

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

Child vulnerability

The Children's Commissioner for England has published a report looking at the scale of child vulnerability in England. Using information held by various government departments, agencies and others the report estimates that 2.1 million of England's 11.8 million children – one in six – are living in families with risks so serious that they need some level of help. The 2.1 million children growing up in families with complex needs include: 890,000 children with parents suffering serious mental health problems; 825,000 children living in homes with domestic abuse; 470,000 children whose parents with drug and alcohol problems; and 170,000 children who care for their parents or siblings.

Source: [Children's Commissioner for England](#) Date: 04 July 2018

Further information: [Vulnerability Report 2018: overview \(PDF\)](#)

Authored article

Social care commentary: multi-agency safeguarding arrangements

Ofsted's National Director of Social Care, Yvette Stanley, discusses the important ingredients for multi-agency safeguarding arrangements to improve the response to children in need of help and protection.

Published 10 July 2018

From: [Ofsted](#) and [Yvette Stanley](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/social-care-commentary-multi-agency-safeguarding-arrangements>

Guidance

Information sharing advice for safeguarding practitioners

Guidance on information sharing for people who provide safeguarding services to children, young people, parents and carers.

Published 26 March 2015

Last **updated 4 July 2018** — [see all updates](#)

From: [Department for Education](#)

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-practitioners-information-sharing-advice?utm_source=c891c883-79a7-4e30-bfaf-0dbde1b003eb&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

Statutory guidance

Working together to safeguard children

Statutory guidance on inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Published 26 March 2015

Last **updated 4 July 2018** — [see all updates](#)

From: [Department for Education](#)

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2?utm_source=1a6063c3-b0a1-4d64-8f00-05c6fb7470e2&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

News story

New law introduced to protect vulnerable people in care

The Mental Capacity (Amendment) Bill was introduced to the House of Lords on Tuesday 3 July and seeks to replace the current system known as 'Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards' (DoLs).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-law-introduced-to-protect-vulnerable-people-in-care>

Preventing suicide in young people and children

This conference, organised by Health Conferences UK (HC-UK), takes place on 21 September 2018 in London. A 20% discount is available by quoting ref: HCUK20SNWK when booking (this cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer; terms and conditions are available upon request). For more information contact_kerry@hc-uk.org.uk

Source: [HC-UK](#)

Guidance

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD): guidelines for social workers

Information to help social workers in England who work with people affected by CJD and their families.

Published 28 June 2018

From: [Department of Health and Social Care](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/creutzfeldt-jakob-disease-cjd-guidelines-for-social-workers>

Healthy child programme: evidence update

The Early Intervention Foundation (EIF) has published a report looking at the evidence for approaches to early intervention for mothers and infants. The report refreshes the 2009 evidence by consolidating key messages from two recently completed evidence reviews and with a systematic review of evidence published since 2014. Findings include: good evidence showing that mental health screening is beneficial to mothers diagnosed with mental health problems when combined with evidence-based treatments; home visiting in highly vulnerable families has the best evidence of reducing child maltreatment during infancy.

Source: [EIF](#) **Date:** 28 June 2018

Further information: [What works to enhance the effectiveness of the healthy child programme: an evidence update \(PDF\)](#)

[Children & Young People Now](#)

Care leavers

Social investment organisation Social Finance has published a report looking at the experiences of young people leaving care, and the teams that support them. Findings from an assessment of leaving care services carried out in three partner local authorities: Leeds City Council, the London Borough of Havering, and Southampton City Council show that: 30% of personal advisers' time is spent on crisis cases; and nearly a quarter of their time is taken up by administration. The report includes the Leaving well outcomes framework, an evidence-based framework to enable personal advisers to get a more complete understanding of outcomes for each young person. The framework sets out a hierarchy of needs required for healthy, happy lives including with housing, mental health and wellbeing; relationships; employment; and education and training.

Source: [Social Finance](#) **Date:** 25 June 2018

Further information: [Leaving care, leaving well \(PDF\)](#)

Improving parenting skills for parents with a drug or alcohol problem

The NSPCC's Impact and evidence insights series features a blog by Professor Jane Barlow and research fellow Sukhdev Semi from the University of Warwick discussing parents' experiences of taking part in the NSPCC Parents Under Pressure programme to support families where parents have a drug or alcohol problem. Findings indicate that many parents thought participating in the programme had made a big impact on their lives; that learning to take the time to understand why their child might be behaving in a particular way helped them understand their child's experiences and in some cases, led to changes in behaviour; and parents appreciated the support from practitioners.

Source: [NSPCC: Improving parenting skills for mums and dads with a drug or alcohol problem](#) **Date:** 25 June 2018

Further information: [An evaluation of 'Parents Under Pressure' a parenting programme for mothers and fathers who misuse substances \(PDF\)](#)

Offensive Weapons Bill 2018

The Home Office has published a policy paper relating to the Offensive Weapons Bill 2018. Measures within the bill include creating: a new criminal offence of selling (both online and offline) a corrosive product to a person under the age of 18; and new criminal offences on delivery companies of delivering a bladed article or a corrosive product on behalf of a seller based outside the United Kingdom to a person under 18.

Source: [Home Office](#) **Date:** 20 June 2018

Further information: [Consultation on new legislation on offensive and dangerous weapons: summary of consultation responses \(PDF\)](#)

Gaming addiction listed as a mental health condition by WHO

The BBC reports that the World Health Organization (WHO) has listed gaming disorder as a mental health condition for the first time in the recently updated classification of diseases.

Source: [BBC](#) Date: 18 June 2018

Further information: [WHO classification of diseases](#)

Journal articles

Children and Youth Services Review, Volume 89, June 2018, Pages 263-271.

Thresholds for intervention with abused and neglected children

Researchers from the University of York have published findings from a study comparing the histories, circumstances and pathways of children receiving home-based support (under a child protection plan) to those for children ever placed in out of home care. Findings from data from the social workers of 390 children found that the vast majority of children had experienced multiple types of maltreatment, including at least one type of high severity, suggesting that thresholds for the use of child protection plans and placement were high. The strongest predictors of placement were severity of maltreatment, being unborn or under one year old at referral, being disabled and experiencing physical abuse.

Source: [In-home support or out of home care? Thresholds for intervention with abused and neglected children](#) Date: 12 June 2018