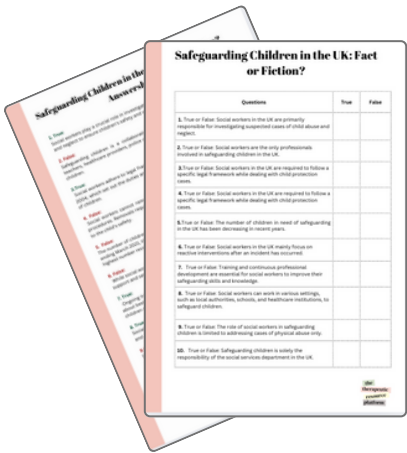


Safeguarding Children in the UK: Fact or Fiction?

Instruction page



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Activity Type

Age: 5-18+

Participation Style:
1-1 activity
Group activity

Theme:
Mindful, reflective

Challenge Level
EASY

Resource Format:
Quiz/ Game
PDF worksheet

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General Activity Info

Safeguarding Children in the UK: Fact or Fiction?

This true-or-false quiz is designed to test and enhance knowledge about the role of social workers and other professionals in safeguarding children in the UK. It covers key topics such as child protection responsibilities, legal frameworks, multi-agency collaboration, and the importance of ongoing training. The quiz also addresses common misconceptions about the scope of social work, including whether safeguarding is solely reactive or limited to specific types of abuse. By challenging these assumptions, the activity aims to raise awareness about child protection and the shared responsibility of different sectors in ensuring children's safety.

True or False Activity

Our True or False activity is an engaging way for you to share knowledge with participants. It can be done in a one-to-one setting or within a group. Simply print the worksheet, distribute it, and have participants answer the questions. Once they're finished or after 15 minutes, go through the answers together and discuss them in more detail.

Alternatively, you can ask the questions verbally and have participants show True or False flashcards in response. Flashcard templates are available on our website.

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Materials Needed

- A printed copy of the resource OR Flashcards.
- Pens.
- A dry-erase marker if you plan to laminate the sheet making it reusable.

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Step by Step Instructions

1. Print out the true or false quiz sheet **OR** print out our flashcards if you plan on asking the questions verbally.
2. Give participants time to answer the questions. Then go through each question and their answers.

Top Tip: You could laminate the sheet and use a whiteboard pen to mark off completed tasks, making it a reusable tool for future weeks.

Safeguarding Children in the UK: Fact or Fiction?

Questions	True	False
1. True or False: Social workers in the UK are primarily responsible for investigating suspected cases of child abuse and neglect.		
2. True or False: Social workers are the only professionals involved in safeguarding children in the UK.		
3. True or False: Social workers in the UK are required to follow a specific legal framework while dealing with child protection cases.		
4. True or False: Social workers in the UK are required to follow a specific legal framework while dealing with child protection cases.		
5. True or False: The number of children in need of safeguarding in the UK has been decreasing in recent years.		
6. True or False: Social workers in the UK mainly focus on reactive interventions after an incident has occurred.		
7. True or False: Training and continuous professional development are essential for social workers to improve their safeguarding skills and knowledge.		
8. True or False: Social workers can work in various settings, such as local authorities, schools, and healthcare institutions, to safeguard children.		
9. True or False: The role of social workers in safeguarding children is limited to addressing cases of physical abuse only.		
10. True or False: Safeguarding children is solely the responsibility of the social services department in the UK.		

Safeguarding Children in the UK: Fact or Fiction?

Answer Sheet

1. True:

Social workers play a crucial role in investigating and assessing concerns related to child abuse and neglect to ensure children's safety and wellbeing.

2. False:

Safeguarding children is a collaborative effort involving various professionals, including teachers, healthcare providers, police officers, and social workers, working together to protect children.

3. True:

Social workers adhere to legal frameworks such as the Children Act 1989 and the Children Act 2004, which set out the duties and responsibilities for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

4. False:

Social workers cannot remove a child from their home without proper legal processes and procedures. Removals require a court order, which is obtained when there is an immediate risk to the child's safety.

5. False:

The number of children in need of safeguarding has been increasing over the years. In the year ending March 2021, there were approximately 736,000 children in need in England, which is the highest number recorded since 2015. (Source: Department for Education)

6. False:

While social workers respond to incidents of child abuse, they also work proactively, providing support and services to families at risk to prevent potential harm to children.

7. True:

Ongoing training and professional development are crucial for social workers to stay informed about best practices and updates in safeguarding, allowing them to provide the best support to children and families.

8. True:

Social workers may work in different settings, including local authorities, schools, hospitals, and charities, to identify and address safeguarding concerns for children.

9. False:

Social workers address a wide range of concerns, including physical abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, and sexual abuse, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children.

10. False:

Safeguarding children is a collective responsibility involving multiple agencies, including social services, education, healthcare, law enforcement, and the wider community.

Please note that statistics and data may change over time, so it's advisable to refer to the most current and official sources for the latest information on safeguarding children in the UK.