teacher-for-looked-after-children
ED	Emergency Department	Hospital treatment for emergency care.
EHA	Early Help Assessment	A replacement to the Common Assessment Framework assessment for professionals to identify need and support for children and young people. https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/early-help
EHH	Early Help Hub	Multi agency team co-ordinating early help
EPO	Emergency protection order	Court Order applied for in order to protect a child immediately.
EPS	Education Personnel Services	HR sold service for schools both in Hampshire and other local authorities. https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/education-personnel-services
ESCR	Electronic Social Care Record	A file storage system used by Hampshire to add files and scans to a social care record.
EYFS	Early Years Foundation Stage	Statutory framework for educational provision for children aged 2 – 5 (including reception) https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-profile-handbook
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation	Procedures to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons. http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/female-genital-mutilation/Pages/Introduction.aspx
FII	Fabricated or induced illness	Sometimes referred to as Munchausen by Proxy - but as this term focuses on the adult not the child – it is referred to within safeguarding as FII https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-children-in-whom-illness-is-fabricated-or-induced
HBV	Honour Based Violence	https://www.hampshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/honour-based-abuse/honour-based-abuse/
HSCP	Hampshire safeguarding children's partnership	Multi-agency board with responsibility for safeguarding in a geographical area. https://www.hampshirescp.org.uk/
ICAT	Internet Child Abuse Team	Police team with responsibility to investigate internet based crimes against children.

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ICPC	Initial child protection conference	Following section 47 enquiries, an initial child protection conference brings together family members (and the child where appropriate), with the supporters, advocates and professionals most involved with the child and family, to make decisions about the child's future safety, health and development. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children
ICS	Integrated Children's System	Database used by children's social care to record case information
IDASH	Integrated Domestic Abuse Services in Hampshire	The Integrated Domestic Abuse Service for Hampshire (IDASH) provides following support for victims and survivors of domestic abuse 0330 0165112
IDVA	Independent Domestic Violence Advocate	IDVAs help keep victims and their children safe from harm from violent partners or family. Serving as a victim's primary point of contact, IDVAs normally work with their clients from the point of crisis, to assess the level of risk.
IMR	Internal Management Review or Independent Management Review	Internal Management Review – an internal investigation in to an incident Independent Management Review – the internal investigation carried out as part of a serious case review
IRO	Independent Reviewing Officer	The chair of the Child Protection Conference. Job role set out in https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/337568/iro_statutory_guidance_ios_and_las_march_2010_tagged.pdf
JWP	Joint Working Protocol	Safeguarding Children's board protocol to safeguard children and young people, whose lives are affected by parent/carers who have using drugs/alcohol; have mental health problems or learning disabilities, or other complex problems
KCSiE	Keeping Children Safe in Education	Latest government guidance on safeguarding children in schools. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2
LAC	Looked After Child	See children in care
LADO	Local Authority Designated Officer	Role set out initially in Working Together to safeguard children 2006. To oversee and quality assure allegations against adults who work with children and young people.
MAPPA	Multi-Agency Public Protection arrangements	Assess and manage the risks posed by sexual and violent offenders https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multi-agency-public-protection-arrangements-mappa--2
MAR	Multi-Agency Review	Similar to a serious case review, however the threshold for a serious case review has not been met.
MARAC	Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference	A regular local meeting to discuss how to help victims at high risk of murder or serious harm. Information is shared about the victim, the family and perpetrator, concluding with an action plan for each victim http://www.safelives.org.uk/practice-support/resources-marac-meetings
MASF	Multi-agency safeguarding forum	A Hampshire Safeguarding Children's Board group running in the North, West and South East looking at local issues.

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MASH	Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub	brings together professionals from a range of agencies into an integrated multi-agency team who make assessments and decisions depending on statutory need, child protection or early help. https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/safeguardingchildren/childprotection/mash
MET	Missing, Exploited and Trafficked	the 4LSCB protocol for practitioners who may become aware of children and young people who are at risk of, or who are going missing, being sexually exploited and/or are being trafficked. The three issues are likely to appear together in day to day practice and this protocol is provided as a single resource to guide practitioners.
MISPER	Missing Person	Phrase used by police to refer to a missing person.
NFA	No further action	
NN / ND	Named Nurse / Named Doctor	Named professionals have a key role in promoting good professional practice within their organisation, providing advice and expertise for fellow professionals, and ensuring safeguarding training is in place
NSPCC	National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children	http://www.nspcc.org.uk/
OM	Offender manager	Officers who make sure people serve the sentences and orders handed out by courts, both in prisons and in the community. https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/her-majestys-prison-and-probation-service
OOC	Out of County	Children who are placed by Hampshire outside of the County Council boarders.
OOH / OOHT	Out of Hours team	The team who take referrals and immediate social care support between 5:00pm and 8:30am.
PACE	Police and Criminal Evidence Act	codes of practice which regulate police powers and protect public rights
PEP	Personal Education Plan	Individual plan to ensure the best educational outcomes for children in care.
PLO	Public Law Outline	If the Local Authority feels that they cannot safely protect a child by a child protection plan and they need a care order, the public law outline highlights the expected steps that a local authority will have explored prior to making an application to the court.
PP	Police Protection	(sometimes mistakenly referred to as a PPO [order]), on determining that they are at risk to remain with their parents or carers, police can take children into protection, but only courts can grant orders.
PPO	Prolific and Priority Offender	Individuals that the police are aware of due to their rate or seriousness of offending
PPU	Public Protection Unit (Police)	Part of the safeguarding team within the police force. Work with cases involving adults as well as children.
PR	Parental responsibility	https://www.gov.uk/parental-rights-responsibilities/what-is-parental-responsibility
PREVENT	Stage within the governments Counter terrorism strategy	One of the four 'P's set out in the counter terrorism policy, the others being pursue, protect and prepare

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PSO	Prohibited Steps Order	A parent who has separated can apply for a 'prohibited steps order' to stop the other parent from making a decision about the child's upbringing (https://www.gov.uk/looking-after-children-divorce/types-of-court-order)
QAG	Quality Assurance Group	A sub-group of the Hampshire Safeguarding Childrens Board which gathers and scrutinises information in order to inform its assessment of the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements and practice on Hampshire
R&A	Referral and Assessment	Following a call to Children's services professional line if a concern reaches the threshold it will pass to the MASH team (see above). Once the MASH team have carried out their enquires they may pass to the local referral and assessment team for a single assessment to be carried out.
RCPC	Review Child protection conference	The second and subsequent conferences around child protection
S11	Section 11 Audit	self assessment audit tools in place to ascertain compliance in meeting safeguarding standards for the organisations listed under Section 11 of the Children Act 2004
S17	Section 17 of the children's act 1989	See Child in Need
S20	Section 20 of the children's act 1989	Accommodated under a voluntary agreement with parents
S47	Section 47 of children's act 1989	Child at risk of significant harm
SA	Single Assessment	The one assessment created in line with criteria set out in Working Together 2013
SAR	Subject Access Requests	HCC team that deals with request to see information held on an individual by the county council https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/strategiesplansandpolicies/dataprotection/subjectaccessrequest
SCR	Serious Case Review	A Serious Case Review is a review of services that have been provided to a child and family prior to the death or serious injury of a child where abuse or neglect are believed to be a contributory factor
SERAF	Sexual Exploitation Risk Assessment form	Tool used within Hampshire to identify and support children at risk of sexual exploitation.
SfYC	Services for Young Children	Service with Early Years oversight in Hampshire. https://www.hants.gov.uk/hampshire-services/services-for-schools/school-improvement/young-children
SGO	Special Guardianship Order	https://www.gov.uk/apply-special-guardian
SOPO	sexual offences prevention order	The purpose is to protect the public or specific individuals from serious sexual harm by prohibiting the defendant from doing anything outlined in the order.
SSAFA	Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Families Association	https://www.ssafa.org.uk/
Toxic Trio		Phrase used to highlight the three common factors of Parental Mental Health needs, Domestic Violence and Substance Misuse in a large number of serious case reviews

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VAWG	Violence against women and girls	Home office initiative https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/violence-against-women-and-girls-newsletter
VISOR	The Violent and Sexual Offenders Register	
WRAP	Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent	For more information about the Home Office's radicalisation awareness training product Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP)
WTTSC or WT2015	Working Together to Safeguard Children	Statutory guidance outlining the safeguarding responsibilities of those who work with children in a voluntary and paid capacity. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2
YOT	Youth Offending Team	https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/supportyoungpeople/hyot
YOT CLR	Youth Offending Team Critical Learning Review	Learning reviews into incidents reported to the Youth Justice Board
YOT ELR	Youth Offending Team Extended Learning Review	Learning reviews into incidents where local learning could take place