

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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News items, books, reports

Including items from NSPCC's CASPAR bulletin

Domestic abuse in England and Wales

The House of Commons Library has published a briefing paper on domestic abuse in England and Wales. The report includes an overview of: the scope of the problem; the law concerning domestic abuse; progress made on the draft Domestic Violence and Abuse Bill following the consultation that closed 31 May 2018. Key recommendations from the consultation include: changes to the statutory definition of domestic abuse to replace 'financial abuse' with 'economic abuse', which includes access to basic resources like food and clothing.

Source: [UK Parliament](#) Date: 19 November 2018


Further information: [Domestic violence in England and Wales \(PDF\)](#)

Read more on NSPCC Learning: [Protecting children from domestic abuse](#)


Government Guidance on female genital mutilation (FGM) published – October 2018


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Guidance on female genital mutilation (FGM) for all persons and bodies in England and Wales has been released on GOV.UK. It was first published in 2016 but has just been updated (October 2018). The guidance can be found here:

 [Multi-Agency Guidance on Female Genital Mutilation](#)

You must read and follow this guidance if you are under statutory duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults. You should read this FGM guidance along-side other safeguarding guidance, including (but not limited to):

 [Working Together to Safeguard Children \(2015\) in England](#)

 [Safeguarding Children: Working Together under the Children Act 2004 \(2007\) in Wales](#)

<http://www.hampshiresab.org.uk/news-events/>

Close the loophole

The NSPCC is campaigning to make it illegal for all adults to engage in sexual activity with a 16- or 17-year-old in their care. Currently only adults in roles such as teachers and care workers are classed as being in positions of trust under sexual offences legislation.

Source: [NSPCC Learning: Protecting 16- and 17-year-olds from sexual abuse](#)

Read more on NSPCC Learning: [Safeguarding 16 to 25 year olds - online course](#)



Safeguarding adults with dementia: top tips

Effective safeguarding and risk assessment depend on building relationships with the person with dementia

by Ruth Hardy on November 8, 2018 in **Adults**

This article comprises of tips taken from a new guide on Community Care Inform Adults about working with adults with dementia in a safeguarding context. The guide is written by Kate Metcalf, senior social worker and best interests assessor

<http://www.communitycare.co.uk/2018/11/08/safeguarding-adults-dementia-top-tips/>

Safeguarding 16 to 25 year olds: online course

The NSPCC has launched a new online safeguarding training course for anyone working with 16 to 25 year olds in England or Wales. The course gives a clear understanding of how to recognise, report and record concerns to protect and safeguard young people. Course material includes: teaching pages; film clips; audio recordings; reflective tasks and interactive learning activities and quizzes.

Source: [NSPCC Learning: Safeguarding 16 to 25 year olds](#)

Children and young people with learning disabilities

The Institute of Health Equity (IHE) at University College London has summarised research into the health inequalities for people with learning disabilities, including children and young people. Findings include: compared with the general population, children with learning disabilities are more likely to be bullied; children and young people with learning disabilities are more likely to live in poverty, have worse mental health and display more risky health behaviours; girls with learning disabilities are more likely to be exposed to poverty and bullying compared with their female peers without learning disabilities.

Source: [IHE](#) Date: 5 November 2018

Further information: [A fair, supportive society: summary report \(PDF\)](#)

Read more on NSPCC Learning: [Safeguarding d/Deaf and disabled children](#)

Statistics: alcohol and drug treatment

Public Health England has released statistics from the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) on adults receiving treatment in England for drug and alcohol related problems in 2017/18. Section 8 relates to parental status and safeguarding children and states that there were 25,593 people who started treatment in 2017/18 who said they lived with a total of 46,109 children under 18 and a further 38,852 who said they were parents but did not currently live with their children. 69 percent (44,647) of these parents and people living with children said that the children were not engaged with children's social care services.

Source: [Public Health England](#) **Date:** 1 November 2018

Read more on NSPCC Learning: [Parental substance misuse](#)

Early intervention

The Early Intervention Foundation (EIF) has published a report outlining the benefits of early intervention for children's physical, cognitive, behavioural and social and emotional development, as well as key actions for government to take. Recommendations for government include: create an independent expert panel to advise on long-term early intervention research strategy; establish a long-term investment fund to test the impact of early intervention using a whole-system approach; engender a culture of evidence-based decision-making, at a local level.

Source: [Early Intervention Foundation](#) **Date:** 30 October 2018

Further information: [Realising the potential of early intervention \(PDF\)](#)

Modern slavery

The Home Office has published an annual report on modern slavery in the UK giving an overview of modern slavery and how the UK has responded to it over the last 12 months. The report finds that 2,121 potential child victims of modern slavery were referred to the national referral mechanism (NRM) in 2017. The NRM is a victim identification and support process that is designed to make it easier for agencies involved in a trafficking case to cooperate, share information about potential victims and facilitate their access to advice, accommodation and support.

Source: [Home Office](#) **Date:** 18 October 2018

Further information: [2018 UK annual report on modern slavery \(PDF\)](#)

Read more on NSPCC Learning: [Protecting children from trafficking and modern slavery](#)

Designated safeguarding officer refresher course

This NSPCC training course takes place on 04 December 2018 in Leicester. This course is for anyone working in a designated safeguarding role. The course is for people who have previously attended a Designated safeguarding officer level course in child protection to refresh their knowledge and skills.

Source: [NSPCC Learning: Designated safeguarding officer refresher course](#)

Read more on NSPCC Learning: [Calendar of events](#)

Vulnerable babies

The Children's Commissioner for England has published a report, looking at how many vulnerable babies under 1 there are, and the sorts of risks they are exposed to. Findings include: there were 19,640 babies under a year old identified by local authorities as being 'in need' in March 2017, of which 15,800 were living at home.

Recommendations from the report include: that the multi-agency safeguarding arrangements, being established to replace Local Safeguarding Children's Boards, make an assessment of likely levels of need among young children in their area and draw up strategies to identify and help those children.

Source: Children's Commissioner for England **Date:** 17 October 2018

Further information: [A crying shame \(PDF\)](#)

[Estimating the number of vulnerable babies \(PDF\)](#)