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Things You Should Know Bulletin

Dear Subscriber,

Summer is officially in full swing, and we hope you're enjoying the longer days, sunny skies, and well-deserved summer holidays. While you may be soaking up the sun on the beach, hitting the local swimming pool, or simply relaxing in the backyard, remember safety comes first. As temperatures rise, remember to take precautions:

- **Stay Hydrated:** Keep a reusable water bottle handy and sip throughout the day, don't wait until you're thirsty.
- **Sun Protection:** Slather on broad-spectrum sunscreen (SPF 30+), wear a wide-brimmed hat, and grab those sunglasses before stepping out.
- **Beat the Peak Heat:** Whenever possible, seek shade or stay indoors during peak UV hours (typically between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.).
- **Check on Loved Ones:** Keep an eye on children, elderly relatives, and furry friends who are extra sensitive to heat.

Additionally, See the Child Accident Prevention Trust's [Summer Safety Display Pack](#) to help guide children and families to also stay safe this season.

Now let's dive into the July 2026 edition of your Things You Should Know Bulletin for the latest news, briefings and upcoming training events.

Warm regards,
CHSCP Team.

Partnership News

[Focused visit to City of London Corporation Children's Services](#)

Statement from Judith Finlay Executive Director of Community and Children's Services -

'I am pleased to share the latest Ofsted focused visit, published today [17 July]. The focus was on reviewing our children's social care and early help services in relation to domestic abuse, and those children who experience exploitation and youth violence. The team have continued to do brilliant work and inspectors found that "children have continued to receive high quality help and support with practice sustained and improved". Good partnership working is key to keeping children safe and well and I am pleased to say that our shared commitment was well recognised in the visit feedback. Many thanks to all.'

Well done to the City of London.

[Hackney Child Wellbeing Framework 2026](#)

This framework is designed to equip professionals working across the safeguarding partnership to know how to respond when they have a concern about a child in Hackney. It has been developed in line with the statutory guidance Working Together to Safeguard Children (2026), which is clear about the responsibility of all agencies to safeguard and promote the welfare of the children.

be to accept the offer of support and then be told that you're going to be referred to a *safeguarding hub*. We've therefore agreed to update the name of our MASH to better reflect support at the earliest possible level, calling it our **Multi-Agency Support Hub**.

Service Manager Ali Istanbulu and the Multi-Agency Support Hub team have been working hard to further strengthen our MASH:

- The Domestic Abuse Intervention Service (DAIS) is now co-located with MASH to streamline the referral process, where multiple services are required
- Adult Social Care and the Benefits and Homelessness Prevention services are represented at daily MASH meetings, which review incoming work
- We're seeking to reduce the number of referrals to MASH that end in 'NFA' when the criteria for Family Help aren't met by handing over to a range of universal services, including those available at the Children and Family Hubs and local community and voluntary services.

[CHSCP Multi-Agency Case Audits Disproportionality in SEND Pathways](#)

This summary provides an overview of the Disproportionality in SEND Pathways multi-agency case audit (MACA) undertaken in the City of London and designed for the City & Hackney Safeguarding Children Partnership (CHSCP) and the City of London SEND Programme Board. It was commissioned to understand if all children receive the right help or if some are treated differently based on background or ethnicity.

Safeguarding Briefings

[Implementing the Child Sexual Abuse Response Pathway: A guide for local safeguarding partnerships and regional safeguarding boards](#)

This guide aims to support leaders to create the system conditions, leadership, governance, accountability and workforce capability required to implement the Child Sexual Abuse Response Pathway in a strategic, evidence-informed, and sustainable way. It includes links to several helpful resources to support implementation.

[CSA Blog - Social Media Ban for Children Under 16](#)

The Government announcement of a social media ban for children under the age of 16 serves as a timely reminder about the scale of child sexual abuse in online contexts and other online harms. Given the increasingly online aspect to all forms of child sexual abuse, it is important that professionals have the knowledge, skills and confidence to respond effectively. To help, this new blog post discusses what we know about the scale and impact of child sexual abuse in online contexts, what we know about the social media ban and restrictions for children, and what professionals can do to support children and their families.

[Domestic Abuse and Alcohol Use](#)

This report examines the link between domestic abuse and use of alcohol, drawing on data from 63,000 witness statements, one of the largest datasets of its kind in the UK. It reveals important patterns in risk and escalation. The findings highlight the need for responses that are not only informed and nuanced, but reflected in policy, resourcing, and cross-sector practice to better protect those at risk.

[NSPCC Briefing - Child Deaths from Abuse or Neglect](#)

This briefing introduces the data available about child deaths due to abuse or neglect. Data is collected on: child homicides; child deaths where the cause of death was assault, neglect or unexplained; and child deaths which resulted in a case review. Statistics can help professionals, and the organisations they work for, make evidence-based decisions about child protection.

[Government Response to Protecting All Vulnerable Babies Better](#)

CHSCP Training Courses

Ready to refresh your skills? The latest CHSCP professional development schedule is now live. Whether you need to update your DSL training or want to deepen your understanding of key topics like Safer Sleep, LADO procedures, and Intergenerational Trauma, there are plenty of valuable sessions coming up.

Explore the autumn/winter training schedule below and book your spot:

September 2026

[CHSCP: Group C - Designated Safeguarding Leads](#) - Wednesday 2 September 2026 (10:00 - 13:30)

[CHSCP: Group A/B/C - Prevent: An Awareness Raising Workshop](#) - Tuesday 22 September 2026 (10:00 - 11:30)

[CHSCP: Kinship Care Group A/B/C](#) - Thursday 24 September 2026 (10:00 - 12:00)

[CHSCP: Group A/B/C - LADO: Allegations Against Staff and Volunteers](#) - Monday 28 September 2026 (09:30 - 12:00)

October 2026

[CHSCP: Group A/B/C - Child Criminal Exploitation and County Lines](#) - Wednesday 21 October 2026 (10:00 - 14:30)

[CHSCP: Group B/C - Safer Sleep Training](#) - Wednesday 28 October 2026 (10:00 - 13:00)

November 2026

[CHSCP: Group B/C - The Legacy and Impact of Historical and Intergenerational Trauma](#) - Wednesday 4 November 2026 (09:30 - 15:30)

December 2026

[CHSCP: Group A/B/C - Hear my Voice: Obtaining the Views and Opinions of Children with Communication Difficulties](#) - Wednesday 2 December 2026 (09:30 - 12:30)

[CHSCP: Group A/B/C - Safeguarding Children with Disabilities](#) - Wednesday 9 December 2026 (09:30 - 16:30)

January - March 2027

[CHSCP: Group A/B/C - Oral Health Care](#) - Tuesday 26 January 2027 (09:30 - 11:00)

[CHSCP: Group B/C - Safeguarding in a Digital World](#) - Thursday 11 February 2027 (10:00 - 12:00)

[CHSCP: Group A/B/C - Child Criminal Exploitation and County Lines](#) - Wednesday 24 February 2027 (10:00 - 14:30)

[CHSCP: Group A/B/C - Understanding Adultification Bias: Exploring the risks and implications for practice and safeguarding](#) - Tuesday 9 March 2027 (09:30 - 15:30)

A Gentle Reminder on Attendance: Our training workshops are provided free of charge, but places are limited. To ensure as many people as possible can benefit, please only sign up if you are sure you can attend. If you need to cancel, please give us at least two days' notice so we can reallocate your spot to someone on the waiting list. We appreciate your cooperation

Worried About a Child?

If you are concerned about a child or young person please contact:

City of London Children & Families Team:
0207 332 3621 / children.duty@cityoflondon.gov.uk

For **out of hours** (5pm – 9am), please contact the Emergency Duty Team:
0208 356 2710

**If you think a child or young person may be in immediate danger, call 999
or contact your local police on 101.**

Visit the CHSCP [Worried About a Child?](#) webpage for further guidance and resources.

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