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& the birth of the
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The Children Act 1989
has been amended 20 times...

Childhood, 1989 – 2019



Cases that led to a change in the law...

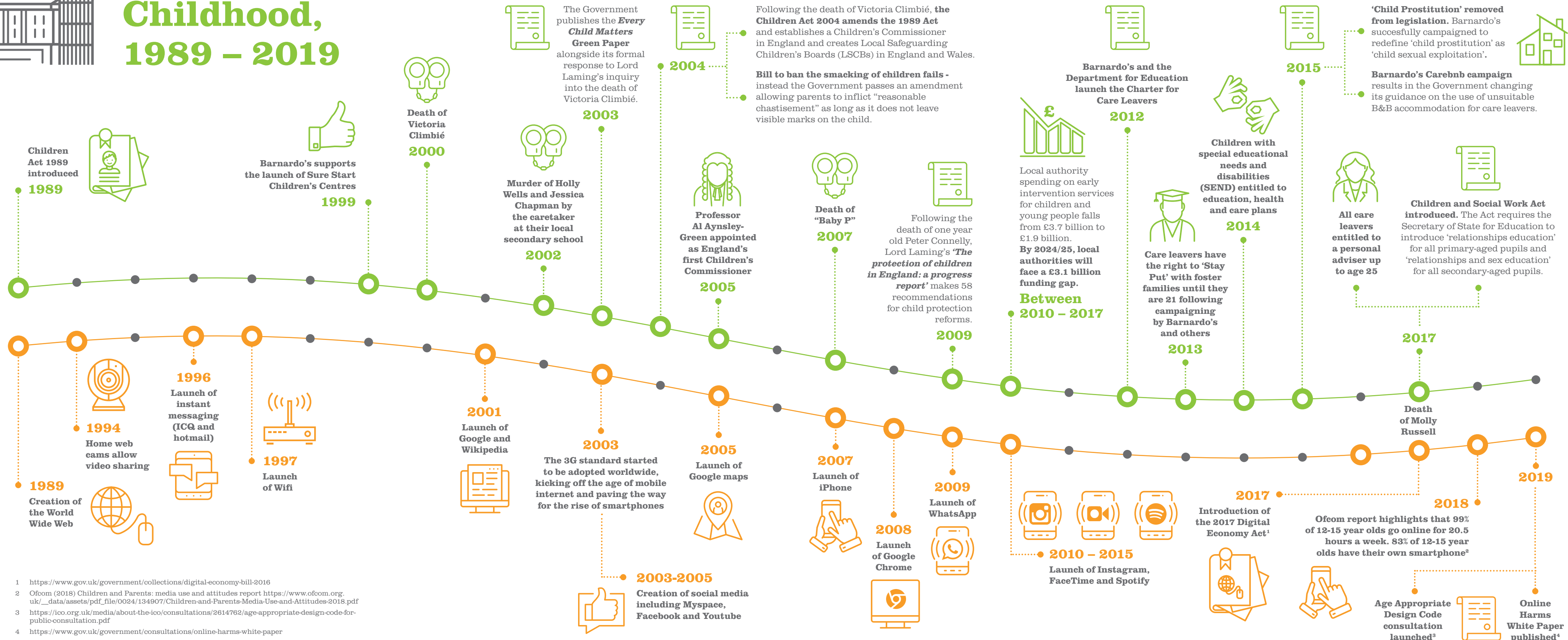
Eight year old Victoria Climbié was murdered by her guardians in London. Prior to her death Victoria had been repeatedly seen by a number of agencies, including the police, social services and the NHS.

The deaths of ten year old Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman led to strengthening of legislation to protect children from adults who pose a risk to them. Following the tragedy, Sir Michael Bichard's *Bichard report* made a number of recommendations including the introduction of a registration scheme for individuals wishing to work with children or vulnerable people. The procedures of the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) were tightened in the aftermath of the murders.

Peter Connelly (known as Baby P) died in London. He had suffered over 50 injuries over a period of 8 months. During this period he was seen many times by children's services and NHS professionals.

A case that hasn't led to any change in the law...

Death of Molly Russell after viewing self-harm content on social media. Instagram reviewed their rules following her death. No change to legislation so far.



1 <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/digital-economy-bill-2016>
2 Ofcom (2018) Children and Parents: media use and attitudes report https://www.ofcom.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0024/134907/Children-and-Parents-Media-Use-and-Attitudes-2018.pdf
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