Safeguarding News for September, 2026

Welcome to the SAFEcic October newsletter reviewing the key headlines and stories from September 2026.

As the leaves begin to turn and the new school year finds its feet, September has once again reminded us that child safeguarding never takes a holiday (although those working in the sector might occasionally wish it would!). From developments in legislation and online safety to new research, policy updates and cases that give us pause for thought, this month's headlines offer plenty to reflect on. So join us as we look back at the key stories that shape child and adult safeguarding across the UK, highlighting what they mean for those working to keep children and at risk groups safe, supported and heard.

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Safeguarding News Round Up September 2026

Bills and Legislation
1. New law to ban depraved child-like sexual abuse dolls. Read more...
2. The Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026 introduced a revised Information Sharing Duty Statutory guidance for safeguarding organisations and their practitioners to come into effect 26th September. Read more...

Guidance
Statutory Guidance: Keeping Children Safe in Education has been updated and came into effect on 1 September 2026. Read more...

Guidance Leaflets
1. Guidance leaflets relating to eligibility and other DBS services and products. Read more...
2. A guide for parents and carers employing self-employed workers or personal employees. Read more...
3. DBS launches campaign to help parents and carers make informed decisions when hiring self-employed workers. Read more...

Research, Plans, Consultations, Responses and Actions
The Secretary of State has apologised to families and set out urgent action following the Thirlwall Inquiry's findings. Read more...

Regulatory Bodies

Charity and International Aid
The Regulator, Office of the Scottish Charity concludes inquiry into Harvest Ministries Limited. Read more...

Ofcom and all Online Safety
Safer Internet Day 2027: Reflect on tech: exploring digital wellbeing and our relationship with technology. Read more...

Worthy of Note
1. Counterfeit toy investigations reported by Trading Standards rise. Read more...
2. Martha's Rule information for patients, families and carers. Read more...
3. Justice is Changing: Justice Minister Launches Campaign to Help Victims of Sexual Crime. Read more...

Reason to Remain Vigilant in all Aspects of Safeguarding
1. Offender sentenced for 'upskirting' photographs of schoolgirls. Read more...

2. Former primary school teacher jailed for child sex offences. Read more...
3. Police officer who fostered toxic culture and requested explicit video is jailed. Read more...

Finally
Thousands of young disabled people to be offered guaranteed jobs. Read more...

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Warm regards
The SAFEcic Team