Letter	Acrynom	Meaning
A	A & I	Asessment and Intervention
	ABE	Achieving Best Evidence - Guidance for Police Officers and Social Workers in conducting interviews with children where allegation of abuse are being investigated.
	Abuse	A form of maltreatment of a child. Somebody may abuse or neglect by inflicting harm or failing to prevent harm.
	ACE	Adverse Childhood Experiences are stressful or traumatic events that happen in childhood and can affect people as adults. They include events that affect a child or young person directly, such as abuse or neglect.
	ADHD	Attention-deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
	ADM	Agency Decision Maker - the person responsible for certain legal decisions within Children's Social Care, such as a plan of adoption
	AIM	Assessment Intervention and Moving on assessments – used by professionals to assess young people who have committed a sexual assault or harmful sexual behaviour.
	ANE	Adopt North East - the regional adoption agency
	AP	Alternative Provision (education)
	ASBO	Anti-Social Behaviour Order
	ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder
	ASYE	Assessed and Supported Year in Employment - first year as a qualified social worker
	AWD	Adult with Disability
B	BAME	Black, Asian, or Minority Ethnic
	BLA	Becoming Looked After
C	C & F (assessment)	Child & Family Assessment
	C & YP	Children and Young People
	CAF	Common Assessment Framework - a shared assessment and planning framework for use across all children's services and all local areas in England.
	CAFCASS	Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service
	CAHMS	Child and Adolecence Mental Health Services
	CAIU	Child Abuse Investigation Unit (Police)
	CAO	Child Arrangement Order
	CAPCASS	Children and Families Court Advisory Support Service

	CAWN	Child Abduction Warning Notice - warns an individual that they have no permission to associate, contact or communicate with a child, and that if they continue to do so, then they may be arrested and prosecuted.
	CBT	Cognitive Behaviour Therapy
	CCN	Child Concern Notification - a police concern raised for a child
	CDR	Child Death Review
	CE	Care Experienced
	CFC	Cared for Children - Those that are being accommodated by, or are otherwise in the care of, a Local Authority
	CGL	Change, Grow, Live - a national charity which provides advice and support to empower anyone experiencing drug and alcohol addiction. They campaign to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding.
	Channel	Channel - a programme which focuses on providing support at an early stage to people who are identified as being vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism. The programme uses a multi-agency approach to protect vulnerable people by: identifying individuals at risk and assessing the nature and extent of that risk.
	Child in Need Assesment	A statutory assessment carried out by Social Care (section 17) where the child is unlikely to achieve or maintain a reasonable level of health or development, or their health or development is likely to be impaired without provision of services.
	Children in the court system	Children giving evidence for crimes committed against them or that they have witnessed.
	CIN	Child In Need
	CIOC	Children In Our Care
	CNTW	Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust
	CO	Care Order - Places a child under the care of the Local Authority. This is otherwise known as a child “being in care”.
	Contextual Safeguarding	A form of abuse where children are targeted and exploited by individuals and gangs to commit criminal acts such as delivering drugs, money or weapons.
	County Lines	A form of criminal exploitation. Added to KCSIE in 2018. 'County Lines' is a term used when drug gangs from big cities expand their operations to smaller towns, often using violence to drive out local dealers and exploiting children and vulnerable people to sell drugs. These dealers will use dedicated mobile phone lines, known as 'deal lines', to take orders from drug users.
	CP	Child protection - part of safeguarding and promoting welfare. It refers to the activity that is undertaken to protect specific children who are suffering, or are likely to suffer, significant harm.
	CP-IS	Child Protection Information Sharing

	CPOMS	Child Protection Online Management System - The market leading software solution for monitoring Safeguarding, wellbeing and all pastoral issues.
	CPP	Child Protection Plan - A plan created following a child protection conference that sets out how the child can be kept
	CPS	Crown Prosecution Service
	CRG	Case Review Group (Gateshead)
	Criminal Expolitation	Staff should consider wider factors that can increase risk to children such as the home, peer group, community and school.
	CSA	Child Sexual Abuse
	CSC	Children's Social Care
	CSE	Child Sexual Exploitation: A form of sexual abuse. An individual or a group take advantage, manipulate, deceive and coerce a child or young person into a sexual activity. Sexual activity exchanged for something the victim wants such as alcohol, food, money or drugs.
	CSPR	Child Safeguarding Practice Review
	CSPRP	Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel
	CWD	Children with Disabilities
	Cyber Bullying	Cyberbullying or cyberharassment is a form of bullying or harassment using electronic means. Cyberbullying and cyberharassment are also known as online bullying. It has become increasingly common. It could also be a form of peer on peer abuse
	CYPS	Children and Young Persons Service
D	DA / DV	Domestic Abuse / Domestic Violence - Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behavior or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality.
	DARDR	Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews
	DASH	Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harassment and Honour-Based Violence: checklist of abusive behaviours.
	DAT	Domestic Abuse Team
	DBS	Disclosure and Barring Service - formerly known as the CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) Disclosure and Barring Service check carried out on staff working with children. Staff should not leave adults unsupervised who do not have the relevant checks.
	DCPO	Designated Child Protection Officer
	DCT	Disabled Childrens Team
	DFE	Department for Education

	DHSC	Department of Health and Social Care
	DLA	Disability Living Allowance
	DOLS	Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards - A legal framework to protect people in care who lack the capacity to consent to their care and treatment
	DSL	Designated Safeguarding Lead (England) - Designated Safeguarding Lead (responsible for safeguarding within a school). A DDSL is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead who supports the DSL to fulfill their role.
	DSP	Delegated Safeguarding Partner
	DV/DA	Domestic Violence / Domestic Abuse - Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behavior or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality.
	DVPN	Domestic Violence Protection Notices
	DVPO	Domestic Violence Protection Order
	DWP	Department for Work and Pensions
E	EAL	English as an Additional Language
	EBSA	Emotionally Based School Avoidance
	EDT	Emergency Duty Team
	ECT	Early Career Teacher (previously NQT)
	EH	Early identification is key in protecting children from suffering harm. Support for families is provided by a wide range of services and settings in Gateshead.
	EHA	Early Help Assesment
	EHCP	Education, Health and Care Plan
	EHE	Elective Home Education
	EIF	Education Inspection Framework
	Emotional neglect	Failure in meeting a child's emotional needs, not spending time with them, not comforting them etc
	Emotional wellbeing	A positive sense of wellbeing which enables an individual to be able to function in society and meet the demands of everyday life; people in good mental health have the ability to recover effectively from illness, change or misfortune'.
	EOTAS	Education Otherwise Than At School
	EP / EPS	Educational Psychologist/Educational Psychology Service
	EPO	Emergency Protection Order - Protects a child from ongoing or imminent risk of physical, mental or emotional harm where emergency action is needed for a maximum period of eight days.

	EWO	Education Welfare Officer
	EYFS	Early Years Foundation Stage
F	FASD	Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
	FC	Foster Carer
	FDAC	Family Drug and Alcohol Court
	FGC	Family Group Conferences - a family-led meeting in which the family and friends network come together to make a plan for a child.
	FGM	Female Genital Mutilation
	FII	Fabricated or Induced Illness - a form of abuse often carried out by a parent/carer who exaggerates to deliberately cause symptoms of illness in the child.
	FIS	Family Information Service - provides information on childcare, activities and services for children and young people and family support in a local area
	FNP	Family Nurse Partnership
	FOI	Freedom of Information
	Forced marriage	Can be a form of honour-based violence (HBV). Forced marriage is where someone is forced to marry against their will. This can happen in secret and can also be planned by parents, family or religious leaders. This can include children (child marriage).
	FSM	Free School Meals
	FSW	Family Support Worker
G	GDPR	The GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 place greater significance on organisations being transparent and accountable in relation to their use of data. All organisations handling personal data need to have comprehensive and proportionate arrangements for collecting, storing, and sharing information. The GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 do not prevent, or limit, the sharing of information for the purposes of keeping children and young people safe.
	GHC	Gateshead Housing Company
	GRP	Gateshead Recovery Partnership
	GSCP	Gateshead Safeguarding Children Partnership
H	HA	Health Assessment
	Hate crimes	A hate crime, typically one involving violence, that is motivated by prejudice on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, or other grounds.
	HBV	Honour Based Violence

	HCPC	Health and Care Professions Council
	HDFT	Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust
	HI	Hearing Impaired
	HSB	Harmful Sexualised Behaviour - is developmentally inappropriate sexual behaviour which is displayed by children and young people.
	HV	This could mean 'Home Visit' or Health Visitor
I	IAG	Information, Advice and Guidance
	ICB	Intergrated Care Board
	ICO	Interim Care Order - An order that is applied for by the Local Authority to ask for the power to share Parental Responsibility with the parents of children they believe to be at risk.
	ICPC	Initial Child Protection Conference - brings together all the people involved with a child who is not already subject to a child protection plan to make decisions about a child's future safety, health and development.
	IDVA	Independent Domestic Violence Advocate
	IFA	Independent Fostering Agency
	IO	Investigating Officer (police)
	IRO	Independent Reviewing Officer
	ISO	Interim Supervision Order
	ISVA	Independent Sexual Violence Advocate
J	JCRG	Joint Case Review Group (Gateshead)
	JSEG	Joint Strategic Exploitation Group (Gateshead)
K	KCSIE	Keeping Children Safe In Education (Education Guidance, England) - updated annually
L	LA	Local Authority
	LAC	Looked After Child, formerly Child In Care. Now referred to as now referred to as Cared for Child(ren).
	LADO	Local Authority Designated Officer - works within Children's Services and gives advice and guidance to employers, organisations who have concerns about the behaviour of an adult who works with children and young people
	LCRG	Local Case Review Group (Gateshead)
	LCSPR	Local Child Safeguarding Practice Review
	LD	Learning Disability
	LIG	Learning and Improvment Group (Gateshead)
	LSP	Lead Safeguarding Partner

M	MAPPA	Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangments
	MARAC	Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
	MARF	Multi Agency Referral Form
	MASA	Multi Agency Safeguarding Arrangments
	MASH	Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub
	MATAC	Multi Agency Tasking and Coordination - aims to reduce the number of repeated incidents of domestic abuse
	MH	Mental Health
	MHHR	Mental Health Homicide Review
	MISPER	Missing Person
N	National Panel	National Child Safeguarding review panel
	ND	Neurodiversity
	NEET	Not in Education, Employment or Training
	Neglect	Failure to meet a child's basic physical and psychological needs.
	NFA	No Further Action
	Non-Mol	Non-Molestation Order
	NPS	National Probation Service
	NQSW	Newly Qualified Social Worker
	NRPF	No Recource to Public Funds
	NSPCC	National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
	NYAS	National Youth Advocacy Service
O	OFSTED	Office For Standards in Education(lead inspection agency for Children's Services in England)
	OOCD	Out Of Court Disposal - a method of resolving an investigation for offenders of low-level crime and anti-social behaviour, when the offender is known and admits the offence. An OOCD can only be used in limited circumstances
	Operation Encompass	Operation Encompass - a police and education early information-sharing partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support for children and young people experiencing domestic abuse. Information is shared by the police with the school prior to the start of the next school day if officers have attended a domestic violence incident.
P	PA	Persistent Absence (from school)
	PD	Physical Disability
	PEP	Personal Education Plan - Educational Psychologist/Educational Psychology Service

	PEX	Permanent Exclusion from school
	PLO	Public Law Outline
	PNC	Police National Computer
	PP	Pupil Premium: government funding to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in state-funded schools
	PPO	Police Protection Order- In an emergency situation, children can be placed under police protection for up to 72 hours
	PR	Parental Responsibility
	PREM	Partnership Reduction in Exploitation and Missing - a police led, multiagency, outcome focussed forum (Nortumbria police footprint)
	Prevent	The Prevent Duty became law back in 2015. This is a duty on all schools and registered early years providers to have due regard to preventing people being drawn into terrorism. In order to protect children in your care, you must be alert to any reason for concern in the child's life at home or elsewhere. This includes awareness of the expression of extremist views.
	PRU	Pupil Referral Unit - a school that caters for children who can't attend a mainstream school due to exclusion or other difficulties
Q	QA	Quality Assurance
R	RCPC	Review Child Protection Conference
	ROTH	Risk Outside the Home
	RPC	Regulatory Policy Committee
	RSQ	Request for Statement of Qualifications
S	S17	See Child in Need Assessment
	S47	Section 47 - Investigation of a child at risk of significant harm. Where a child is suffering, or is likely to suffer harm, social care will carry out a statutory assessment.
	SAB	(Gateshead) Safeguarding Adults Board
	Safeguarding	Safeguarding includes: Protecting children from maltreatment, Preventing impairment of health or development, Ensuring children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care and taking action to enable all children to have the best possible outcomes.
	SALT	Speech and Language Therapy
	SAR	Safeguarding Adults Review

	SCR	Serious Case Review - is held after a child or vulnerable adult dies or is seriously injured under circumstances where abuse or neglect are thought to have been involved (England). Serious Case Reviews are undertaken by the safeguarding partners for every case where abuse or neglect is known - or suspected - and either: a child dies or is seriously harmed and there are concerns about how organisations or professionals worked together to protect the child.
	SCSI	Serious Child Safeguarding Incident
	SENCO / SENDCO	Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator / Special Educational Needs Coordinator (in a school or educaton setting)
	SEND	Special Education Needs and Disability
	SERAF	Sexual Exploitation Risk Assessment Form - This aims to identify the factors that may render children and young people vulnerable to being targeted for CSE (child sexual exploitation).
	SGO	Special Guardianship Order
	SIN	Serious Incident Notification
	SIO	Senior Investigating officer
	SLA	Service Level Agreement
	SRO	Sexual Risk Order
	SSO	Suspended Sentence Order
	Strategy meeting	A multi-agency meeting convened by Children's Social Care to determine a child's welfare and plan rapid future actions if there is reasonable cause to suspect the child is suffering or is likely to suffer from significant harm.
	SUDI	Sudden Unexpected Death in Infants
T	TAF	Team Around the Family (part of Early Help) - provides a service to families who are likely to need help from two or more agencies (e.g. schools, health services, housing).
	TOR	Terms of Reference
	Toxic Trio	Three specific safeguarding issues that can increase risk of harm: domestic abuse, mental ill-health and drug/ alcohol misuse.
U	UASC	Un-accompanied Asylum Seeking Child
	UNCRC	United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. An international convention signed by Britain on which we have based much of our current child safeguarding legislation
	UPN	Unique Pupil Number

V	VS	Virtual School: a team who promote the educational outcomes of children in care. Now extended to include previously looked after children and all children with a social worker.
	VSH	Virtual School Head – the strategic lead of the Virtual school
W	WT23	Working Together to Safeguard Childre 2023 - statutory guidance
Y	YAC	Young Adult Carer
	YDAP	Youth Drug & Alcohol Project
	YJB	Youth Justice Board
	YOI	Young Offenders Institute
	YOS / YOT	Youth Offending Service / Team is a multi-agency team that work with young people that get into trouble with the law.
	YP	Young Person