

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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Regards
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News items, books, reports

Including items from NSPCC's CASPAR bulletin

Masterclass: therapeutic interventions to reduce the harmful effects of adverse childhood experiences

This masterclass, organised by Healthcare Conferences UK, takes place on 20 March 2020 in London.

Further information: [Healthcare Conferences UK](#)

Restrictive physical interventions and the clinical holding of children and young people: Guidance for nursing staff.

Royal College of Nursing (RCN), 2019

This updated Royal College of Nursing guidance sets out children's and young people's rights concerning restrictive physical intervention and clinical holding in health care settings within a legal, moral and ethical framework.

<https://www.rcn.org.uk/professional-development/publications/pub-007746>

We Matter Too!

is a project that addresses the needs of disabled young people facing domestic abuse. The project was funded by the [Lloyds Bank Foundation](#) as part of a series of projects looking at domestic violence.

It explored gaps in domestic abuse service provisions and awareness of practitioners working with disabled young people, as identified by [SafeLives](#) and [Women's Aid](#). ACT, in partnership with Anita Franklin at Coventry University, carried out work that specifically addresses the needs of young disabled people.

<https://www.anncrafttrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/executive-summary-We-Matter-Too-for-20-November.pdf>

Ethnicity and abuse

Source: Source: Community Care

Date: 20 November 2019

In an article in Community Care Jahnine Davis, a specialist consultant and PhD Researcher at Kingston University, discusses her research looking at why little is still known about the experiences of child sexual abuse among Black British girls. The article provides suggestions for social workers to improve practice including refraining from using the abbreviation or acronym BAME; and being interested in understanding how the person in front of you defines their culture, identity and representation.

Read the news story: ['Where are the Black girls in our CSA services, studies and statistics?'](#)

Care-experienced children and young people: mental health

Source: National Youth Advocacy Service

Date: 19 November 2019

The National Youth Advocacy Service (NYAS) has published a report to support their Looked after Minds campaign to highlight the lack of mental health support for care-experienced children and young people. Recommendations include: all children and young people receiving any tier of mental health support services should have an offer of independent advocacy services, enshrined in legislation.

Read the news story: [Care-experienced children and young people urgently need mental health support](#)

Read the report: [Looked after minds \(PDF\)](#)

Child abuse linked faith or belief

Source: Local Government Association

Date: 14 November 2019

The Local Government Association (LGA) has published figures which show that the abuse of children based on faith or belief in England increased from 1,460 to 1,950 cases between 2016/17 and 2018/19, a rise of 34%. The figures are based on analysis of data in table C3 of the characteristics of children in need statistics published by the Department for Education.

Read the news story: [Child abuse linked to witchcraft rises by a third, councils reveal](#)

Access the statistics: [Characteristics of children in need: 2018 to 2019](#)

See also on NSPCC Learning

> [Safeguarding in faith communities](#)

Bullying survey

Source: Ditch the Label

Date: 11 November 2019

Ditch the Label has published its annual bullying survey for 2019. Findings from survey results from 2,347 children and young people aged 12-20 across the UK include: 22% said they were bullied in the past 12 months; of those bullied, 62% were bullied by a classmate and 37% by someone at school they did not know; and 33% said that they had suicidal thoughts while 41% were left feeling anxious after being bullied.

Read the news story: [The annual bullying survey 2019](#)

Read the report: [The annual bullying survey 2019 \(PDF\)](#)

See also on NSPCC Learning

> [Protecting children from bullying and cyberbullying](#)

Journal articles

Clinical implications of self-neglect among patients in community settings.

Noblett K. *British Journal of Community Nursing* 2019;24(11):524-526.

[Key Points: Self-neglect is a serious public health problem that often goes under-reported, yet research on self-neglect mostly covers the social aspects rather than the health aspects; It is important that community nurses assess their patients for self-neglect, as they are well placed to manage this problem; Supporting patients with self-neglect requires comprehensive multi-agency assessment.]

<https://www.magonlinelibrary.com/doi/full/10.12968/bjcn.2019.24.11.524>

Mental Health Professionals' Perspectives of Family-focused Practice across Child and Adult Mental Health Settings: A Qualitative Synthesis,
Sadia Shah-Anwar, Andrew Gumley & Stephanie Hunter (2019) *Child & Youth Services*, 40:4, 383-404,
The shift towards a family-focused approach to practice has been highly endorsed across child and adult mental health services, with increasing policy development and a growing evidence base. The aim of this review was to synthesize the qualitative evidence of professionals' perspectives and experiences of implementing family-focused practice across these settings. Electronic databases were searched up to March 2018, with nine articles included. The synthesis produced two overarching challenges relating to the organizational and system issues of family-focused practice and clinicians' attitudes, knowledge, and practice towards addressing the complexity of families' needs. The findings point to a limited evidence of professionals viewing the benefits of family-focused practice and a lack of coherence relating to professionals' investment in family-focused practice. These are discussed within policy and implementation factors.