

# Safeguarding Children and Adults

## April/May 2019

Dear Colleagues

Below are details of some recently published articles and other items of interest on Safeguarding and Protection of Adults and Children.

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Regards  
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## News items, books, reports

Including items from NSPCC's CASPAR bulletin

### Serious parental mental illness

Diane Hunter, NSPCC Development & Impact Manager, has co-authored an article about the development of an intervention to improve the health-related quality of life of children living with serious parental mental illness, alongside academics from the University of Manchester, the University of York, the Manchester NHS Foundation Trust, and the Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust. The article sets out the three phases involved in the development of an intervention: needs analysis, stakeholder consensus, and manual development and refinement. This process resulted in the development of an eight week group intervention for children aged 6 to 16 called Young SMILES. The implementation of the programme is currently being evaluated.

Source: [Frontiers in Psychology](#) Date: 09 April 2019

Read more on NSPCC Learning: [Young SMILES](#)

### Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel

The government has published practice guidance for working with the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel in England. The guidance should be read by local safeguarding partners and Local Safeguarding Children Boards and may be of interest to frontline practitioners involved in safeguarding children. It explains how the Panel works and gives advice on completing quality rapid reviews and serious case reviews.

Source: [Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel](#) Date: 05 April 2019

Further information: [Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel: practice guidance \(PDF\)](#)

Read more on NSPCC Learning: [Child protection system in England](#)

## Physical restraint and solitary confinement

The Joint Committee on Human Rights (JCHR) has published a report on painful restraint and solitary confinement for children in England and Wales. The Committee heard evidence from children and parents of children who had been restrained or subject to solitary confinement, medics, lawyers, inspectors, and staff who work in detention. Findings include: data collection is incomplete in hospitals and custody; black, Asian and minority ethnic children experience higher rates of restraint and solitary confinement; and excessive use of restraint and separation are partly due to low staffing levels and insufficient staff training. The Committee recommends that the use of specific pain-inducing techniques in Youth Offenders' Institutes (YOIs) should be prohibited, prone (face-down) restraint must be more rigorously regulated, and hospitals and YOIs must report data on separations over 72 hours to the responsible Minister on a monthly basis.

Source: [JCHR](#) Date: 18 April 2019

Further information: [Youth detention: solitary confinement and restraint](#)

## App for children in care

Action for Children has partnered with Mind of My Own to launch apps for children in care in the UK which enable them to share worries and concerns directly with their social worker. The apps are being rolled out to fostering services across the UK as well as some residential services in Wales. Two apps are being used; one allowing any child to express their feelings and another that makes it easier for younger children and children with learning disabilities to talk to their social worker.

Source: [Action for Children](#) Date: 15 April 2019

## Medical examinations for child sexual abuse

The Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse has published a report and video about medical examinations for child sexual abuse. Findings from the report, which is based on a review of available literature, includes: most children are not referred for medical examination, some professionals have concerns about harm through examination and most children reflect on the medical examination as a positive experience. A video, which has been produced alongside the research, aims to help professionals and practitioners involved in advising, referring and supporting children and families to make decisions and explain the processes involved in medical examinations.

Source: [Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse](#) Date: 01 April 2019

Further information: [The role and scope of medical examinations when there are concerns about child sexual abuse: a scoping review \(PDF\)](#).

## Young parents

The Local Government Association (LGA) and Public Health England have published advice and case studies around supporting young parents. Advice includes: keep a flexible approach to age limits to ensure support is focused on the most vulnerable young parents, including those in their early twenties; engage with the wider family if available and engage with young fathers as well as mothers.

Source: [LGA](#) Date: 25 March 2019

Further information: [Supporting young parents to reach their full potential \(PDF\)](#)

### **Safer recruitment for those in non-education settings: online course**

The NSPCC has produced a new online training course for anyone who is responsible for selecting and recruiting people for posts that come into contact with children in a non-education setting. Developed by specialist child protection and human resource safeguarding experts, the course looks at how to safely recruit the right staff and volunteers to ensure they are safe to work with children and young people. An equivalent course, Safer recruitment in education, is also available for those working in schools, colleges and early years settings.

Source: [NSPCC Learning: Safer recruitment training in non-education settings](#)

### **Safeguarding d/Deaf and disabled children**

The NSPCC has published a blog on safeguarding d/Deaf and disabled children. The blog emphasises the importance of: understanding children's needs, increasing awareness and observation of potential safeguarding concerns and thinking creatively about communication.

Source: [NSPCC Learning: Thinking creatively to safeguard d/Deaf and disabled children and young people](#) Date: 27 March 2019

Read more on NSPCC Learning: [Safeguarding d/Deaf and disabled children](#)

### **Sexual abuse and addiction**

One in Four, a charity for survivors of sexual violence and abuse, has published a report about childhood sexual abuse and addiction. Findings from the report, which is based on personal accounts by survivors, include: drugs and alcohol were used by some survivors as a means of regulating their emotions and addiction services rarely made the link between substance use and the trauma caused by childhood sexual abuse. Recommendations include: train staff in addiction services to respond to disclosure; establish a process for supporting survivors and create links between local addiction services and survivor support agencies.

Source: [One in Four](#) Date: 26 March 2019

Further information: [Numbing the pain: survivors' voices of childhood sexual abuse and addiction \(PDF\)](#)

Read more on NSPCC Learning: [Protecting children from sexual abuse](#)

### **Child protection guide withdrawn**

The Department for Education (DfE) has withdrawn its "myth-busting" guide to child protection in England due to concerns over its accuracy. The decision follows Article 39's application for judicial review, after the charity identified a number of inaccuracies and misrepresentations within the document.

Source: [Article 39](#) Date: 24 March 2019

Further information: [the Guardian](#)

### **Guidance on restraint**

The Equality and Human Rights Commission for Great Britain has published a human rights framework for restraint. Advice includes: when a decision is made on whether and how to restrain a child, their best interests must be a primary consideration and techniques intended to inflict pain as a means of control must not be used.

Source: [Equality and Human Rights Commission](#) Date: 20 March 2019

Further information: [Human rights framework for restraint \(PDF\)](#)

## Journal Contents Page Alerts

(whole contents page shown as there may be several items of interest)

### [Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect, Volume 31, Issue 2, March-May 2019](#) .



This new issue contains the following articles:

#### **Commentaries**

[Abuse and older lesbian, gay bisexual, and trans \(LGBT\) people: a commentary and research agenda](#)

Sue Westwood

Pages: 97-114 | DOI: 10.1080/08946566.2018.1543624

#### **Articles**

[Assessment of financial decision making: an informant scale](#)

Rebecca C. Campbell, Peter A. Lichtenberg, Latoya N. Hall, Jeanne A. Teresi & Katja Ocepek-Welikson

Pages: 115-128 | DOI: 10.1080/08946566.2018.1556762

[Pilot testing the detection of elder abuse through emergency care technicians \(DETECT\) screening tool: results from the DETECT pilot project](#)

Brad Cannell, Jennifer M. Reingle Gonzalez, Melvin Livingston, Katelyn K. Jetelina, Jason Burnett & Julie C. Weitlauf

Pages: 129-145 | DOI: 10.1080/08946566.2018.1564104

[Credulity rather than general trust may increase vulnerability to fraud in older adults: a moderated mediation model](#)

Jingjin Shao, Weiping Du, Tian Lin, Xiyang Li, Jiamei Li & Huijie Lei

Pages: 146-162 | DOI: 10.1080/08946566.2018.1564105

[A new role for imaging in the diagnosis of physical elder abuse: results of a qualitative study with radiologists and frontline providers](#)

Mihan Lee, Tony Rosen, Kieran Murphy & Pallavi Sagar

Pages: 163-180 |

#### **Commentaries**

[Disclosure among victims of elder abuse in healthcare settings: a missing piece in the overall effort toward detection](#)

Carol Truong, David Burnes, Ramona Alaggia, Alyssa Elman & Tony Rosen