



# Focus On...

## Children in Specific Circumstances

As childcare practitioners we are all responsible for keeping the children in our care safe. We are likely to be fairly confident in our knowledge of signs and symptoms relating to the four main categories of abuse: Physical, Emotional, Neglect and Sexual.

In addition to these main categories there are particular groups of children and young people whose specific circumstances require additional consideration by those who work with them. Not all children in these circumstances will require safeguarding action by Children's Social Care but may require coordinated support from universal and targeted services, usually provided through an Early Help Assessment and Plan with a delegated Lead Professional.

The Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership (CSAP) website has a wealth of important Lancashire specific resources that can help us in our day-to-day care of children and young people. We can find out about the more obscure types of abuse in Chapter 5 Children in Specific Circumstances. We are not expected to know everything, but it is important we know where to find out more and Chapter 5 is a good place to learn about topics such as:

- Alcohol and drug misusing parents and carers
- Bruising in babies and children
- Disabled children
- Gambling
- Online safeguarding
- Radicalisation

**If in doubt check LSP out!**

[Lancashire Safeguarding Partnership - Lancashire Safeguarding Partnership](#)

Pan-Lancashire Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership Procedures Manual - Chapter 5 Children in Specific Circumstances: [Contents](#)

Early Help Assessment: [Early Help Assessment - information for professionals - Lancashire County Council](#)

Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023 – A guide to multi-agency working to help, protect and promote the welfare of children: [Working together to safeguard children 2023: statutory guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

