Online Safeguarding Resources and Training

Safeguarding and child protection are as important now as they ever have been. But with schools closed and social distancing measures in place across the UK, we all need to think about the way we keep children safe during the coronavirus pandemic. Below is a list of links, resources and training that will support your work.

Resources

Coronavirus: safeguarding and child protection

NSPCC have put together a list of services and resources to support your work with children, young people and their families during this challenging period.

Things are changing rapidly at the moment so they will be updating and adding to this information regularly.

It’s also worth noting that NSPCC are offering 30 minutes free consultancy on the topic during the lockdown for small businesses, as well as some discounts on their online safeguarding training.


Support for parents and carers to keep children safe online

Whilst there are huge benefits to being online in order to stay connected to family and friends during this period, the government recognises many parents may feel concerned about the activities and content their children are accessing. This guidance outlines resources to help keep children safe from different risks online and where to go to receive support and advice.


Paul Hamlyn Foundation Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults
All Paul Hamlyn Foundation (PHF) funded organisations, individuals and projects that work with children and young people or vulnerable adults are required to have a safeguarding policy and active procedures in place.

PHF understands that in response to the COVID-19 pandemic many organisations are exploring moving to forms of online delivery to support children and young people, schools, family groups and other individuals in these challenging times. However, if this is a new development for your organisation, you should check that your safeguarding policies are fit for purpose to cover the complex challenges that can arise from online engagement.


**Online Music Teaching and Safeguarding**

The provision of lessons online needs to have careful safeguarding policies in place. Although there are many live video platforms that can potentially be used from a person in any location, unless there are additional monitoring controls it may be difficult to provide a safe environment.

Music Mark has collated information on how Music Education providers can adapt their provision for online learning including some key safeguarding considerations for this new way of working.


**Working with Children and Young People Online**

It is vital that before engaging in any online work which involves communicating with children and young people that you consider safeguarding – to keep yourself and the children and young people you work with safe. IVE have compiled some advice to inform your practice.


**Safeguarding Guide: synchronous online delivery**

Connect: Resound is an action research project exploring how digital technologies can be used to deliver music education for children living in rurally isolated areas.

They have created a suite of research reports and guides summarising their findings around online music tuition from their work to date, including a guide is to help you
consider, plan for and manage key aspects of online safety when developing synchronous online instrumental tuition for children and young people.

https://www.nymaz.org.uk/connectresound/resources

Training courses

Norfolk & Norwich Festival Online Safety Module

Before any organisation starts to consider developing their online learning offer, they need to ensure that their policies and procedures are fit for purpose. This short learning unit explains how schools and other organisations protect their staff and young people online and provides suggestions and examples to enable an organisation to create an appropriate online safety strategy.

https://nnfestival.org.uk/festival-bridge/what-we-do/research-development/digital-resources-toolkit/online-safety-module/

NSPCC Online Safety

Developed by the NSPCC in association with CEOP, the child protection unit of the National Crime Agency, this e-learning course will help you to understand what children and young people do online, why they take risks and how to respond to these risks so you can feel confident in protecting the children you work with.

https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/training/online-safety

Safeguarding for Music Groups Online Training Course

MusicMark’s Online Safeguarding in Music Education training course is used and endorsed by one of the country’s biggest music services and has been written specifically to meet the safeguarding training needs of the Music Education sector.

https://www.musicmark.org.uk/resources/safeguarding-for-music-groups-online-training-course/

Further Support:

The Digital Culture Network is here to support you and your organisation. If you need help or would like to chat with us about any of the advice we have covered above, please get in touch by emailing digitalnetwork@artscouncil.org.uk with some
background about you, your location and the challenges you’re facing, and we will connect you with one of our nine Tech Champions for 1-2-1 support.

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