

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

An article in **Community Care**, written by lawyers, summarises what social workers need to know about female genital mutilation and the law.

Source: Community Care http://www.communitycare.co.uk/2015/06/09/female-genital-mutilation-law-social-workers-need-know-now/?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter 09 June 2015

The **National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)** is consulting on guidelines on children's attachment. Proposals include: training key workers in assessing attachment difficulties and parenting quality for children in, or on the edge of, care.

Source: Community Care <http://www.communitycare.co.uk/2015/06/01/social-workers-need-training-attachment-according-draft-nice-guidance/?cmpid=NLC|SCSC|SCNEW-2015-0603> 01 June 2015

Further information:

Children's attachment: draft guideline consultation <http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/GID-CGWAVE0675/consultation> Children's attachment: draft guideline consultation

NSPCC Information Service has published a summary of risk factors and learning for improved practice taken from recently published serious case reviews which are relevant to professionals working in paediatrics and accident and emergency.

Source: NSPCC <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-protection-system/case-reviews/learning/health/> NSPCC 29 May 2015

The **Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH)** has updated Physical Signs of Child Sexual Abuse, otherwise known as the Purple Book. The first update since 2008, it includes three new chapters: anogenital signs of accidental injuries in girls and boys; genital bleeding in pre-pubertal girls; and healing in anogenital injuries.

Source: RCPCH press release <http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/news/updated-sexual-abuse-guidance-will-help-%E2%80%98full-picture-emerge%E2%80%99-say-child-protection-experts> RCPCH press release 20 May 2015

Two new publications from **Youth Access** examine the association between young people's mental health difficulties, legal problems and inequality.

Source: Youth Access <http://www.youthaccess.org.uk/publications/> Youth Access 18 June 2015

Further information:

The social determinants of young people's mental health (PDF) http://www.youthaccess.org.uk/uploads/documents/Social_determinants_of_YPs_health.pdf The social determinants of young people's mental health (PDF)

Health inequality and access to justice: young people, mental health and legal issues (PDF) http://www.youthaccess.org.uk/uploads/documents/Health_Inequality_+_Access_To_Justice.pdf Health inequality and access to justice: young people, mental health and legal issues (PDF)

New research from the **NCT** has found that more than a third of new dads (38%) are concerned about their mental health. The survey also found that nearly three-quarters (73%) of dads were worried about their partner's mental health. The charity says it is important that men are encouraged to speak up about their experiences.

Source: NCT press release <http://www.nct.org.uk/press-release/dads-distress-many-new-fathers-are-worried-about-their-mental-health> NCT press release 18 June 2015

Support workers and agencies must rely less on child protection teams

The Guardian (blog)

The recent proposal to jail professionals who fail to report suspected **child abuse** could worsen the situation, leading to an increase in referrals "just in ...

<http://www.theguardian.com/social-care-network/social-life-blog/2015/may/20/support-workers-and-agencies-must-rely-less-on-child-protection-teams>

Journal articles

Wearing the "safeguarding" hat in the community

BMJ 2015; 350 doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bmj.h2100> (Published 02 June 2015)

Ala Fadilah

As doctors, we follow structured guidance for safeguarding concerns that arise in clinical settings. But what about in the community? You could be on a train and witness a restless toddler being pinched, then struck on the arm by a parent who seems at their wit's end. Do you intervene?

<http://www.bmj.com/content/350/bmj.h2100?etoc=>