Child Abuse and Neglect

Facts and Statistics

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Child cruelty and neglect offences in the UK have **doubled** over the past five years in the UK. There were **16,939** child cruelty and neglect offences recorded by police in 2017-18, up from **7,965** in 2012-13 NSPCC.

Around **1 in 5 children** have been exposed to **domestic abuse**

Domestic abuse is a factor in **over half of serious case reviews**

A third of children who witness domestic violence also experienced another form of abuse

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1 in 10 children have experienced **neglect**

Neglect is a factor in **60% of serious case reviews**

Neglect is **the most common reason** for taking child protection action

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1 in 20 children in the UK have been **sexually abused**

Over 90% of sexually abused children were abused by **someone they knew**

1 in 3 children sexually abused by an adult did not tell anyone

The UK government has updated it's *Keeping Children Safe in Education* which is statutory guidance for schools and colleges and discusses how they should deal with safeguarding children in education.

Our related courses

Awareness of child abuse and neglect

Safeguarding children in education

An introduction to safeguarding children

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