

Safeguarding Children and Adults

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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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News items, books, reports

Including items from NSPCC's CASPAR bulletin

Responding to harmful sexual behaviour in the health sector

The NSPCC, in partnership with NHS England, has produced resources to help those in the health sector recognise and respond to harmful sexual behaviour (HSB) in children and young people. The resources include: guidance for frontline practitioners on how to assess whether a child's sexualised behaviour is harmful and what action should be taken; an updated version of the HSB framework which helps local areas evaluate and improve their response to HSB; guidance for strategic leads in the health sector on using the HSB framework; and a statistics briefing on HSB. Although the resources are aimed at the health sector they may also be useful for those working in other sectors.

Source: [NSPCC Learning: working with the health sector](#) **Date:** 19 February 2019

Further information: [Guidance on HSB for health practitioners](#)

[Harmful Sexual Behaviour Framework \(2nd edition\)](#)

[Completing the harmful sexual behaviour framework audit tool: a guide for designated safeguarding leads in health \(PDF\)](#)

[Harmful Sexual Behaviour: statistics briefing](#)

Read more on NSPCC Learning: [Managing sexualised behaviour in schools: online courses](#)

Improving children's experiences of disclosure

The NSPCC has published practical resources to help adults who work with children better respond to disclosures of abuse. Key points include: help the young person open up by giving your full attention and reassuring them; slow down - let the child go at their own pace; reflect back what the child has said to show you understand. The evidence-informed resources include a poster to help professionals remember the key interpersonal skills they should be using when responding to disclosures, and a briefing paper sharing the learning from research with adults and children. The poster and briefing paper are available in English and Welsh.

Source: [NSPCC Learning: let children know you're listening](#) **Date:** 19 February 2019

Further information: [Let children know you're listening: the importance of an adult's interpersonal skills in helping to improve a child's experience of disclosure \(PDF\)](#)

[Let children know you're listening poster \(PDF\)](#)

Read more on NSPCC Learning: [Recognising and responding to abuse](#)

[Child protection: an introduction - online course](#)

Reporting a serious child safeguarding incident: guidance for local authorities

The government has published guidance on how local authorities in England should report a serious child safeguarding incident to the Child Safeguarding Practice Review panel. The guidance states that local authorities must use the child safeguarding incident notification system to notify the Panel if it's known or suspected that a child has been abused or neglected. The statutory guidance Working together to safeguard children has been updated to reflect this change.

Source: [Gov.uk](#) **Date:** 21 February 2019

Further information: [Child safeguarding incident notification system](#)

[Statutory guidance: working together to safeguard children](#)

Trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder in young people

The Lancet Psychiatry journal has published findings on the prevalence, clinical features, and risk factors associated with trauma exposure and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in young people. Findings from interviews with young people aged 18 who were born in England and Wales in 1994–95, include: 31.1% of the 2,064 participants who completed the interviews at 18 reported experiencing some form of trauma during childhood, ranging from car accidents and sexual assault to bullying and the death of someone close; 7.8% of the 2,063 young people who answered questions about PTSD said they had experienced PTSD during their lifetime, including 25.0% of the young people who had experienced childhood trauma.

Source: [Guardian](#) **Date:** 21 February 2019

Further information: [The epidemiology of trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder in a representative cohort of young people in England and Wales](#)

Brexit

The Children's Commissioners for England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland have written to the government asking for reassurance that contingency plans are being made to continue protections for children that currently rely on the UK participating in EU mechanisms. The letter outlines their concerns over co-operation on child protection and law enforcement after Brexit, saying that prevention of child abuse and exploitation often involves international collaboration.

Source: [BBC](#) Date: 20 February 2019

Further information: [Letter to the Government from the UK's Children's Commissioners seeking assurances on issues facing children arising from Britain leaving the EU](#)

Child abuse and neglect: NICE quality standard

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has published a quality standard on child abuse and neglect. The quality standard covers recognising, assessing and responding to abuse and neglect of children and young people under 18 and covers physical, sexual and emotional abuse.

Source: [NICE](#) Date: 12 February 2019

Further information: [Child abuse and neglect: quality standard](#)

Female genital mutilation (FGM)

The National FGM Centre has published a leaflet about FGM Protection Orders (FGMPOs). Aimed at families, this explains what FGMPOs are, who can apply and how they can be used.

Source: [National FGM Centre](#) Date: 30 January 2019

Further information: [Information about FGM Protection Orders \(PDF\)](#)

Read more on NSPCC Learning: [Protecting children from female genital mutilation \(FGM\)](#)

County lines

The National Crime Agency (NCA) has published its fourth annual assessment into county lines drug supply, vulnerability and harm in the UK. The county lines offending model involves gangs and criminal networks moving drugs within the UK using dedicated mobile phone lines to take orders. Findings include: there are over 2,000 individual deal line numbers in the UK; children aged 15-17 make up the bulk of referrals related to the National Referral Mechanism about county lines; and grooming techniques are similar to those used in child sexual exploitation and abuse.

Source: [NCA](#) Date: 29 January 2019

Further information: [County lines drug supply, vulnerability and harm 2018](#)

Breast ironing

The Guardian reports that the practice of breast ironing - the process during which young girls' breasts are ironed, massaged, and flattened over a period of time in order for the breasts to disappear or delay the development of the breasts – is spreading in the UK. An investigation found anecdotal evidence of dozens of recent cases, although there has been no systematic study or formal data collection exercise.

Source: [Guardian](#) Date: 26 January 2019

Further information: [National FGM Centre](#)

Safeguarding competencies for healthcare staff

The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) has published, on behalf of all the Royal Colleges and professional bodies, a revised safeguarding competencies framework for healthcare staff. The framework identifies five levels of competence and gives examples of groups that fall within each of these.

Source: [Royal College of Nursing](#) Date: 30 January 2019

Further information: [Safeguarding children and young people: roles and competencies for healthcare staff \(PDF\)](#)

Journal Contents Page Alerts

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

Journal of Sexual Aggression, Volume 25, Issue 1, March 2019

The prevention of sexual abuse and violence – What have we learned and where should we be heading?



This new issue contains the following articles:

Guest Editorial

[The prevention of sexual abuse: issues, challenges and resolutions](#)

Kieran McCartan & Jon Brown

Pages: 1-3 | DOI: 10.1080/13552600.2019.1573271

Articles

[Impact of early intervention for youth with problematic sexual behaviors and their caregivers](#)

Jane F. Silovsky, Michael D. Hunter & Erin K. Taylor

Pages: 4-15 | DOI: 10.1080/13552600.2018.1507487

[Preventing juvenile sexual offending through parental monitoring: a comparison study of youth's experiences of supervision](#)

Kelly E. Stewart, Miranda H. Sitney, Keith L. Kaufman, Jonete DeStefano & Thythy Bui
Pages: 16-30 | DOI: 10.1080/13552600.2018.1528796

[Supporting students in responding to disclosure of sexual violence: a systematic review of online university resources](#)

Katherine W. Bogen, Nykia R. Leach, Richard J. Meza Lopez & Lindsay M. Orchowski
Pages: 31-48 | DOI: 10.1080/13552600.2018.1509576

[Addressing individual and community needs in the aftermath of campus sexual misconduct: restorative justice as a way forward in the re-entry process](#)

Sheila M. McMahon, David R. Karp & Hayley Mulhern
Pages: 49-59 | DOI: 10.1080/13552600.2018.1507488

[Understanding men who access sexualised images of children: exploratory interviews with offenders](#)

Sian Morgan & Ian Lambie
Pages: 60-73 | DOI: 10.1080/13552600.2018.1551502