**Common Acronyms used in Safeguarding**

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| **Acronym** | **Meaning** |
| A&E | Accident and Emergency |
| ABE | Achieving Best Evidence (referring to Police and Social Workers interviewing child victims of sexual or physical abuse). |
| ADHD | Attention Deficit and Hyper-Activity Disorder |
| ARP | Access to Resources Panel |
| ASD | Autistic Spectrum Disorder |
| C&F Assessment | Child and Family Assessment |
| CAFCASS | Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service. |
| CAMHS | Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (No longer used in Kent or Medway). |
| CIC | Child/ren in Care (used in Kent) |
| CIN | Child in Need |
| CME | Child Missing Education |
| CP | Child Protection |
| CSC | Children’s Social Care |
| CSE | Child Sexual Exploitation |
| DA/ DV | Domestic Abuse/Domestic Violence |
| DASH | The Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harassment Questionnaire (asked by Police to victims to assess level of risk) |
| EH | Early Help |
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| EHCP | Education and Health Care Plan |
| EPO | Emergency Protection Order (Sought via Social Worker in the courts) |
| ESO | Education Safeguarding Officer |
| ICPCC | Initial Child Protection Case Conference |
| IP | Inured Party (Victim), used by Police. |
| IRO | Independent Reviewing Officer (reviews the cases of LAC) |
| KCSIE | Keeping Children Safe in Education  |
| KCYPMHS | Kent Children and Young People’s Mental Health Services (not in Medway). |
| LAC | Looked After Child (used in Medway) |
| LADO | Local Area Designated Officer |
| LPM | Legal Planning Meeting |
| MARAC | Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference |
| MASH | Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub |
| MDAS | Medway Domestic Abuse Service |
| MGF | Maternal Grandfather |
| MGM | Maternal Grandmother  |
| MGP | Maternal Grandparent |
| MISPER | Missing Person |
| MYPWS | Medway Young People’s Wellbeing Service (Formerly known as CAMHS) |
| NELFT | North East London Foundation Trust (The NHS Trust responsible for delivering MWYPWS and the equivalent in Kent – KCYPMHS). |
| NFA | No Further Action |
| NAI | Non-Accidental Injury |
| Non-Mol | Non-Molestation Order |
| NRPF | No recourse to public funds. |
| ODD | Oppositional Defiance Disorder |
| OOH  | Out of Hours |
| PEP  | Personal Education Plan (LAC Children). |
| Perp | Perpetrator |
| PLO | Public Law Outline (when a child’s case progresses to the legal arena – the step before court proceedings). |
| PM | Practice Manager (Children’s Social Care Manager) |
| PP | Police Protection (a power held by Police to remove children to a place of safety), mostly used out of hours. |
| PSO | Prohibited Steps Order |
| RCPCC | Review Child Protection Case Conference |
| RIO | Referral and Information Officer (first telephone contact with members of the public who have concerns about children) |
| s.17 | Section 17 Children Act (1989)- relates to children in need in our area. |
| s.47 | Section 47 Children Act (1989) – Children in need of statutory protection. |
| SARC  | Sexual Abuse Resource Centre (Maidstone) |
| SEN | Special Educational Needs |
| SOPO | Sexual Offences Prevention Order |
| SPA | Single Point of Access (Referrals to Social Care received). |
| STC | Secure Training Centre |
| STRAT | Strategy Discussion (S.47 Children Act 1989) |
| VIT  | Vulnerabilities Investigation Team (Kent Police) |
| WTSC | Working Together to Safeguard Children |
| YOI | Young Offenders Institute |
| YOT | Young Offenders Team |
| YP | Young Person |