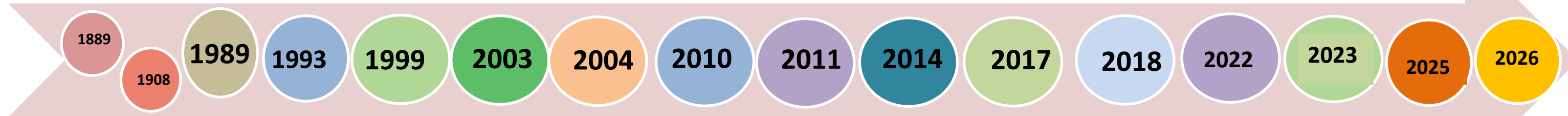


Child Protection Timeline

<p>The Prevention of Cruelty to, and Protection of Children Act was passed allowing police to arrest anyone mistreating a child and enter homes to prevent danger to children</p>	<p>The Children Act 1989 introduced the concept of parental responsibility and enshrined in the law the right to inquire to safeguard children.</p>	<p>The Protection of Children Act 1999 aimed to prevent paedophiles from gaining employment which gave them access to children</p>	<p>The Birchard Enquiry recommended a registration scheme for those working with children and vulnerable adults following the murder of Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman</p> <p>The Children’s Act 2004 mandated Local Authorities to appoint a children’s director and create statutory Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB’s)</p>	<p>2011 Eileen Munro published ‘A Child-centred system” – a review of child protection practice in England</p>	<p>The Children and Social Work Act 2017 received Royal Assent. It includes new partnership arrangements for safeguarding being led by local authorities, health and the police as well as a range of provision from support for children in care and care leavers, to PHSE education for school pupil’s.</p>	<p>2023 The Department for Education update Working Together and information sharing guidance. New Working Together guidance published in Dec 2023 & info sharing guidance May 2024</p>	<p>2026 Statutory Working Together guidance is updated along with an update to the Families First Partnership Programme non-statutory guidance; The Children’s Wellbeing and Schools Bill received royal ascent</p>
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<p>The Children’s Act 1908 established juvenile courts and introduced the registration of foster parents. The Punishment of Incest Act made sexual abuse within families a matter for state jurisdiction rather than intervention by the clergy.</p>	<p>The Children and Young Persons Act combined all child protection laws into a single piece of legislation and added further guidelines such as minimum working age for children</p>	<p>Lord Laming published his report into the death of child abuse victim Victoria Climbié. It found that 12 opportunities to save her were missed.</p>	<p>2010 The statutory guidance Working Together to Safeguard Children was released, outlining inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people</p>	<p>The Children and Families Act 2014 obtained royal assent and became law, giving greater protection to vulnerable children</p>	<p>The Department for Education (DfE) published an updated version of Working Together 2018 updated in 2020 to include assessment of harm outside of the home.</p>	<p>Child Protection In England 2022 set out recommendations and findings for national government and local safeguarding partners to protect children at serious risk of harm following the deaths of Star Hobson and Arthur Labinjo-Hughes. Josh McAlister Independent review of the needs, experiences and outcomes of the children supported by social care is published.</p>	<p>2025 The Government produces non-statutory guidance to pave the way for implementing the Families First Partnership Programme. This guidance outlines a major reform aimed at transforming social care to prioritise early intervention, preventative support, and family based care. This will be underpinned by legislative changes proposed in the Children’s Wellbeing and Schools Bill</p>
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