CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE POLICY CHANGES 2022 TO 2026

2022

- The independent review of children's social care published its final report on the children's social care system in England
- Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) published its final report into child sexual abuse and exploitation in institutions in England and Wales

2023

- DfE published updated Working together to safeguard children 2023
- Government Response to the final report of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse – GOV.UK
- The DfE responded to the independent review of children's social care's recommendations, with a long-term plan for the reform of children's social care in England Stable homes, built on love (PDF).
- The DfE publish statutory guidance on the purpose, principles for practice and expected outcomes of children's social care Children's social care national framework

2024

- DfE publishes Child and family social workers: agency rules – GOV.UK
- DfE commissions review of Disabled children's social care – Law Commission

2025

- Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill - Parliamentary Bills - UK Parliament
- DfE published Families First Partnership programme non mandatory guidance Families First Partnership programme - GOV.UK
- Government announces that mandatory reporting of child sexual abuse will be included within the Crime and Policing Bill Crime and Policing Bill - Parliamentary Bills - UK Parliament
- DfE publishes consultation Children's social work post-qualifying standards and induction – Department for Education – Citizen Space
- DfE publishes Disabled Children's Social Care – Final Report

2026

- **FEBRUARY** DfE publishes Child and family social worker early career standards - GOV.UK
- **APRIL** Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026
  Crime and Policing Act 2026
- **JUNE** DfE publishes Lead child protection practitioner standards - GOV.UK

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