Active Surrey Children and Young Person Safeguarding Policy

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Safeguarding

The action or measures taken to promote the welfare of individuals, particularly children and young people, and protect them from harm, abuse, and neglect. It encompasses prevention, risk assessment, and intervention strategies.

Child

A person under the age of 18 years (as per the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child). This definition includes any individual who has not reached adulthood, regardless of the country's specific age of majority.

Child Protection

A subset of safeguarding that specifically focuses on protecting individual children identified as suffering, or likely to suffer, significant harm. This involves specific actions and interventions to protect children from abuse and neglect.

Abuse

Any action that causes harm to a child or vulnerable individual. This can be categorised into different types, including:

- Physical Abuse: Inflicting physical harm or injury.
- Emotional/Psychological Abuse: Causing emotional distress or harm, such as by threatening or belittling.
- Sexual Abuse: Involvement of a child or vulnerable person in sexual activities that they do not understand, cannot give consent to, or are not developmentally prepared for.
- Neglect: Failing to provide for a child's basic physical, emotional, or medical needs.

Disclosure

When a child or young person shares information about abuse or harmful experiences, either verbally or in writing. It is critical that disclosures are handled sensitively and appropriately.

Duty of Care

A legal and ethical obligation to ensure the safety and well-being of participants in an organisation's activities. This means recognising risks and taking reasonable steps to prevent harm.

Designated Safeguarding Lead

A trained individual within an organisation who is responsible for overseeing safeguarding practices, ensuring compliance, and acting as a point of contact for safeguarding concerns.

Policy Statement

Introduction

The purpose of a safeguarding policy for Active Surrey is to ensure the protection and well-being of children and vulnerable young people.

The primary aim is to safeguard all participants, ensuring that they are protected from harm, abuse, and neglect while engaged in any Active Surrey activities. Active Surrey will promote the general welfare and best interests of children and young people within the context of physical activity, sport, and community engagement and establish clear roles and responsibilities for staff, volunteers, and participants regarding safeguarding practices, ensuring everyone understands their obligations to protect children.

Active Surrey will implement strategies and measures that prevent abuse, harassment, or exploitation of children and vulnerable individuals, creating a safe environment for all and outline procedures for reporting suspected abuse or safeguarding concerns and to ensure prompt and effective responses to any allegations or disclosures.

Active Surrey will promote regular training for staff and volunteers on safeguarding issues, ensuring they are aware of policies, procedures, and best practices to recognise and handle safeguarding concerns.

It is Active Surreys responsibility to foster effective communication and partnership with parents, guardians, and relevant authorities on safeguarding matters, ensuring a collaborative approach to keeping children safe and to ensure compliance with relevant local and national legislation regarding child protection and safeguarding is met whilst adhering to best practices within the field.

Active Surrey aims to establish a framework for monitoring the effectiveness of safeguarding procedures, ensuring regular reviews and updates to the policy to reflect changes in legislation, best practices, or organisational changes.

Active Surrey aims to create a safe, supportive, and empowering environment for all children and vulnerable individuals engaged in their programme and initiatives.

Policy Statement:

This policy applies to all staff, volunteers, and participants in activities associated with the Active Partnership. We aim to foster a culture of vigilance, respect, and safety for all participants and to promote a cohesive approach to safeguarding across all levels of the organisation. Active Surrey's Children's Safeguarding Policy is designed to provide a comprehensive framework for protecting children and young people involved in our programme and activities. By clearly defining the scope of the policy, we aim to create a safe and supportive environment where children can thrive and feel valued.

Purpose

The purpose of Active Surrey's Children's Safeguarding Policy is to ensure the safety, protection, and welfare of all children and young people engaged with our programme and activities. This policy outlines our commitment to safeguarding and the procedures we implement to protect children from harm.

Scope

The scope of Active Surrey's Children's Safeguarding Policy encompasses all aspects of our organisation's activities and interactions with children and young people. It outlines who the policy applies to, what activities are covered, and the responsibilities of all involved.

The policy applies to all children and young people under the age of 18 who participate in any activities, programme, or services provided by Active Surrey, and is applicable to all employees, volunteers, and apprentices involved in working with children and young people, including part-time and temporary staff.

The policy covers all activities organised and facilitated by Active Surrey, including but not limited to:

- Sport and physical activity programme, coaching sessions, and training activities
- Educational workshops, events, and community outreach initiatives
- Any online activities, including virtual sessions or communications with children and young people

The scope of the policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure it remains relevant and responsive to the needs of children and young people, as well as current legislation and best practices.

Active Surrey Safeguarding Commitment

Active Surrey has established four key principles related to safeguarding, which serve as a framework for ensuring the safety and well-being of individuals engaged in sports and physical activities.



The Welfare of the Child is Paramount

The safety and well-being of children and young people must always come first. This principle emphasises that all decisions and actions should prioritise the interests and needs of the child, ensuring that they are safeguarded from harm and abuse.

Empowerment and Participation

Children and young people should be encouraged to voice their opinions and feelings. They have the right to participate in decisions that affect them and to feel confident that they will be listened to. Empowering individuals to speak up about their experiences is vital to safeguarding.

Prevention

Taking proactive measures to prevent abuse and neglect is essential. This involves creating safe environments, implementing robust policies and procedures, and providing training for staff and volunteers to recognise and respond to concerns.

Partnership and Collaboration

Working in partnership with families, local authorities, and other agencies is key to effective safeguarding. This principle involves sharing information, collaborating on practices, and engaging with external organisations to create a multi-agency approach to safeguarding.

Roles and Responsibilities

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

A Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) plays a crucial role in child protection and safeguarding within Active Surrey. The key roles and responsibilities for the Active Surrey DSL are as follows:

- The DSL will ensure that the organisation's safeguarding policies and procedures are implemented and followed correctly and is clearly written, accessible, and easy to understand.
- The DSL serves as the primary point of contact for staff, third party providers, children, and families regarding safeguarding concerns and issues reported to Active Surrey.
- The DSL is responsible for training staff members on safeguarding practices. Active Surrey will provide comprehensive training for all staff and volunteers on the child protection policy, including how to recognise signs of abuse and neglect, reporting procedures, and their responsibilities in safeguarding.
- The DSL maintains accurate and confidential records of all safeguarding concerns, incidents, and referrals.
- Where a child is at risk of harm, the DSL is responsible for referring concerns to child protection services and liaising with external agencies.
- Build relationships with local authorities, child protection agencies, and other organisations to enhance safeguarding practices. This includes agreeing to share information and collaborate when necessary.
- The DSL provides support to staff in managing safeguarding issues and offers guidance on best practices. The DSL regularly reviews the effectiveness of safeguarding policies and practices within the setting and makes improvements where necessary.
- The DSL will work collaboratively with parents, children, and external agencies to promote the welfare of children and ensure their safety.
- The DSL is prepared to act quickly and effectively in case of a safeguarding crisis, knowing the appropriate steps to take.
- The DSL will stay informed about the latest legislation, guidance, and best practices in safeguarding and child protection.

Active Surrey has a designated safeguarding lead and a deputy designated safeguarding lead. Both can be contacted as below:

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Wendy Newton (Head of Children & Young People) Direct line: 07972 211 989 Email: wendy.newton@surreycc.gov.uk Main email: activesurrey.safeguarding@surreycc.gov.uk

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: **Nic Fraser** Direct line: 07980 696 264 Email: <u>nic.fraser@surreycc.gov.uk</u> Main email: activesurrey.safeguarding@surreycc.gov.uk

Legal Responsibilities and Best Practices

DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks are an essential part of safeguarding in the UK, particularly for individuals who work or volunteer with children and young people.

Staff and volunteers at Active Surrey undergo background checks (DBS) before working with children.

Active Surrey ensure that they understand their legal responsibilities regarding processing and storing DBS checks and any sensitive information and handle all DBS-related information in compliance with data protection laws, including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Active Surrey incorporate DBS checks into the organisation's safer recruitment policies and practices to ensure a safe environment for children, young people and adults at risk.

Training

Basic training on the principles of safeguarding, including definitions of abuse and neglect, key legislation, and the importance of protecting children and vulnerable adults is mandatory for all Active Surrey staff.

Training covers the roles and responsibilities of staff in safeguarding, including who to report concerns to and the process for escalating issues. Active Surrey mandatory training is to identify the signs of different types of abuse (physical, emotional, sexual, and neglect) and the indicators of harm.

Active Surrey training includes detailed guidance on the procedures for reporting safeguarding concerns, including how to document incidents and maintain confidentiality and guidance on how to handle disclosures from children, including how to listen carefully and provide appropriate support without leading the child.

Active Surrey staff who are involved in hiring are trained to ensure they understand how to conduct safer recruitment practices to prevent employing individuals who may pose a risk to children.

Additional training is provided through Surrey County Council in understanding the additional vulnerabilities of specific groups, such as children with disabilities or those with special educational needs, and how to safeguard them effectively. Training is also provided on keeping children safe in the digital environment, including understanding online risks and implementing strategies to mitigate them. Training is assigned based on everyone's role within the organisation and in accordance with the regulated activity guidance. This ensures that all staff members receive the appropriate training necessary to effectively fulfil their responsibilities and maintain compliance with safeguarding standards.

Active Surrey provides regular updates to ensure staff are informed of any changes in legislation or best practices. This often includes annual refresher courses.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead attends specialised training to equip them to manage safeguarding concerns effectively, including managing allegations against staff members.

Conflict of interest:

Active Surrey is committed to declaring a conflict of interest in safeguarding situations:

• Safeguarding concerns require impartiality and objectivity. A conflict of interest can compromise the integrity of the investigation or decision-making process. Staff who are involved in safeguarding concerns will declare such conflicts, and all parties involved can ensure that actions are taken fairly and without bias.

- In addition, by Identifying and declaring conflicts of interest, allows Active Surrey to manage those risks effectively, ensuring that safeguards are in place to protect both individuals and the integrity of the safeguarding process.
- Declaring a conflict of interest must be done at the earliest opportunity and will help clarify the roles and responsibilities of individuals involved in a safeguarding concern, ensuring appropriate actions are taken by the right people without any potential biases influencing decisions.
- Any conflict of interest known prior to the commencement of a role in safeguarding must be declared to the Board and Active Surrey Director.

Third Party Providers

Third-party providers safeguarding refers to the measures and practices implemented to ensure that vendors, contractors, or other external parties handling sensitive data or systems adhere to security protocols that protect against breaches, data leaks, or other security threats.

Active Surrey staff will carry out thorough assessments of potential third-party providers before entering partnerships. This includes evaluating their safeguarding policies and practices, checking compliance with relevant legislation. Active Surrey complete relevant checks through a third-party risk matrix and the level of checks are related to these outcomes. The checks may include:

- Safeguarding policy to include maintain/review of concerns specifically what to do if a child discloses and what to do if there concerns about neglect/abuse observed by a staff member, maintaining safe premises and equipment, ensuring staff are aware of their responsibilities, conscious of signs/symptoms of abuse, what to do if bullying occurs, complaints (about staff or other children's conduct towards a child) and whistleblowing
- Safer Recruitment Policy including information on DBS checks, identity/right to work checks, references and staff receive an induction
- Equality and Diversity Policy (including inclusion and accessibility relating to their service and practice) to include how organisations will create safe and inclusive atmosphere
- Health and Safety Policy to include staff training, how staff will be looked after
- GDPR policy to include how data will be captured and stored, who data will be shared with and why, how long data will be stored for
- Public Liability copy of certificate in date minimum £5million

- Company House / Charity Number
- Ofsted Number
- NGB proof of affiliation
- DSL certificate valid in date within 3 years

The assessment process will also involve ensuring that the provider has appropriate training and qualifications for staff who will be working with children and vulnerable groups. By conducting these evaluations, Active Surrey aims to ensure that all partnerships align with our commitment to safeguarding and promote the highest standards of care and protection for children and young people.

Third party service level agreements:

Active Surrey is committed to ensuring the highest standards of safeguarding and data protection in all its partnerships and service level agreements. The following outlines our key policies and procedures related to safeguarding and data integrity.

Service Level Agreements will include:

- Security obligations to safeguard sensitive information.
- Detailed procedures for data handling will be established, ensuring compliance with data protection regulations and best practices.
- Clearly defined protocols for notifying relevant parties in the event of a data breach will be part of every agreement.
- Terms related to data protection, confidentiality, and the obligation to report any concerns promptly.
- A clear process for addressing child protection and adults at risk incidents involving third-party providers.
- Clarity on the roles and responsibilities of all parties in the event of a safeguarding concern.

Active Surrey will regularly monitor and audit third-party activities and their performance concerning security measures and child protection matters and conduct comprehensive audits to verify compliance with agreed security standards and protocols.

Active Surrey provides ongoing training for both internal staff and third-party employees, focusing on best practices and policies to maintain compliance and due diligence.

Active Surrey will continuously assess and manage risks associated with third-party providers, especially as the threat landscape evolves, and will ensure that all practices align with relevant laws and regulations concerning data protection and safeguarding.

Monitoring and Review

Active Surrey will carry out regular reviews of the policy and procedures to ensure effectiveness and compliance with legal requirements.

Active Surrey will gather feedback from staff, volunteers, children, and parents to inform policy adjustments. This feedback is collected during regular Children and Young People (CYP) meetings, where staff can share their insights and experiences

Active Surrey aims to ensure that its policies remain responsive and relevant, enhancing the overall effectiveness of its safeguarding practices and promoting a safe environment for all children and young people involved in our programme.

Active Surrey safeguarding policy will be reviewed (biannually in line with the CPSU requirement) and set specific dates for conducting these reviews.

The Active Surrey DSL will monitor and analyse any safeguarding incidents or concerns that have arisen since the last review. This will involve reviewing documentation of incident reports, assessing the effectiveness of responses to those incidents and identifying trends or recurring issues.

When required the Active Surrey DSL will liaise with safeguarding experts or agencies to ensure that the policy aligns with current best practices and legal requirements and collaborate with local safeguarding boards or child protection agencies for additional insights and guidance.

The Active Surrey DSL will review relevant legislation, regulations, and guidance documents to ensure that the policy complies with current laws regarding safeguarding and child protection and stay informed about any changes in laws that might require policy updates.

The Active Surrey DSL will regularly review, through the annual staff survey, the effectiveness of training programme related to safeguarding and identify any gaps. They will ensure that training materials reflect the most recent updates to the safeguarding policy and that all staff are trained appropriately.

Whistleblowing

Purpose:

The purpose of this procedure is to provide a clear framework for individuals to report concerns regarding safeguarding issues, ensuring that whistle-blowers can do so safely and confidentially.

Any employee, volunteer, or member of the organisation who has concerns about safeguarding practices or the welfare of children/at-risk individuals can report these concerns.

Whistleblowing may involve concerns about:

- Abuse or neglect of a child or vulnerable adult.
- Inadequate safeguarding practices.
- Breaches of safeguarding policies or legislation.
- Any actions that put individuals at risk.

Formal Reporting:

- Submit the report to your designated Safeguarding Lead or a senior manager.
- If the Safeguarding Lead or manager is implicated in your concern, report directly to <u>active.surrey@surreycc.gov.uk</u> for the attention of either the Active Surrey Director, Safeguarding Champion or Chair of the Board.

All whistleblowing reports will be treated confidentially. The identity of the whistleblower will be protected, and information will be shared only with those involved in addressing the concern.

Upon receiving a report, the appropriate authority will:

- Acknowledge receipt of the concern.
- Conduct a preliminary investigation to assess the validity and seriousness of the concern.
- Take appropriate action based on the findings (this may include a formal investigation).

Whistle-blowers will not be penalised or discriminated against for reporting concerns in good faith.

Any retaliation against an individual for whistleblowing will be treated as a serious breach of policy.

If internal channels do not address the concern adequately, whistle-blowers may contact external bodies (e.g., local safeguarding boards, regulatory agencies) to report serious concerns.

Photography and video Policy

A photography policy helps safeguard the privacy of individuals by setting rules about who can take pictures, what can be photographed, and how images are used. This is especially important when dealing with children, whose privacy must be prioritised. Active Surrey have established clear guidelines which helps prevent images from being used without consent. This includes protecting individuals from having their images shared on social media or used in promotional materials without appropriate permissions.

The policy outlines the process for obtaining consent from parents or guardians before capturing images of children. This ensures that families are informed and comfortable with how their children's images will be used.

Active Surrey Photography Policy

Online Safety Procedure for Children and Young People

Roles and Responsibilities

Active Surrey Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is responsible for overseeing online safety policies and procedures and acting as the point of contact for any concerns. Staff and Volunteers are required to adhere to online safety guidelines, attend training sessions, and report any concerns.

A list of supporting organisations can be found in Section 9.

Delivery of Online Classes Safeguarding Protocols

Active Surrey provides online classes to deliver sessions to the community and professionals. Active Surrey aims to ensure the safety and protection of parents / carers, children and young people during online interactions and lessons.

All Active Surrey staff and volunteers involved in delivering online classes undergo mandatory safeguarding training on:

- Recognising and responding to safeguarding concerns.
- Safe online teaching practices.
- Using technology responsibly and securely.

Safety and Security Measures

Active Surrey uses secure and vetted online platforms with appropriate privacy settings and features (e.g., password protection, waiting rooms). Classrooms are not publicly accessible and maintain strict privacy controls over participation and preenrolment protocols. All Active Surrey deliverers establish a clear code of conduct for both staff and participants, which includes:

- Respectful communication and behaviour during online sessions.
- Prohibition of inappropriate content sharing.
- Expectations for supervision during classes for younger children.
- Encourage open lines of communication with parents regarding any concerns that may arise during online classes.

Active Surrey staff and volunteers will monitor participant engagement during sessions to ensure that all are actively involved and identify any that appear withdrawn or disconnected.

When dealing with an incident during an online class, Active Surrey staff will follow the steps below:

- Immediate action to ensure the safety of any affected individuals.
- Documentation of the incident and actions taken.
- Reporting to relevant authorities, if necessary, in line with organisational policies.

Safeguarding in the Context of Equality & Diversity

At Active Surrey, we believe that movement matters. It matters to our health, our schools, our communities and our environment. As the Active Partnership for Surrey, we work collaboratively to empower people in Surrey to realise the benefits of a more active way of life, by influencing systems, removing barriers and creating opportunities to get everyone moving more.

Our vision is that everyone in Surrey, but with a particular focus on those who need it most, embraces moving more, to improve our own health and wellbeing and to thrive as an active community. We are committed to making a positive difference through our values and as such, have integrated these into our Equality Diversity and Inclusion Ambitions.

Active Surrey aims to ensure the safeguarding policies and practices are inclusive and consider the individual needs of all participants. Recognising diversity helps ensure that all individuals receive appropriate support and protection tailored to their unique circumstances.

Active Surrey staff and key safeguarding leads have an equitable approach in safeguarding which helps to identify and eliminate discriminatory practices that may put certain individuals at greater risk of harm.

We promote equality and diversity to empower individuals by valuing their identities and experiences. This can build trust and encourage individuals to speak out about safeguarding concerns.

Active Surrey strives for cultural competence in understanding and respecting diverse cultural backgrounds enhance the effectiveness of safeguarding practices.

Active Surrey provide training for staff and volunteers on equality, diversity, and safeguarding. This includes recognising biases, understanding the needs of diverse groups, and promoting an inclusive environment.

Our Engagement with Communities involves diverse communities in developing and implementing safeguarding practices. Their insights can help tailor approaches to meet varied needs effectively.

The DSL will Regularly monitor and review safeguarding practices to ensure they align with equality and diversity principles. Solicit feedback from service users to identify areas for improvement.

Active Surrey Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan 2022 – 2025 can be found <u>here</u>.

Safeguarding Children and Young People Legislation

Children Act 1989 and 2004

- **Children Act 1989:** This act established the welfare of the child as paramount and outlined the responsibilities of local authorities to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. It introduced the concept of "threshold" for intervention, focusing on children in need and the duty to investigate suspected child abuse.
- **Children Act 2004:** This act was introduced to improve coordination between services and enhance children's welfare. It established the role of the Children's Commissioner and emphasised the importance of inter-agency cooperation.

Every Child Matters (2003)

This framework was introduced to ensure that all children and young people receive the support they need to be healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution, and achieve economic well-being. It established a set of outcomes that every child should be supported to achieve.

Working Together to Safeguard Children (2018)

This statutory guidance outlines the responsibilities and expectations of organisations working with children. It emphasises the importance of multi-agency collaboration and outlines the procedures for safeguarding children, including how to respond to concerns about a child's welfare.

Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006

This act aims to prevent unsuitable people from working with children and vulnerable adults. It established the Vetting and Barring Scheme and requires individuals to undergo background checks before working with children.

Children and Families Act 2014

This act focuses on improving support for children and families. It emphasises maintaining relationships between children and their families and making sure children with special educational needs and disabilities receive support.

The Education Act 2002

This act places a duty on schools and local authorities to promote the welfare of children and to have safeguarding policies and procedures in place.

The Care Act 2014

While primarily focused on adults, this act includes elements relating to safeguarding young adults (aged 18-25) and emphasises the importance of well-being.

Child Sexual Exploitation Action Plan (2015)

Aimed to tackle child sexual exploitation by enhancing the response from agencies and providing guidance on protecting children and young people from exploitation.

The Human Rights Act 1998

This act incorporates the European Convention on Human Rights into UK law and provides rights that can safeguard children and young people, including the right to life, the right to education, and the right to private and family life.

The **Child Protection in Sport Unit (CPSU)** is an organisation that works to promote and safeguard children's welfare within sports settings across the UK. It plays a vital role in setting standards, providing guidance, and supporting organisations in creating safe environments for children to participate in sports and physical activities. Below are key aspects of the CPSU:

Additional Frameworks and Guidance

Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs): These statutory bodies work to coordinate local safeguarding efforts and monitor the effectiveness of services dedicated to protecting children.

Sources of Information and Support

These organisations play crucial roles in safeguarding children and young people, providing essential services, resources, and advocacy. They collaborate with local authorities, professionals, and communities to ensure that the welfare of children is prioritised and that everyone has a role to play in keeping children safe from harm.

For specific issues or situations, Active Surrey will reach out directly to the relevant organisation for tailored support and guidance.

Local support:

The Hub of Hope is the country's first nationwide mental health database, which brings help and support together in one place.

Mental Health Support Network provided by Chasing the Stigma | Hub of hope

1. NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children)

- Website: nspcc.org.uk
- The NSPCC is a leading charity in the UK that fights to end child abuse. They provide a range of services, including a helpline for individuals to report concerns, training for professionals, and resources for schools and communities.

2. Childline

- Website: childline.org.uk
- A service run by the NSPCC, Childline offers confidential support for children and young people. They provide a 24/7 helpline, online chat, and resources to help children dealing with abuse or needing someone to talk to.

3. Children's Commissioner

- Website: childrenscommissioner.gov.uk
- The Children's Commissioner promotes and protects the rights of children in England. They advocate for children's welfare and provide reports and insights into children's safeguarding issues.

4. Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs)

- Website: <u>Homepage Surrey Safeguarding Children Partnership</u> (surreyscp.org.uk)
- Each local authority in the UK has an LSCB responsible for coordinating local safeguarding efforts. They provide guidance, training, and resources to local agencies to ensure children's safety and welfare.

5. Department for Education (DfE)

- Website: gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education
- The DfE sets out national policies and guidelines for safeguarding children and young people in educational settings. They provide statutory guidance, such as "Working Together to Safeguard Children."

6. WHO (World Health Organisation)

- Website: who.int
- The WHO provides guidance and resources on child health and welfare globally, tackling issues like violence against children and promoting health services that protect child rights.

7. UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund)

- Website: <u>unicef.org</u>
- UNICEF works globally to protect children's rights and ensure their well-being. They provide resources and support to implement child safeguarding measures in various contexts.

8. The Samaritans

- Website: samaritans.org
- While primarily focused on mental health and emotional support, the Samaritans offer listening services to children and young people, aiding in their emotional well-being and safeguarding.

9. The Children's Society

- Website: childrenssociety.org.uk
- This organisation works to support vulnerable children and young people, providing services, guidance, and advocacy on safeguarding issues.

10. Barnardo's

- Website: <u>barnardos.org.uk</u>
- Barnardo's works to protect children from abuse and neglect, offering services and advocate for policy change to improve the lives of vulnerable children.

11. Family Rights Group

- Website: <u>frg.org.uk</u>
- This organisation supports families involved with social services and provides guidance on navigating the safeguarding system while advocating for the rights of families and children.

12. Action for Children

- Website: <u>actionforchildren.org.uk</u>
- This charity provides support services for vulnerable children, including those in care, and works to strengthen families to keep children safe.

Online safety:

1.Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (CEOP)

- Website: ceop.police.uk
- Part of the National Crime Agency, CEOP focuses specifically on tackling child exploitation and online abuse. Their site offers reporting mechanisms and educational resources for children and parents.

2. Internet Matters

- Website: internetmatters.org
- Internet Matters is an organisation that provides advice and resources to help parents keep their children safe online. They offer practical tips and tools for navigating various online platforms and technologies.

3. UK Safer Internet Centre

- Website: <u>saferinternet.org.uk</u>
- This organisation provides resources for schools, parents, and young people to promote safe and responsible internet use. They offer guidance, training, and support on online safety issues.

4. Childnet International

- Website: childnet.com
- Childnet is focused on making the internet a safer place for children. They provide educational materials, resources for schools, and guidance for parents on keeping children safe online.

5. The Family Online Safety Institute (FOSI)

- Website: fosi.org
- FOSI is dedicated to online safety and advocacy, providing resources and recommendations for parents, educators, and organisations to help protect children online.

6. Common Sense Media

- Website: commonsensemedia.org
- Common Sense Media offers reviews and ratings for digital media and resources to help parents and educators understand the media's implications on children's development.

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