

# 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

Statutory guidance

### **Multi-agency statutory guidance on female genital mutilation**

Multi-agency guidelines on FGM for those with statutory duties to safeguard children and vulnerable adults.

Published 1 April 2016

Last updated 8 October 2018

**Department for Education, Department of Health and Social Care, and Home Office**

This multi-agency guidance on female genital mutilation (FGM) should be read and followed by all persons and bodies in England and Wales who are under statutory duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults. It replaces female genital mutilation: guidelines to protect children and women (2014).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multi-agency-statutory-guidance-on-female-genital-mutilation>

### **Decision-making and mental capacity**

#### ***NICE guideline [NG108] Published date: October 2018***

This guideline covers decision-making in people 16 years and over who may lack capacity now or in the future. It aims to help health and social care practitioners support people to make their own decisions where they have the capacity to do so. It also helps practitioners to keep people who lack capacity at the centre of the decision-making process. This guideline should be read in conjunction with the Mental Capacity Act 2005. It is not a substitute for the law or relevant Codes of Practice.

It does not cover Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards processes.

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng108>

Form

### **Child death reviews: forms for reporting child deaths**

Forms to help child death overview panels (CDOPs) assess the causes of a child's death as part of the child death review process.

Published 23 December 2014

Last updated 8 October 2018

**Department of Health and Social Care**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-death-reviews-forms-for-reporting-child-deaths>

### **Physical punishment of children**

AFRUCA (Africans Unite Against Child Abuse) has published a report looking at attitudes towards the physical punishment of children among African communities in Greater Manchester. Findings from 10 focus groups involving 192 people from a range of African backgrounds highlight the increasing number of black children referred into child protection systems for physical abuse across Greater Manchester; and points out that many families base their parenting models on religious and cultural beliefs which lay emphasis on physical punishment. Recommendations include: making the physical punishment of children illegal; strengthening prevention and early intervention approaches by local authorities; and training in cultural intelligence for practitioners.

**Source:** [AFRUCA](#) **Date:** 28 September 2018

**Further information:** [Voices of the community: exploring attitudes towards physical chastisement among African communities in Greater Manchester \(PDF\)](#)

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

### **Female genital mutilation**

The Home Office has published promotional materials to be used to help raise awareness of the harmful health consequences associated with female genital mutilation (FGM) and reinforce that the practice is illegal in the UK. The campaign material signposts the NSPCC's free 24-hour FGM helpline 0800 028 3550 which can be contacted anonymously.

**Source:** [Home Office](#) **Date:** 04 October 2018

**Read more on NSPCC Learning:** [Protecting children from female genital mutilation \(FGM\)](#)

### **Assessing the risk of female genital mutilation**

An article in [Community Care](#) describes the development of the online FGM assessment tool by the National FGM Centre to help social workers assess the risk of female genital mutilation (FGM), particularly when there are no other safeguarding concerns.

**Source:** [Community Care](#) **Date:** 04 October 2018

**Further information:** [FGM assessment tool](#)

## Preventing child sexual abuse in the home

The NSPCC has published two reports about working with a community to prevent child sexual abuse (CSA) in the home. Findings from an evaluation of the Lucy Faithfull Foundation's Protecting Parents Across Communities programme (PPAC) include: working directly with community members helps professionals to identify local risks; CSA prevention programmes need to help mothers overcome the challenges to identifying risk and taking action if they are to be successful.

**Source:** [NSPCC Learning: A community approach to preventing child sexual abuse in the home](#)

**Further information:** [Working with a community to prevent child sexual abuse in the home \(PDF\)](#)

[Four steps to the prevention of child sexual abuse within the home \(PDF\)](#)

**Read more on NSPCC Learning:** [Child sexual abuse](#)

## Children and the law

The NSPCC has published information about children and the law. This provides an overview of key legislation and guidance for each of the four nations and covers: definitions of a child; children's rights and views (including Gillick competency and Fraser guidelines); leaving school and home; child employment; ages of consent; and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

**Source:** [NSPCC Learning: children and the law](#) **Date:** 27 September 2018

## Preventing child maltreatment

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has published a progress report on implementing the WHO European child maltreatment prevention action plan 2015–2020. Data was collected through a survey of government-appointed national data coordinators of 49 participating countries in Europe. Considering homicide trend data, results indicate member states are on track to meet the goal of reducing child maltreatment by 20% by 2020. Recommendations include: better enforcement of legislation to prevent child maltreatment is needed.

**Source:** [WHO](#) **Date:** 20 September 2018

**Further information:** [Progress in preventing child maltreatment in Europe \(PDF\)](#)

[Investing in children: the European child maltreatment prevention action plan 2015–2020](#)

## Parental conflict

The Early Intervention Foundation (EIF) has published a sector briefing setting out how local government service commissioners and workforces can understand and address the risks to children associated with conflict between parents.

**Source:** [EIF](#) **Date:** 27 September 2018

**Further information:** [Why reducing parental conflict matters for local government \(PDF\)](#)

## Institutional child sexual abuse

The Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse has published a report looking at messages from research on institutional child sexual abuse. The report looks at the extent, dynamics and impact of institutional abuse and discusses ways of preventing institutional abuse including: a rigorous recruitment and selection processes; an open organisational culture where safeguarding is seen as everyone's business; and organisational processes in place, such as co-working, supervision and whistleblowing procedures, to minimise the opportunities for abuse to occur.

**Source:** [Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse](#) **Date:** 24 September 2018

**Further information:** [Key messages from research on institutional child sexual abuse \(PDF\)](#)

Community Care

### **Social work with d/Deaf people: key issues in adult safeguarding**

Deafness, particularly in connection with older age, intensifies other risks of abuse and vulnerability that people may experience

by **Ruth Hardy** on September 19, 2018 in **Adults**

<http://www.communitycare.co.uk/2018/09/19/social-work-d-deaf-people-key-issues-adult-safeguarding/>

Community Care

### **Social workers practising on basis of invalid safeguarding and right-to-work checks, research suggests**

Recruiters flouting government guidelines and allowing people to start jobs without verifying identities, social workers tell Community Care

by **Alex Turner** on October 11, 2018

Agency social workers across England and Wales are working with vulnerable children and adults under invalid Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and right-to-work checks, Community Care has found.

<http://www.communitycare.co.uk/2018/10/11/social-workers-practising-basis-invalid-safeguarding-right-work-checks-research-suggests/>

## Journal articles

### [Journal of Child Sexual Abuse, Volume 27, Issue 7, October 2018](#)



Systematic Reviews

### [The Diagnostic Utility of the Child Sexual Behavior Inventory for Sexual Abuse: A Systematic Review |](#)

Thekla F. Vrolijk-Bosschaart, Eva Verlinden, Miranda W. Langendam, Vivienne De Smet, Arianne H. Teeuw, Sonja N. Brilleslijper-Kater, Marc. A. Benninga & Ramón J.L. Lindauer

Pages: 729-751 | DOI: 10.1080/10538712.2018.1477215

[Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment & Trauma, Volume 27,  
Issue 9, October 2018](#)



[Physical Abuse Victimization and Violence in the Transition to  
Adulthood: The Mediating Role of Alcohol and Drug Use](#)

Joanne Savage & Megan Z. Crowley

Pages: 1022-1040 | DOI: 10.1080/10926771.2017.1405313