Safeguarding Abbreviations

ABBREVIATIONS / MEANING	
ASB	Anti-Social Behaviour
ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
CAFCASS	Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
CARA	Child At Risk Alert (Police)
CCE	Child Criminal Exploitation
CL	Care leaver. Child who is now semi-independent or independent who has previously on a care plan with the local authority
CLA	Child Looked After. Child who is on a care plan by the local authority
CME	Child Missing Education
CMHT	Community Mental Health Team
CO	Care Order. Places a child under the care of the Local Authority This is otherwise known as a child "being in care"
CPME	Child Protection Medical Examination
CPP	Child Protection Plan
CSE	Child Sexual Exploitation
DA/DV	Domestic Abuse/Domestic Violence
DBS	Disclosure and Barring Service, formerly known as the CRB (Criminal Records Bureau)
DfE	Department for Education
DPO	Data Protection Officer
DSL/DSP	Designated Safeguarding Lead (England)/Designated Senior Person (Wales)
DVPN	Domestic Violence Protection Notice
DVPO	Domestic Violence Protection Order. The next step up from a DVPN
EH	Early Help— An approach bringing together people from a range of services. Support for families from pre-birth to adolescents before any formal interventions
EHCP	Education Health & Care Plan
EPO	Emergency Protection Order. Protects a child from ongoing or imminent risk of physical, mental or emotional harm where emergency action is needed for a maximum period of eight days
EWO	Education Welfare Officer
EYFS	Early Years Foundation Stage
FGM	Female Genital Mutilation

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FII	Fabricated or Inducted Illness. Previously known as Munchausen's Syndrome by Proxy
FIT	Family Intervention Team– offers practical support, advice, how to build strengths and skills. Connects families with YIT, Domestic Violence support, DWP etc
FOI	Freedom of Information
GDPR	The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a European Union (EU) law that protects the privacy and security of individuals' personal data
HV	This could mean 'home visit' or Health Visitor
HSB	Harmful Sexualised Behaviour is developmentally inappropriate sexual behaviour which is displayed by children and young people.
ICO	Interim Care Order. An order that is applied for by the Local Authority to ask for the power to share Parental Responsibility with the parents of children they believe to be at risk
ICPC	Initial Child Protection Conference brings together all the people involved with a child who is not already subject to a child protection plan
IRO	Independent Reviewing Officers. IRO's chair reviews for children living in children's homes or foster care
KCSiE/ KLS	Keeping Children Safe in Education (Education Guidance, England) Keeping Learners Safe (Education Guidance, Wales)
LAC	Looked After Child. Child under a care plan from the local authority
LADO	Local Authority Designated Officer– deals with allegations made against an adult working with children
LSAB	Local Safeguarding Adults Board set up in each local authority and co-ordinates what is done to safeguard adults in the area
LSCP	Local Safeguarding Children Partnership (Board) set up in each local authority and co-ordinates what is done to safeguard children in the area
MACE	Multi-Agency Child Exploitation – the identification and risk assessment of children vulnerable to exploitation
MARAC	Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference. A victim-focused information sharing and risk management meeting attended by all key agencies where high risk cases are discussed
MASH	Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub – A group of agencies that work together to identify and respond to risk to children and young people
MDA	Multi-Disciplinary Assessment
NEET	A young person: Not in Employment, Education or Training
NFA	No further action
Operation Encompass	Operation Encompass is a police and education early information safeguarding partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support to children experiencing domestic abuse
PHNT	Public Health Nursing Team
PNMHT	Perinatal Mental Health Team
PPO	Police Protection Order. In an emergency situation, children can be placed under police protection for up to 72 hours
PR	Parental Responsibility

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PRU	Pupil Referral Unit
R&A	Referral and Assessment – A group of agencies that work together to identify and respond to risk to children and young people
ROI	Record of Intervention
SAR	Subject Access Request
SPR	Safeguarding Practice Reviews – held if a child dies or is seriously injured
SEMH	Social, Emotional, Mental Health problem
SEN (D)	Special Educational Needs (and Disabilities)
SENDIASS	Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service
SGO	Special Guardianship Order
SPA	Single Point of Access
SPOE	Single point of entry – A group of agencies that work together to identify and respond to risk to children and young people
SPOA	Single point of access – A group of agencies that work together to identify and respond to risk to children and young people
SRO	Sexual Risk Order is a civil order which can be sought by the police against an individual who has not been convicted or cautioned for a sexual offence but poses a risk of harm
Section 17	Requires Local Authorities to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in need, supporting their upbringing within their families by providing appropriate services (within the Child Act 1989)
Section 42	Relates to the duty on the Local Authority to make enquiries, or have others do so, if an adult may be at risk of abuse or neglect (The Care Act 2014)
Section 47	Enquiry is initiated to decide whether and what type of action is required to safeguard and promote the welfare of a child (within the Child Act 1989)
TAC	Team Around the Child
TAF	Team Around the Family
TYS	Targeted Youth Support
UASC	Un-accompanied Asylum-Seeking Child
UNCRC	United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
VI	Visually Impaired
Virtual School	Department within children social care that have duty to support education of children in care or supported by a social worker
YIT	Youth Intervention Team
YOT	Youth Offending Team

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