



Safeguarding Fact Cards

1. Fact of the Week: Share one fact in the staff bulletin or CPD slides each week.
2. Staff Meeting Starter: Begin meetings by reading one fact and asking for a quick reaction.
3. Discussion Cards: Print the facts onto small cards and hand them out for group discussion.
4. Noticeboard Display: Rotate different facts on the safeguarding board or staffroom wall.
5. Pair & Share: Give staff a fact to discuss with the person next to them for 2 minutes.
6. Scenario Link: Match a fact with a safeguarding case study to explore how it applies in practice.
7. Reflection Prompt: Ask staff to write one sentence: "What does this fact mean for my role?"
8. Safeguarding Calendar: Assign one fact to each month and revisit it regularly with the team.

Did you know? In the UK, 20% of the population are children, but they account for 40% of sexual violence victims (CSA Centre, 2023).



Did you know? Children living in the most deprived areas are over 10 times more likely to be on a child protection plan than those in the least deprived areas (NSPCC, 2022).



Did you know? Gypsy, Roma and Traveller children have some of the lowest educational attendance rates, which can be a safeguarding risk (DfE, 2021).



Did you know? Around 90% of sexually abused children are abused by someone they know (NSPCC, 2020).



Did you know? Nearly 1 in 5 children with disabilities experience some form of violence each year (World Health Organization, 2020).



Did you know? 1 in 4 LGBTQ+ young people report feeling unsafe at school due to bullying or harassment (Stonewall, 2022).



Did you know? Children with special educational needs (SEN) are three times more likely to experience abuse than their peers (NSPCC, 2021).



Did you know? In England, 1 in 5 children will have experienced domestic abuse by the age of 18 (SafeLives, 2019).



Did you know? Online grooming offences rose by 70% between 2017 and 2021 (NSPCC, 2021).



Did you know? Boys are less likely to disclose abuse than girls, but when they do, they often face greater stigma (CSA Centre, 2020).



Did you know? County lines drug gangs often target children from low-income backgrounds or those excluded from school (Home Office, 2021).



Did you know? Children in care are four times more likely to have a mental health disorder than their peers (Children's Commissioner, 2022).



Did you know? 1 in 6 children aged 5–16 in England have a probable mental health disorder (NHS Digital, 2021).



Did you know? More than 50% of child sexual exploitation victims are aged 14–16, but younger children are also targeted (Barnardo's, 2021).



Did you know? Whistleblowing policies protect staff raising safeguarding concerns, even if the concern later proves unfounded.



Did you know? Children in rural communities may face hidden safeguarding risks due to isolation and fewer local services.

