

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

NICE is producing new guidelines to help people who work with children spot and stop abuse or neglect.

It outlines how social workers, teachers and police officers, along with others working outside healthcare, can spot the signs of abuse or neglect and how they should act faced with a range of differing circumstances.

The guidelines includes physical, mental and sexual abuse as well as newly recognised forms of abuse such as female genital mutilation (FGM), sexual exploitation, child trafficking and forced marriage.

It outlines soft signs that in themselves do not indicate abuse but warrant further consideration and harder warning signs that professionals should investigate.

The draft is [available for public comment in a consultation](#).

Young men and self harm

YoungMinds reports on a survey looking at the self harm behaviours of young men. The survey, commissioned by The Mix, Self-Harm UK and Young Minds and carried out by YouGov, finds that: 24% of 16-24-year-old men in the UK have intentionally hurt themselves; and 22% have considered self harm as a way of coping with a difficult situation or emotion.

Source: [Young Minds](#) Date: 01 March 2017

Children and domestic abuse

SafeLives has published a practice blog by NSPCC Development manager Di Hunter and Senior evaluation officer Nicola McConnell on preventing further harm to children experiencing domestic abuse. Issues covered include: how children are affected by domestic abuse; helping parents to recognise the impact of domestic abuse on their children; and support for children and the non-abusing parent.

Source: [SafeLives](#) Date: 28 February 2017

Importance of context in assessment, intervention and prevention of child sexual abuse

The NSPCC's Impact and evidence series features a blog by Dr Carlene Firmin, Senior Research Fellow, University of Bedfordshire about the importance of context in assessment, intervention and prevention of child sexual abuse. Key issues include: the relationship a child has with the person or people who abused them; cultural norms in different environments; the legacy of space and culture of blame; and encouraging peer groups to challenge harmful behaviour, creating a safe peer environment.

Source: [NSPCC](#) Date: 20 February 2017

Contextual safeguarding audit toolkit

The University of Bedfordshire has launched a free contextual safeguarding audit toolkit. The toolkit aims to: support local areas to understand and evaluate their responses to peer-on-peer abuse; support practitioners to recognise how social environments and extra-familial relationships are relevant to safeguarding adolescents.

Source: [University of Bedfordshire](#) Date: 31 January 2017

Further information: [Contextual Safeguarding Audit Toolkit](#)

Harmful sexual behaviour framework

The NSPCC's Impact and evidence series features a blog by Simon Hackett, Professor of Applied social sciences at Durham University. The blog uses feedback from pilot authorities to identify potential benefits of the harmful sexual behaviour (HSB) framework, including: providing a consistent and evidence-based approach to help professionals identify the signs of HSB; offering tools and resources to support professionals; potentially addressing the postcode lottery in the response to children and young people with HSB; providing an opportunity for LSCB areas to promote safeguarding and review practice and policy.

Source: [NSPCC](#) Date: 27 February 2017

Learning from serious case reviews on harmful sexual behaviour

The NSPCC has published a summary of the risk factors and learning from serious case reviews involving harmful sexual behaviour (HSB). Learning identified includes: HSB should be recognised as a potential indicator that the child has experienced abuse; professionals should work together to identify the reasons behind a child's behaviour and consider the appropriate safeguarding responses.

Source: [NSPCC](#) Date: 22 February 2017

Draft guidance on child abuse and neglect

NICE is consulting on draft guidelines about child abuse and neglect. These aim to help practitioners working with children and young people to recognise abuse and neglect, carry out an assessment and provide early help and interventions to children and families. The deadline for responses is 19 April 2017.

Source: [NICE](#) Date: 22 February 2017

Further information: [Project documents](#)

Learning resources on coercive control

Research in Practice (RiP) has launched a series of open access learning resources providing information and guidance to health and social care practitioners on how to recognise and respond to coercive and controlling behaviour in intimate or family relationships. Resources include five case studies, and a resource library signposting useful websites, research and guidance.

Source: [RiP](#) Date: 14 February 2017

Further information: [Coercive Control](#)