

## **National Centre for Violence Against Women and Girls and Public Protection**

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# **Guidance notes on seven-minute briefings**

## Purpose of a seven-minute briefing

Seven-minute briefings are based on research which suggests that seven minutes is an ideal time span in which to both concentrate and learn.

Learning for seven minutes is manageable in most settings, and learning is more memorable if it is simple and not clouded by other issues and pressures.

## Origin of Lead Safeguarding Briefing and Delegated Safeguarding Briefing

This briefing originated from revisions to Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023, with the intention of strengthening the accountability of statutory partners. Chapter one, within Working Together 2023, clarifies the roles and responsibilities of safeguarding partners, and how they work together. The changes describe a shared and equal leadership responsibility across statutory agencies, ensuring leaders are accountable for their services to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people.

The purpose of this briefing is to describe to police leaders their key responsibilities within both policing, and the safeguarding partnerships. The aim is to encourage leaders to think about how they might create an environment which fosters an effective multi-agency, child safeguarding leadership team.

## Audience

The list below recommends the type of roles and teams that are likely to use this briefing in practice. Local forces are encouraged to disseminate using their discretion.

### Awareness

- Chief Constables  
[Lead Safeguarding Partners]
- Heads of Public Protection
- Safeguarding Strategic Leaders
- Police Delegated Safeguarding Partners
- Other roles at Force discretion

### Application in practice

- Chief Constables
- ACCs Public Protection
- Delegated Safeguarding partners
- Public Protection - Governance / Quality and Assurance / learning and development.
- Senior Leaders engaged in LSCPR [ Local Safeguarding Practice Review processes.
- Other groups at Force discretion.



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## About the National Centre for Violence Against Women and Girls and Public Protection

We're a collaboration between the College of Policing and the National Police Chiefs' Council.

We work across law enforcement, the third sector and government to professionalise public protection and strive for a whole systems approach to prevent harm, give confidence to victims, survivors and witnesses to come forward and bring more offenders to justice.

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