

Safeguarding Children Bulletin April 2019

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Local News

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Level 3 Safeguarding Children Training for GPs and primary care staff only

Please find below details of training dates and venues

Monday September 16, 2019, 9am to 12pm, Landmark House LH-VMC G01 Ground Floor Meeting Room, 4 Egerton Road, Ipswich IP1 5PF.

Thursday September 19, 2019, 2pm to 5pm, West Suffolk House GFR14 Meeting Room, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3YU.

Friday October 11, 2019, 2pm to 5pm, Landmark House LH-VMC G01 Ground Floor Meeting Room, 4 Egerton Road, Ipswich IP1 5PF – 20 places available.

Wednesday October 16, 2019, 2pm to 5pm, West Suffolk House GFR13 Meeting Room, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3YU – 22 places available.

Tuesday November 12, 2019, 9am to 12pm, Landmark House LH-VMC G01 Ground Floor Meeting Room, 4 Egerton Road, Ipswich IP1 5PF – 20 places available.

Thursday November 28, 2019, 2pm to 5pm, West Suffolk House F1R10 First Floor Conference Room (East), Western Way, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3YU – 30 places available.

In order to book a place please email caroline.pyrozuk@nhs.net

Leeway, NLCS and NCAN

Leeway, NLCS and NCAN are working together to offer free, practical and emotional support to adults from migrant communities who are living with or fleeing domestic abuse. Please find attached further information and a referral form.



Project Safety Net information.docx



Projectsafetynet full referral form - 01.08.

National News

Child protection trainers' conference and award

This conference, organised by the NSPCC and British Association for the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (BASPCAN), takes place on 2 May 2019 in London.

Source: [NSPCC Learning: NSPCC and BASPCAN child protection trainers' conference and award 2019](#)

Recognising and responding to child abuse and neglect

This conference, organised by Healthcare Conferences UK (HC-UK), takes place on 20 May 2019 in London.

Source: [HC-UK](#)

Fabricated or induced illness

Community Care has published a short article on fabricated or induced illness (FII) – when a parent or carer exaggerates or deliberately causes symptoms of illness in the child. The article describes FII and the signs that FII might be taking place. A podcast discussing the subject in more detail is available to download.

Source: [Community Care](#) **Date:** 25 February 2019

Further information: [Learn on the go podcast: fabricated or induced illness](#)

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

Child maltreatment trends

The Lancet has published an article looking at long-term trends in child maltreatment in England and Wales. Findings included that the numbers of child deaths by homicide or assault are in long term decline whilst numbers of children on child protection registers and crimes against children have increased. Conclusions included that further research was needed to establish whether adolescents were a particularly vulnerable age group and whether neglect and emotional abuse were increasing.

Source: [Lancet](#) **Date:** 01 March 2019

Read more on NSPCC Learning: [Statistics on child abuse](#)

Gang violence

The Children's Commissioner for England has published a report looking at children and young people in England who are members of gangs. The report is based on findings from a 12-month engagement programme with children, their families and professionals, analysis of data, learning from serious case reviews, and research. It estimates that: 313,000 children and young people aged 10-17 know a street gang member and 34,000 children who have been the victims of a violent crime in the past 12 months either are a gang member, or know a gang member. The report looks at the characteristics of children involved in gangs, the children most at risk of being groomed and exploited by gangs, how those responsible for safeguarding children responded to the rise in gang violence, the Government's response and how children and young people can be kept safe from gang violence. Recommendations included that the Government needs to be clear that child criminal exploitation is a national priority, and to lay out expectations for all the organisations working with children, including the police, schools, children's services and NHS bodies.

Source: [Children's Commissioner for England](#) **Date:** 28 February 2018

Further information: [Keeping kids safe: improving safeguarding responses to gang violence and criminal exploitation \(PDF\)](#)

Violence against women and girls

The Home Office has published updates to its strategy to end violence against women and girls (VAWG) for England and Wales. Updates include progress in delivering actions committed to through the 2016 VAWG Strategy, additional programmes of work that have contributed to the agenda, additional actions that the Government will take forward beyond those set out in the 2016 strategy and clarification and strengthening of the Government's response to male victims of crimes, such as domestic abuse and sexual abuse, covered by the strategy.

Source: [Home Office](#) **Date:** 07 March 2019

Further Information: [Ending violence against women and girls strategy refresh: 2016 to 2020 \(PDF\)](#)

[Ending violence against women and girls strategy action plan update \(PDF\)](#)

[Male victims position paper \(PDF\)](#)

Youth violence

The Local Government Association (LGA) has published a report about how councils in England are responding to violent crimes involving young people. The report sets out a series of case studies looking at how councils are tackling the issue and sets out key steps for councils to consider, including encouraging a multi-agency approach, helping young offenders into employment, making sure parents and carers know the signs of child exploitation and remembering that young people involved in crime are victims as well.

Source: [LGA](#) **Date:** 04 March 2019

Further information: [Breaking the cycle of youth violence \(PDF\)](#)

Domestic abuse

Agenda, an alliance for women and girls at risk, has published a report based on evidence submitted to the national commission on domestic and sexual violence and multiple disadvantage. The report includes a section on children and finds that women facing multiple disadvantage are reluctant to seek help for fear of losing their children and not enough is being done to support children or consider their needs when they are removed into care.

Source: [Agenda](#) **Date:** 27 February 2019

Further information: [Breaking down the barriers \(PDF\)](#)

Cost of domestic abuse

The charity Hestia has published findings from analysis carried out by the charity Pro Bono Economics into the cost of failing to provide support to children exposed to domestic violence. The report, which focuses on the long term costs incurred by the state in supporting children who develop conduct and attention disorders as a result of exposure to severe domestic violence, estimates a potential total cost of between £480 million and £1.4 billion.

Source: [Hestia](#) **Date:** 05 March 2019

Further Information: [On the sidelines the economic and personal cost of childhood exposure to domestic violence \(PDF\)](#)

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

Online sexual abuse

HM Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) has published a national child protection post-inspection review of the Metropolitan Police Service that highlights concerns about its response to increasing reports of online exploitation of children. The report acknowledges that this is a national problem and that it requires a coordinated response at a national level, including internet companies, to understand the issue and reduce access to and availability of child abuse images online.

Source: [HMICFRS](#) **Date:** 28 March 2019

Further information: [The Guardian](#)

Read more on NSPCC Learning: [Keeping children safe online: online course](#)

Sexual abuse and addiction

One in Four, a charity for survivors of sexual violence and abuse, has published a report about childhood sexual abuse and addiction. Findings from the report, which is based on personal accounts by survivors, included that drugs and alcohol were used by some survivors as a means of regulating their emotions, and addiction services rarely made the link between substance use and the trauma caused by childhood sexual abuse. Recommendations included training staff in addiction services to respond to disclosure, establishing a process for supporting survivors and creating links between local addiction services and survivor support agencies.

Source: [One in Four](#) **Date:** 26 March 2019

Further information: [Numbing the pain: survivors' voices of childhood sexual abuse and addiction \(PDF\)](#)

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

Child protection podcasts

NSPCC Learning has launched the first in a series of podcasts covering child protection issues. The first podcast focuses on Together for Childhood, a 10-year evidence-based programme that brings families and local partners together to make communities safer for children. Jon Brown, Head of Development and Impact at the NSPCC, discusses the nature of the work, collaborations and co-developments, funding, evaluation and how Together for Childhood is helping develop current and new NSPCC Services.

Source: [NSPCC Learning](#) **Date:** 18 March 2019

Further information: [Subscribe to our podcasts via Audioboom Together for Childhood](#)

Child protection guide withdrawn

The Department for Education (DfE) has withdrawn its "myth-busting" guide to child protection in England due to concerns over its accuracy. The decision follows Article 39's application for judicial review, after the charity identified a number of inaccuracies and misrepresentations within the document.

Source: [Article 39](#) **Date:** 24 March 2019

Further information: [the Guardian](#)

Child neglect assessment

Research in Practice (RiP) has published a blog about the NSPCC's Graded Care Profile 2 (GCP2) tool, which supports professionals to assess the quality of care given to a child and to identify where parental neglect is putting a child at risk of harm. The blog looks at the impact of GCP2 and ongoing work to encourage wider and more frequent use of the tool.

Source: [RiP](#) **Date:** 11 March 2019

Read more on NSPCC Learning: [Deliver NSPCC services in your area](#)

Children's rights

The Children's Rights Alliance for England (CRAE) has published a report looking at children's rights in England in 2018. The report draws on evidence from children's charities and academics, and covers a range of issues including poverty and homelessness, safeguarding children, immigration, asylum and trafficking, and health. New data gathered for the report using Freedom of Information requests indicated 1,056 families with children housed in council-owned bed and breakfast (B&B) and hotel style accommodation for more than six weeks in 2017 and 1,173 children housed in independent accommodation for longer than six months in 2017.

Source: [CRAE](#) **Date:** 12 March 2019

Further information: [State of children's rights 2018](#)

Read more on NSPCC Learning: [Children and the law](#)

Vulnerable young people

Croydon Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) has published a thematic review based on the experiences of 60 vulnerable young people identified by local agencies. Findings included that early help and prevention was critical, greater recognition and response to children's emotional health and wellbeing was needed, an integrated 'whole system' approach was needed across agencies, communities and families, and that schools needed to be equipped to respond to the challenges presented by children with high risk behaviour and central to multi-agency service provision.

Source: [Croydon LSCB](#) **Date:** 01 March 2019

Further information: [Vulnerable adolescents thematic review \(PDF\)](#)
[Community care](#)

For the up-to-date national safeguarding and child protection news and publications, you can sign up to the NSPCC's free CASPAR and 'New in the Library' email listings: help@nspcc.org.uk. Sign up to CareKnowledge for updates on social care information that covers all relevant policy, research and practice materials published in the UK: info@careknowledge.com.

Update from
the LSCB
Local Child
Protection Plan
Statistics

Update from Suffolk Local Safeguarding Children Board

Other Useful LSCB Website Resources

<http://www.suffolkscb.org.uk/about/lscb-leaflets-booklets-and-posters/>

<http://www.suffolkscb.org.uk/working-with-children/policies-guidance-and-protocols/>

<http://www.suffolkscb.org.uk/safeguarding-topics/>

March 2019 LSCB Newsletter

<https://mailchi.mp/4f118d21ca9c/suffolk-safeguarding-children-board-march2019-newsletter-1458965>



Local Child Protection Plan Statistics

Please note that we are unable to supply local Child Protection Plan statistical information this month. This is due to the introduction of Suffolk County Council's new recording system Liquidlogic.

If you have feedback or comments on the Safeguarding Children Bulletin, contact the CCG's Designated Health Professionals Team Administrator: caroline.pyrozu@nhs.net

