

**Social work and neglect 1948-today:
From '*the cruelty man*' and '*the problem
family*' via '*prevention*' to '*safeguarding*'**

A time-line of (some) dates, service providers and changing discourses from archival, research and social work practitioner perspectives.

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1948 (ish) to 1963 (ish) (much overlap- lead-in time)

Date Main legislation/reports	Agencies/ Terminology/discourse	People/ key publications (very selective)
<p>(1926 Adoption Act) (1933 C and Y P Act) Residue of Poor Law- Part 3 Curtis Committee (1946) Monkton Report (1945) (Dennis O'Neal -precursor SCR) 1948 Children Act Main duties-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - decide on applications to receive into care (mainly made by parents) - Decide on placements- (mainly children's homes) - Recruit, asses supervise foster carers and adopters - Place for adoption - Place and supervise children in Approved Schools 	<p>Central Govt Home Office Inspectorate Central Training Council in Child Care (Home Office Certificate in Child Care) Advisory Council on Child Care Director of Probation (Home Office) LA 'The Council' Residue of 'Poor Law' Children's Committee (Chair and members) Children's Departments <i>Children's Officers</i> Frpm Boarding Out officers Child care Officers</p>	<p>Marjorie Allen (1944 Times letter 'Whose Children' David Donnison !955) The Neglected Child and Social Services John Stroud 'The Shorn Lamb Bob Holman (1998) 'Child Care Revisited' Children's Officers. Among others Lucy Faithful, Barbara Kahan, Dennis Allen, Alfred Leeding Joan Beckett, Frances Drake, Beti Jones, Tom White, John Stroud Journals- ACCO Child Care News Case Conference (APSW) Home Office Annual Reports (data)</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decide timing of 'discharge' from care - Assumption of Parental Rights by Council Committee <p>Assess whether an offence under 1933 Act had been committed-- Apply to Court for a PSO and Fit Person Order (mostly NSPCC) 1952 amendment 'a child whose parent/guardian is not exercising proper care and guardianship, is ill-treated or neglected in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health' 1960 Ingleby Report 1964 Kilbrandon Report (Scotland)</p>	<p>LA Welfare Departments ('Part 3 accommodation) LA Edu Dept- Schools LA Housing Departments Medical Officer of Health (day nurseries, Health visitors, Home helps, Mental welfare officers) Hospitals (Almoners) Child Guidance Clinics (PSWs) Probation Committees</p> <p>Co-Ordinating Committees</p>	<p>Roy Parker (1990) 'Away from Home' Jean Packman (1968) 'Child Care Needs and Numbers' Stevenson (ed) (1999) 'Child Welfare in the UK 1948-1998' Jean Heywood (1959) Children in care Eric Sainsbury 'Social Work with Families (1973) (FSU) Joshua Miller and Tim Cook <i>Direct work with Families (FSU)</i> Philp and Timms (1963) The Problem of the Problem Family Denis Marsden (1969) <i>Mothers Alone</i></p>

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	Voluntary sector NSPCC Family Welfare Association Barnardos FSU Moral Welfare Societies ACCO APSW Institute of Almoners	EDUCATORS/ RESEARCHERS John Bowlby Donald Winnicott Richard Titmuss David Donnison Peter Townsend Barbara Wootton/ Stevenson reply Kay McDougal LSE PSW Course USA (Casework) Florence Hollis; Biestek (Relationships) Home Office Child Care Courses Clare Winnicott Set up CCO Course LSE University PG courses for social studies graduates expanded 17 month courses Derek Jehu Liverpool U Olive Stevenson Barnett House

1963 (ish) to mid1980s

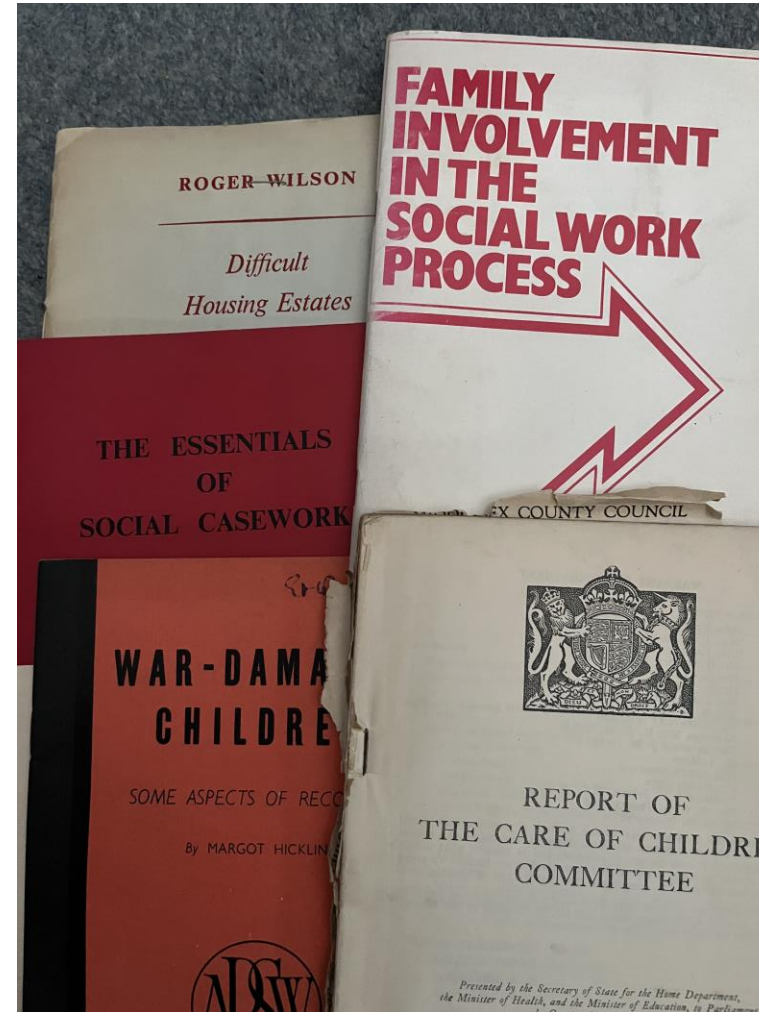
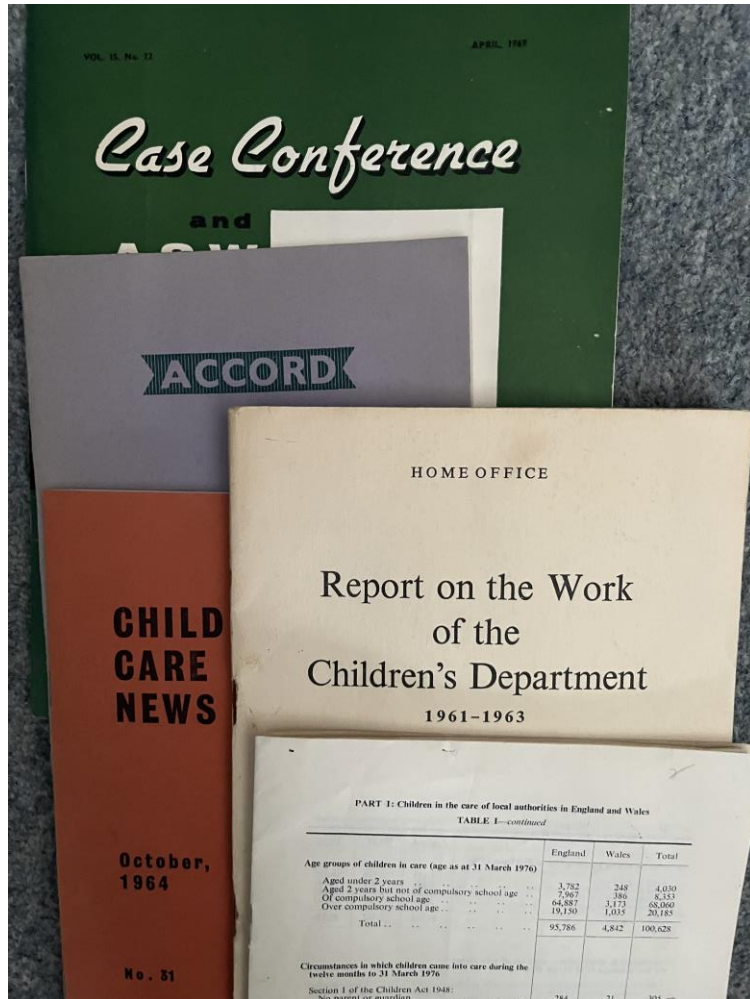
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<p>C and Y P Act 1963 Sec 1 Duty to promote welfare of children 'by diminishing need to receive or keep in care. - bring before Juvenile court 'assistance in kind or 'exceptional circumstances', in cash. May collaborate with vol orgs, Duty of LAs to make Annual Reports . Care Order replaces FPO 'Sec 2 'lack of care, protection or guidance likely to cause unnecessary suffering or seriously affect health or proper development 1933 Act still to prosecute parents</p>	<p>Central/ Local Govt responsibilities remain Move from Home Office to DHSS Children's Departments and Welfare Departments often work together re Sec 1 - 'Prevention (focus changed) 'proper development' Post 69 Act -Welfare Discourse moves from <i>offending actions</i> to impact on child) 'Proper development. avoidably prevented or neglected or health avoidably impaired or neglected BUT ALSO 'moral danger' 'beyond control ' 'Battered Babies'</p>	<p>Profesional Associations combine (except Probation) Work together to advocate for family support policies and Seebohm Reforms BASW Social Work Today Community Care Jean Packman 'Deprived or Depraved' Paley and Thorpe 'Children Handle with Care' Colwell Report- (Olive Stevenson Minority Report. 1974 Stevenson 'Child Welfare in the UK Stevenson -(temporarily with Supplementary Benefits Commission (1973 <i>Claimant or Client</i> Frank Field CPAG Keith Joseph (mid-70s) 'Cycle of Deprivation' Centre for Policy Studies</p>

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<p>1968 'Children in Trouble'</p> <p>1969 C and YP Act</p> <p>Welfare provisions for young offenders</p> <p>IT= Intermediate treatment</p> <p>1968 Seebohm Report</p> <p>1970 Local Authority Social Services Act</p> <p>1974 Maria Colwell Report</p> <p>1975 Children Act <i>(strengthened foster carers/ adoption for children in care)</i></p> <p>1977 Housing Homeless Families Act</p> <p>1982 Barclay Report. 'Social Workers their roles and Tasks</p> <p><i>Short (Select) Committee (1984)</i></p> <p><i>Review of Child Care Law (1985)</i></p> <p>-</p>	<p>'Intermediate' Treatment'</p> <p>'Positive discrimination '</p> <p>'Partnership'</p> <p>Prevention of 'drift' in care-</p> <p>'Permanence' 'Attachment'</p> <p>'Failure to Thrive'</p> <p>Family Therapy</p> <p>CAMHS/ Family therapists</p> <p>Family Support Workers</p> <p>Welfare Rights Officers</p> <p>CPAG,</p> <p>Legal Action Group,</p> <p>Family Rights Group</p> <p>After 1970 Social Services Depts</p> <p>'Patch / Community social work</p> <p>CCOs become 'generic' Social Workers</p>	<p>Chairs of Child Protection Conferences</p> <p>Marsh and Triseliotis (1993)</p> <p>'Prevention and Rehabilitation in Child Care</p> <p>Jane Rowe (Rowe and Lambert (1974) <i>Children who wait.</i></p> <p>Jane Gibbons. Family Support and Prevention</p> <p>Fuller and Stevenson (1983 Policies Programmes and Disadvantage DHSS</p> <p>'Studies in Deprivation and Disadvantage' series</p> <p>Pauline Hardiker- Levels of prevention</p> <p>Ken Loach. Cathy Come Home</p> <p>Bob Holman 1978 'Poverty'</p> <p>Wilson and Herbert 1978 Parents and Children in the Inner City</p>

1964 'Off to club' at FSU with their CCO-
and with early version of Home Start/ family aide



Reading list then- compare with now! (and *New Society* 1962-1988)



Mid 1980s- today

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<p>1988 Cleveland Report 1989 Children Act</p> <p>Area Child Protection Committees Children's Trusts 1998 Sure Start</p> <p>2000 death of Victoria Climbié</p> <p>Laming Report 2003,</p>	<p>‘Orange Book’ Assessment ‘Child Protection Workers’ Parents in CP Conferences Parent Advocates / Support Groups Family support ‘practitioners’ ‘lead practitioners’</p> <p>Working Together Guidance (1991), from ‘Protection’ to ‘Safeguarding’ ‘Children in Need’ ‘Inter-agency cooperation’.</p> <p>Assessment Framework (triangle) 2000</p> <p>Categorization of neglect from attachment theory CAF/lead practitioner 2005/6 Breakfast clubs</p>	<p>Butler-Sloss, Brenda Hale, Rupert Hughes Mid 90’s Messages from Research series Inc Quinton’s Family Support Messages Olive Stevenson 1998 Neglected Children and Their Families Tunstall and Aldgate Services for Children in Need (2000) Thoburn et al Family Support in Cases of Emotional Maltreatment and Neglect (2000) Deborah Ghate 2002 Parenting in Poor environments</p> <p>David Howe (2005) Child Abuse and Neglect</p>

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<p>Children Act 2004 informed by Laming Report</p> <p>Change from ACCP to LSCB Combining CSC and education Directors Children's Services.</p> <p>Working Together 2006</p>	<p>New Public Management Outsourcing, Integrated services Anti-oppressive' Anti -discriminatory practice Intensive Family Preservation (manualized) Parenting programmes</p> <p>Start Again Syndrome re neglect from SCR and Ruth Gardner at NSPCC</p> <p>NSPCC interest in neglect Teenage neglect Concerns with teenagers/ gangs Troubled Families</p>	<p>Isabelle Trowler</p> <p>Serious Case Reviews Baby P Report 2008 and 2009 Laming Report 2009 (respectful uncertainty AND 'Just Do it')</p> <p>Brandon, Sidebotham Dickens, Taylor, More quant/qual/research 2008-2024 Mike Stein and Brandon et al SCR work Brandon and Sidebotham et al 2014</p>

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<p>Two Eileen Munro Reports 2011 – ‘risk sensible’</p> <p>Alan Wood Report 2016</p> <p>2017.Children and Social Work Act</p> <p>Safeguarding Partnerships,</p> <p>Key Safeguarding partners - LAs,CCGs and Police</p> <p>LCSPRs to replace SCRs</p> <p>2022-3 MacAlister Review and Report</p>	<p>Critique of SCR (a toxic concept) and LSCBs</p> <p>‘Poverty-aware social work</p> <p>Research led findings about impact of poverty/deprivation on sw practice and decision making</p> <p>Poverty and Neglect as the ‘wallpaper of social work</p> <p>What Works’ ‘interventions’</p> <p>‘Co-production’</p> <p>‘Experts by experience’</p> <p>Contextual Safeguarding 2021</p>	<p>Bridget Daniel et al (2011) <i>Recognising and Helping the Neglected Child.</i></p> <p>Jan Howarth – 4th side of triangle</p> <p>Paul Bywaters et al</p> <p>Kate Morris et al</p> <p>Carlene Firmin</p>

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