

May- North and South of Tyne Safeguarding Children Partnership (multi-agency) Procedures Manual

Information Sharing	In May 2026, this chapter was updated with information on the legislative changes brought by the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 within existing data protection legislation and ‘Recognised Legitimate Interests’.
Recognising Abuse and Neglect	In May 2026, a link to the management of Potentially Dangerous Persons was added to Section 15, Further Information.
Self-Harm and Suicidal Behaviour	This chapter was updated in May 2026.
Allegations Against Staff or Volunteers who Work with Children	In May 2026, this chapter was updated with minor changes to improve clarity.
Domestic Abuse	In May 2026, links were added to MAPPA guidance and potentially dangerous persons guidance from the College of Policing. These links are in Section 10, Further Information. This chapter has also been updated to include information on Section 49 A of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and the legal duty of Operation Encompass. Information was added in Section 1, Definition and Section 4, Protection and Action to be Taken around Domestic Abuse in the 16-25 years old age group which is becoming a growing issue. A link was also added to Section 9, Stalking Protection Orders to include Independent Stalking Advocate Statutory Guidance.
Bullying	This chapter was revised in May 2026 to further define Cyberbullying in Section 1, Definition.

Harmful Sexual Behaviour	In May 2026, this chapter had minor revisions throughout.
Fabricated or Induced Illness/Perplexing Presentations	In May 2026, this chapter was updated to include Medically Unexplained Symptoms, Perplexing Presentation and Fabricated or Induced Illness definitions.
Online Safety	In May 2026, a link was added in Section 8, Further Information to the Children's Commissioners' guidance "What I wish my parents or carers knew...": A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital live".
Guidance for Safe Recruitment, Selection and Retention for Staff and Volunteers	In May 2026, this chapter was updated to include information on private individuals employing self-employed workers or personal employees.
Transitional Safeguarding	This chapter was added in May 2026. In Further Information, a link has been added to the Transitional Safeguarding Briefing for Sector Leaders: Strategic Briefing (Research in Practice).
Children of Parents with Learning Disabilities/Difficulties	In May 2026, this chapter was updated to include links to further define the differences between a learning difficulty and a learning disability.