

# 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

### Improving services and outcomes for people who self harm

This conference, organised by Healthcare UK Conferences (HC-UK), takes place on 18 October 2019 in London.

Source: [HC-UK](#)

### Adverse childhood experiences

Source: The Lancet

Date: 03 September 2019

The Lancet has published an open access article looking at the health consequences and costs associated with adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) in Europe and North America. Findings include: the combined annual costs of depression and anxiety attributed to ACEs were \$51 billion in Europe and \$82 billion in North America; total annual costs attributed to ACEs were estimated to be \$581 billion in Europe and \$748 billion in North America; and 77% of total costs in Europe and 82% in North America were seen in individuals with two or more ACEs.

Read the article: [Life course health consequences and associated annual costs of adverse childhood experiences across Europe and North America: a systematic review and meta-analysis](#)

> See also on NSPCC Learning

[Children and families at risk](#)

## Modern slavery

**Source:** Home Office

**Date:** 03 September 2019

The Home Office has implemented a new digitised version of the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) to simplify and speed up referrals of potential victims of modern slavery in the UK. This is part of a package of reforms to speed up and improve NRM decision-making.

**Read the press release:** [New system to simplify and speed up modern slavery referrals](#)

**Read the news story:** [Modern slavery referral system 'simplified' and made digital](#)

## Let your children know you're listening: resources

NSPCC Learning has released a new animation to help adults ensure children and young people always feel they are listened to when they disclose abuse. Techniques outlined include: giving the children and young people your full attention and keeping body language open and encouraging; slowing down – let them go at their own pace; and showing you understand, by reflecting back what they have said to check your understanding. Posters to help professionals remember these skills and embed them in their practice are available to download.

**Source:** [NSPCC Learning: Let children know you're listening](#) **Date:** 11 July 2019

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

## Early intervention policies

The House of Commons Library has published a research briefing looking at early intervention policies aimed at parents and children from conception to age five. The briefing covers: UK government policies; the role of local authorities; and an evaluation of the effectiveness of early intervention.

**Source:** [UK Parliament](#) **Date:** 11 July 2019

## Early intervention and child development

The Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) has published findings from a feasibility study looking at local priorities and existing services to evaluate the need for a home-visiting programme for disadvantaged young children in England. Findings from a five week pilot programme carried out with 20 families in Peterborough include: there is a gap in services that a home-visiting programme targeted at very young children's development might help to fill; parents were strongly motivated to take part in the programme; practitioners felt that the programme would help them to support vulnerable families more effectively.

**Source:** [Nuffield Foundation](#) **Date:** 11 July 2019

**Further information:** [A home-visiting programme for disadvantaged young children: final report for the feasibility study \(PDF\)](#)

### **Decision-making and performance in children's social care**

Coram has published findings from research looking at the potential of data visualisation to improve understanding of the experiences of children when they come into contact with social services and to evaluate the effectiveness of the interventions made. The research found that dynamic maps, which show how children move through the different pathways, presented information in a more accessible and impactful form and were an effective way to gain a clear picture of children's journeys through the social care system as well as improving decision-making and performance.

**Source:** [Coram](#) **Date:** 04 July 2019

**Further information:** [Data visualisation in children's social care \(PDF\)](#)

### **Reducing the need for restraint and restrictive intervention in special schools and healthcare settings: guidance**

The government has published guidance on how to support children and young people with learning disabilities, autistic spectrum conditions and mental health difficulties who are at risk of restrictive intervention. The guidance sets out relevant law and guidance and provides a framework of core values and key principles to support a proactive approach to supporting children and young people with challenging behaviour, and a reduction in the need to use restraint and restrictive intervention.

**Source:** [Gov.uk](#) **Date:** 27 June 2019

**Further information:** [Reducing the need for restraint and restrictive intervention \(PDF\)](#)

## **Journal articles**

### **Development and Psychometric Properties of the Detection of Sexual Abuse Risk Screening Scale (DSARss)**

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#### **Sexual Abuse**

First Published June 28 2019 Research Article

#### **Abstract**

People with intellectual disability (ID) are more vulnerable to being victims of sexual abuse (SA) because, in most cases, they are not able to detect the warning signs that abuse could occur. However, there is a lack of appropriate assessment tools to determine their vulnerability. To address this limitation, the current study tests the psychometric properties of the Detection of Sexual Abuse Risk Screening Scale (DSARss), a new scale developed to assess the ability of individuals with mild or moderate ID to detect the risk of SA. In all, 246 individuals with mild or moderate ID (55.3% males) completed the DSARss, along with other scales assessing related dimensions (e.g., psychopathological symptoms, quality of life). Exploratory factor analysis (EFA) yielded a four-factor structure explaining 65.34% of the total variance in the DSARss. Two independent EFAs in males and females were also performed to confirm the suitability of this four-factor structure according to gender. The reliability of the total score and subscales ranged between .70 and .93. Likewise, correlations with other related scales were positive and significant. Temporal stability 6 months after the first application was .47. Finally, we explored the criterion-related validity of the DSARss across different SA indicators. These results, along with the absence of sound questionnaires to assess the risk of SA in people with ID, justify the use of the DSARss to assess this construct in both men and women.

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1079063219858061>

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