

List of safeguarding-related abbreviations and other useful acronyms and terms.

Many entries have associated hyperlinks for more information.

CAF – Common Assessment Framework (part of [Early Help](#))

CAMAT – Child Abuse Multi-Agency Training

CAMHS - Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services

CAPH - Cornwall Association of Primary Headteachers

CASH - Cornwall Association of Secondary Headteachers

CEOP - [Child Exploitation and Online Protection centre](#) (tackling child sex abuse and providing advice)

CIOSSCB – Cornwall and Isles Of Scilly Safeguarding Children Board, now renamed [Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Safeguarding Partnership](#)

CP – Child Protection

CPOMS – [Child Protection Online Monitoring and Safeguarding system](#) (safeguarding and child protection software for schools).

CRB checks – Criminal Records Bureau checks (now called DBS checks)

CSA - Child Sexual Abuse

CSE – Child Sexual Exploitation (one aspect of CSA)

DA – Domestic Abuse

DASH - [Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harassment and Honour-Based Violence](#) (HBV). A risk identification, assessment and management model.

DASV - Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence

DBS – Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS checks were previously known as CRB checks)

DCD hub – [Devon, Cornwall and Dorset Police](#) website for professionals working with children and young people

DCPO – Designated Child Protection Officer. The member of staff that co-ordinates child safeguarding concerns and makes referrals. Now referred to as the DSL.

DfE – [Department for education](#)

DSL – Designated Safeguarding Lead (formerly DCPO). The member of staff that co-ordinates child safeguarding concerns and makes referrals (see also Named safeguarding staff, Level 3 training)

DV – Domestic Violence (one aspect of DA)

DVPN - Domestic Violence Protection Notice. Served by the police against an adult, where the police reasonably believe that they have been violent or have threatened violence against an individual who needs to be protected. If approved by the magistrates, restrictions continue for 14-28 days in the form of a DVPO. If the DVPN/DVPO is breached by the perpetrator, the victim or a third party should call the police on 101, or in an emergency 999.

DVPO - Domestic Violence Prevention Order. Once a DVPN is served, it must be presented to a magistrate's court for approval. If approved, the prohibitions stated within the notice can continue for 14-28 days in the form of a DVPO.

Early Help – “providing support as soon as a problem emerges, at any point in a child’s life, from the foundation years through to the teenage years”. Essentially intervening to prevent abuse/neglect before it occurs.

EHH – [Early Help Hub](#) / 01872 322277 / earlyhelphub@cornwall.gov.uk

FGM - Female Genital Mutilation

FIS – [Family Information Service](#) / 0800 587 8191 / fis@cornwall.gov.uk

HBV - Honour-Based Violence

HCPC – Health and Care Professions Council. An independent regulatory body responsible for setting and maintaining standards of training, performance and conduct of healthcare professions.

HR – Human Resources

IRL – “In Real Life”, as opposed to online ([internet slang](#))

ISA – Independent Safeguarding Authority

ISC - Independent Schools Council

ISI - Independent Schools Inspectorate. Responsible for the inspection of schools which are in membership of the Associations of the ISC. Reports to the DfE on the extent to which schools meet statutory requirements.

LA - Local Authority

LADO - Local Authority Designated Officer (Can be referred to as the Designated Team of Officers). Cornwall tel. 01872 326536 / Isles Of Scilly tel. 02076 416108

Level 2 training – single-agency child safeguarding training, focused on recognising signs and symptoms of child abuse and aimed at anyone who works with or around children, and who may be in a position to identify concerns about a child. Although any person can make a safeguarding referral, their concerns would usually be taken to someone who has a lead role in safeguarding such as the DSL in a school (see Level 3 training, DSL, Named safeguarding staff).

Level 3 training – multi-agency child protection training covers the steps to be taken in making a referral, and is aimed at those who could potentially contribute to assessing, planning, intervening and reviewing the needs of a child and parenting capacity where there are safeguarding concerns. Also known as MACP, Tier 3, Group 3, CAMAT, DCPO training, etc.

List 99 – list of individuals who are barred from working with children (now known as the Children’s Barred List)

LSCB – Local Safeguarding Children Board

MAAT - Multi-Agency Advice Team (within the MARU/Integrated Hub). Provides advice and consultation in cases where the LSCB threshold for statutory social work intervention is not met.

MACP – Multi-Agency Child Protection. Training, aimed at those who would make referrals if there is a safeguarding concern. Also known as Level 3, Tier 3, Group 3, CAMAT, DCPO training, etc.

MARAC - Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference

MARU – Multi-Agency Referral Unit / 0300 1231 116 (out of hours: 01208 251 300) /

MultiAgencyReferralUnit@cornwall.gcsx.gov.uk Or for Isles of Scilly referrals: 01720 424354 (out of hours: 01720 422699). Website: www.safechildren-cios.co.uk/

My Concern – [software](#) for recording and managing safeguarding concerns in educational settings

Nacro – National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders

Named safeguarding staff - the member of staff that makes referrals in Health settings (see also DSL, Level 3 training).

NEOST – National Employers’ Organisation for School Teachers

Ofsted - Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills. Reports directly to Parliament and is both independent and impartial. By law it must inspect schools with the aim of providing information to parents, to promote improvement and to hold schools to account (see also ISI).

ONS – [Office of National Statistics](#)

PASM – Professional Allegations Strategy Meeting

PoCA – Protection of Children Act

PoCSA – Protection of Children (Scotland) Act

PNC record – Police National Computer record

PR - Parental Responsibility. Automatically assigned to all birth mothers. Also to fathers named and present at issue of the birth certificate. Fathers not present have to apply to the courts. A child in Care may either be "Accommodated" (parents retain PR) or on a Care Order/Interim Care Order (Local Authority shares PR). There are a few other private law orders where it's shared (Residence Orders and Special Guardianship Orders).

QTS – Qualified Teacher Status

QTLS - Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills

REACH - [Risk Evaluation & Coordination Hub](#) (offer advice and support to victims/survivors of Domestic Abuse, or to concerned family members living in Cornwall) / 0300 777 4 777 / reach@twelvescompany.co.uk

SCB - Safeguarding Children Board

SCR - Serious Case Review

SDQ – [Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire](#) - a brief behavioural screening questionnaire about 3-16 year olds.

Section 17 – Section of the Children Act 1989 which gives Local Authorities a general duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children within their area who are In Need

Section 47 – Section of the Children Act 1989 which places a duty on Local Authorities to make enquiries into the circumstances of children considered to be at risk of significant harm and, where these inquiries indicate the need, to decide what action, if any, it may need to take to safeguard and promote the child's welfare

Section 47 Enquiry – if a child is taken into police protection, is the subject of an Emergency Protection order or there are reasonable grounds to suspect that a child is suffering or is likely to suffer significant harm, a Section 47 Enquiry is initiated

Sext/sexting - sending sexually explicit photographs or messages via devices connected to the internet, particularly mobile phones. [Click here for guidance](#) from the DCD hub.

SIAMS - Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools. Evaluates the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school as a church school, and how well the distinctive Christian character and ethos of the school ensure the development and achievement of the whole child or young person.

SOS – [Signs of Safety](#)

SWCPP – [South West Child Protection Procedures](#)

Sxtortion / sextortion – a form of sexual exploitation, involving blackmail, extortion and/or bullying of a victim by a perpetrator who possesses sexual images/video of them. Victims have been known to take their own lives.

TAC – Team Around a Child (part of [Early Help](#))

TAF – Team Around the Family (part of [Early Help](#))

UKCCIS – [UK Council for Child Internet Safety](#)