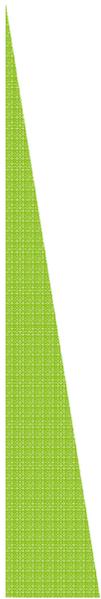


# SAFEGUARDING

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# What is safeguarding?

## Definition

Protecting children and young people from maltreatment.

Preventing impairment of their health or development.

Ensuring they grow up in a safe environment.

Enabling optimum life chances to enter adulthood successfully

Safeguarding is not just about protecting children from deliberate harm. It includes issues for schools such as:

- ▶ pupils' health and safety
- ▶ bullying
- ▶ racial abuse
- ▶ harassment and discrimination
- ▶ use of physical intervention
- ▶ meeting the needs of pupils with medical conditions
- ▶ safe recruitment of staff
- ▶ providing first aid
- ▶ drug and substance misuse
- ▶ educational visits
- ▶ intimate care
- ▶ internet safety
- ▶ issues which may be specific to a local area or population
- ▶ school security



# Child abuse

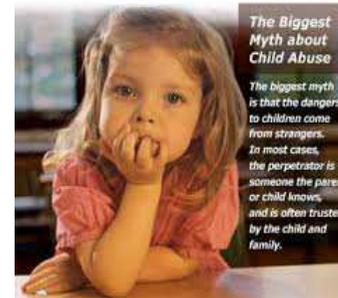
Types:

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Emotional

Sexual

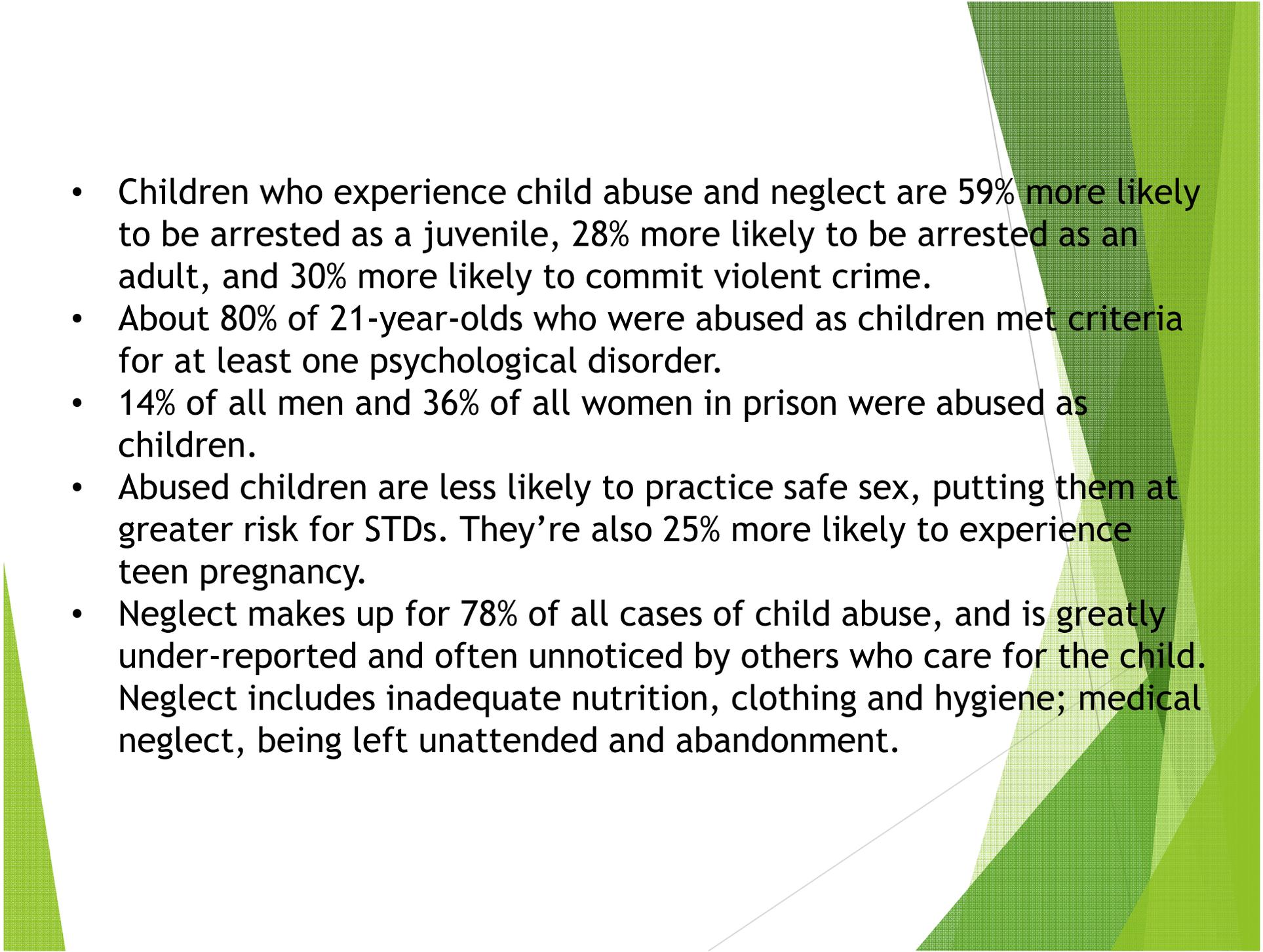
Neglect



Many cases children are subjected to a combination of the above

## Some statistics...

- ▶ There were over 58,000 children identified as needing protection from abuse in the UK in 2016.
- ▶ It is estimated that for every child identified as needing protection from abuse, another 8 continue to suffer.
- ▶ SEND children are over 3 times more likely to be abused than non-SEND children.
- ▶ Police recorded 47,008 sexual offences against children in the UK in 2014/2015, the highest it's been in the last decade.
- ▶ 1 out of 3 girls and 1 out of 5 boys will be sexually abused before they reach age 18.
- ▶ 97% of child sexual abuse victims know the perpetrator in some way. 68% are abused by a family member.
- ▶ A sex offender will molest an average of 120 victims, most of whom do not report it.

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- Children who experience child abuse and neglect are 59% more likely to be arrested as a juvenile, 28% more likely to be arrested as an adult, and 30% more likely to commit violent crime.
  - About 80% of 21-year-olds who were abused as children met criteria for at least one psychological disorder.
  - 14% of all men and 36% of all women in prison were abused as children.
  - Abused children are less likely to practice safe sex, putting them at greater risk for STDs. They're also 25% more likely to experience teen pregnancy.
  - Neglect makes up for 78% of all cases of child abuse, and is greatly under-reported and often unnoticed by others who care for the child. Neglect includes inadequate nutrition, clothing and hygiene; medical neglect, being left unattended and abandonment.

# What about international schools?

- ▶ While there are no statistics available which detail abuse by teachers in international schools, the ease of mobility that international teaching provides, coupled with weak recruitment practices, and underdeveloped legal systems in some countries, can make such schools prime targets for child abusers.
- ▶ The International Task Force on Child Protection (ITFCP) “identified early on that many people who might want to take advantage of children, seek countries with underdeveloped legal systems and schools that are unlikely to perform background checks.” (2015)

# What do we do at BESA?

- ▶ Safe Recruitment
- ▶ Staff training
- ▶ Assemblies
- ▶ Class visits
- ▶ Dealing with records of concern
- ▶ PSHE
- ▶ Atmosphere of trust

# Online safety

## Kayleigh's Love Story

- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nh5ZvtgjWwM>

# Inappropriate Internet Use

- ▶ What you think is inappropriate material for your child will probably differ from your child's view or that of other parents. It will also depend on your child's age and maturity level. Inappropriate content includes information or images that upset your child, material that's directed at adults, inaccurate information or information that might lead or tempt your child into unlawful or dangerous behaviour. This could be:
  - ▶ pornographic material
  - ▶ content containing swearing
  - ▶ sites that encourage vandalism, crime, terrorism, racism, eating disorders, even suicide
  - ▶ pictures, videos or games which show images of violence or cruelty to other people or animals
  - ▶ gambling sites
  - ▶ unmoderated chatrooms - where there's no one supervising the conversation and barring unsuitable comments.
  - ▶ It can be difficult to monitor what your child is viewing as they can access this material through any internet enabled device, including mobile ones such as a phone or tablet. Sometimes your child may stumble upon unsuitable sites by accident, through apps they've downloaded to their mobile device or through links they've been sent by friends, chatting to others online, or even through inter-device communication systems such as Bluetooth or Apple's AirDrop.

# Inappropriate Content

- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Twael58dL1s>

# What can you do?

## 1. Show interest in their day-to-day lives.

- ▶ Ask them what they did during the day and who they did it with. Who did they sit with at lunchtime? What games did they play after school? Did they enjoy themselves?
- ▶ Build trust by regularly talking to them about their day. Make them feel comfortable raising any topic. Then, if your kids report any unacceptable behavior by others to you, it is your responsibility to take action.

## 2. Become Educated On Sexual Abuse.

- ▶ Did you know 1 out of 6 girls will be molested by the age of 18? Did you know that the typical sexual predator will assault 117 times before being caught?
- ▶ Get familiar with the facts. It is vital for you to educate yourself about abuse.
- ▶ Don't imagine that it could never happen in your family/ neighbourhood/ school.

### 3) Look For "Red Flags."

- ▶ Sex offenders often "groom" parents and children to gain their trust. They can be very slick and fool you into thinking they are trustworthy, but there is always a "red flag" that is just a little bit unusual.
- ▶ For instance, if an adult has many toys and video games in his house and several local kids go there every day, this is a possible red flag.
- ▶ If he doesn't seem to have any adult friends or activities, this is a bigger red flag. Check this person out. Have a conversation with him/her, if possible. If you are worried, report him/her to the authorities.

## 4) Know Where Your Children Are And Who They Are With At All Times.

- ▶ Know your children's friends and their parents. Make sure they are reliable before you allow your child to spend time at their house.
- ▶ NOVEMBER 07, 2015 08:27 PM
- ▶ A 30-year-old Kansas City man has been charged with child abuse after a 1-year-old boy was brought to the hospital in critical condition on Monday.
- ▶ Jackson County prosecutors charged John C. Sherman with one count of felony child abuse Wednesday, accusing Sherman of injuring a friend's son during a play date with Sherman's child.

## 5) Teach Children That The Danger May Come From Someone They Trust.

- ▶ Tell your kids, "Bad touch is bad touch and no one gets to do it to our bodies. If anyone does bad touch, you go to a grown up for help. When you are not sure about whether something a grown up is doing is okay, ask another grown up you trust to help you."

- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zNTUMNKSNwk>



## 6) Find Therapy For Victims.

- ▶ All victims of sexual abuse should have easy access to therapy. BESA can help you find a therapist or other help if you need it.



## 7) Understand The Signs.

- ▶ Abuse is not usually as obvious as broken bones or bruises. Adults should be knowledgeable about the signs that children are in need of counseling. These signs might be significant changes in sleeping, eating, mood, or strange behavior that does not quickly go away.
- ▶ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9czEDUtMN6Y>



## 8) Take Action If You Suspect Abuse.

- ▶ If you suspect that a child has been abused, you need to contact the relevant authorities. We can also help you.



# SPEAK OUT - it is never the victim's fault!



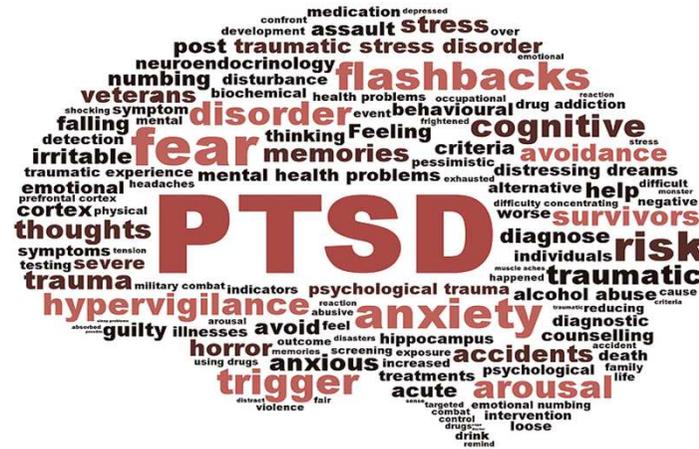
## What did the 2016 inspection report say about Safeguarding at BESA?

“The thorough safeguarding of pupils is extremely well embedded throughout the school. All staff receive induction training on appointment and regular training thereafter. Pupils are always listened to and concerns reported. There is a network of systems in place which provide appropriate support and guidance for all pupils. All records are carefully kept.”

“The contribution of arrangements for welfare, health and safety is excellent.”

“Great care is taken to safeguard pupils and ensure their daily welfare, health and safety.”

# Effects of child abuse ...



Any Questions?

Thank you.

