



Safeguarding Children Bulletin May 2019

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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

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

National news

Child trafficking

The NSPCC has published a new episode of its fortnightly child protection podcast looking at the work of the NSPCC's Child Protection Advice Centre (CTAC). Social workers from the team explain why children and young people are trafficked and exploited, the ways in which they're exploited, children and young people's vulnerabilities and how traffickers control and isolate children. The team also discuss what to consider if you suspect a child might have been trafficked and CTAC's work in supporting professionals.

Source: [NSPCC Learning: Podcast: CTAC](#) **Date:** 08 April 2019

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

Read more on NSPCC Learning: [Child Trafficking Advice Centre \(CTAC\)](#)

Assessment of child sexual exploitation

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has published a blog by Mike Williams, Senior Evaluator at the NSPCC, about the assessment of children and young people affected by sexual exploitation.

Source: [NICE](#) **Date:** 29 March 2019

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

Sexual abuse support needs

The University of Bedfordshire has published a series of briefings based on a literature review of the mental health and wellbeing needs of young people who have experienced sexual abuse in adolescence. The briefings cover concepts and frameworks for thinking about the mental health and wellbeing of young people following sexual abuse, the impacts of sexual abuse, identification and assessment of and support for sexual abuse and the methodology used in the literature review. This research was funded by the NSPCC in partnership with the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).

Source: [University of Bedfordshire](#) **Date:** 29 March 2019

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

Mandatory reporting

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) has published a summary of victims' and survivors' views on mandatory reporting in England and Wales. Findings, based on 130 survey responses from members of IICSA's Victims and Survivors Forum, included that 88.6% of respondents would like to see mandatory reporting of child sexual abuse introduced in England and Wales, with some respondents suggesting that the existence of a mandatory reporting law at the time they suffered abuse could have led to something being done to stop the abuse. Others felt that the existence of a mandatory reporting law would have discouraged them from disclosing abuse.

Source: [IICSA](#) **Date:** 03 April 2019

Further information: [Mandatory reporting of child sexual abuse: a survey of the victims and survivors forum \(PDF\)](#)

Medical examinations for child sexual abuse

The Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse has published a report and video about medical examinations for child sexual abuse. Findings from the report, which is based on a review of available literature, included that most children are not referred for medical examination, some professionals have concerns about harm through examination and most children reflect on the medical examination as a positive experience. A video produced alongside the research aims to help professionals and practitioners involved in advising, referring and supporting children and families to make decisions and explain the processes involved in medical examinations.

Source: [Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse](#) **Date:** 01 April 2019

Further information: [The role and scope of medical examinations when there are concerns about child sexual abuse: a scoping review \(PDF\)](#).

Child sexual abuse: statistics briefing

The NSPCC has published a briefing looking at the range of statistics available in the UK on child sexual abuse. It found an estimated one in 20 children in the UK has been sexually abused, over a third of all police-recorded sexual offences are against children and the majority of children who experience sexual abuse were abused by someone they knew.

Source: [NSPCC Learning: child sexual abuse: statistics briefing](#) **Date:** 10 April 2019

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

The Lighthouse

The NSPCC has published a new episode of its fortnightly child protection podcast series. This episode looks at The Lighthouse, a multi-agency service for children and young people who have experience any form of sexual abuse, including exploitation. The team discuss how The Lighthouse was established, the range of multi-agency services available and how children are consulted to help develop the service.

Source: [NSPCC Learning: Podcast: The Lighthouse](#) **Date:** 23 April 2019

Read more on NSPCC Learning: [The Lighthouse](#)

Child exploitation disruption toolkit

The Home Office has published a child exploitation disruption toolkit for professionals working with children in the UK. The toolkit sets out key legislation that can be used to disrupt the criminal and sexual exploitation of children and includes best practice guidance on information sharing and multi-agency working.

Source: [Home Office](#) **Date:** 15 April 2019

Further information: [Child exploitation disruption toolkit \(PDF\)](#)

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

Internet Watch Foundation annual report

The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), an industry-backed membership organisation which focuses on removing child sexual abuse content that is hosted anywhere in the world, has published its annual report. The IWF has assessed 229,328 reports in the last year. It found that 105,047 URLs were confirmed as child sexual abuse images or videos in 2018, girls were victims in 78% of images and the UK hosted 0.04% of child sexual abuse URLs.

Source: [IWF](#) **Date:** 24 April 2019

Further information: [Once upon a year: the Internet Watch Foundation annual report 2018](#)

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

Serious violence consultation

The Home Office and the Welsh Government has launched a consultation on the introduction of a legal duty for public bodies in England and Wales, including schools and hospitals, to raise concerns about children at risk of becoming involved in knife crime. The consultation closes on 28 May 2019.

Source: [Home Office and Welsh Government](#) **Date:** 01 April 2019

Knife crime

The Youth Select Committee is seeking responses for their investigation into youth knife crime in the UK. The survey is open to all and responses are particularly welcomed from young people, charities, schools, and organisations that directly support offenders and victims of knife crime. The call for evidence closes on 7 July 2019.

Source: [Parliament](#) **Date:** 08 April 2019

Further information: [British Youth Council](#)

National Crime Agency annual plan

The National Crime Agency (NCA) has published its annual plan outlining its priorities for 2019/20. Key priorities include strengthening law enforcement response to child sexual abuse and exploitation, supporting the safeguarding of children exploited by 'county lines' offenders and targeting preventable offending against children and vulnerable adults online.

Source: [NCA](#) **Date:** 16 April 2019

Further information: [Leading the UK's fight to cut serious and organised crime: annual plan 2019-20](#)

Read more on NSPCC Learning: [Protect and Respect](#)

Violent crime

Nuffield Foundation and the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST) have published research into early interventions and reducing violent crime. It found preventing adverse childhood experience through support for families or individuals may reduce negative life outcomes, excluded children are more likely to carry a knife and interventions in school, instead of exclusions, have a positive impact on children's community engagement, academic achievement and ability to express emotions.

Source: [Nuffield Foundation](#) **Date:** 23 April 2019

Further information: [Early interventions to reduce violent crime \(PDF\)](#)

Online harms consultation

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) and the Home Office have launched a consultation on the Online Harms White Paper which proposes a new series of online safety measures in the UK. The NSPCC has been campaigning for an independent regulator and a mandatory 'duty of care' to require companies to take reasonable steps to tackle harmful activity or content on their sites and the White Paper includes these proposals. The consultation closes on 1 July 2019.

Source: [DCMS and Home Office](#) **Date:** 08 April 2019

Further information: [NSPCC Learning: Online Harms White Paper launched](#)
[Online Harms White Paper \(PDF\)](#)

Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel

The Government has published practice guidance for working with the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel in England. The guidance should be read by local safeguarding partners and Local Safeguarding Children Boards and may be of interest to frontline practitioners involved in safeguarding children. It explains how the Panel works and gives advice on completing quality rapid reviews and serious case reviews.

Source: [Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel](#) **Date:** 05 April 2019

Further information: [Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel: practice guidance \(PDF\)](#)

Read more on NSPCC Learning: [Child protection system in England](#)

Code of practice for online services

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has opened a consultation on its draft code of practice for online services likely to be accessed by children in the UK. The standards include that the best interests of the child should be a primary consideration, settings must be 'high privacy' by default and children's data must not be shared unless there is a compelling reason to do so. The consultation is open to the public and closes on 31 May 2019.

Source: [ICO](#) **Date:** 15 April 2019

Further information: [Age appropriate design: a code of practice for online services \(PDF\)](#)

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

Online safety

SWGfI has released a report on the role of technology within families and online safety. Responses have been collected from over 20,000 children and SWGfI also worked with Mumsnet and the Internet Watch Foundation to gather information from 1,035 parents about their. Parents' biggest concerns were harmful content, bullying, and inappropriate contact. Almost two thirds of children reported having online 'house rules' but over 60% know how to bypass some or all of these rules. The report concludes that 'house rules' help address some concerns but cannot replace an open dialogue about online safety.

Source: [SWGfI](#) **Date:** 10 April 2019

Further information: [Young people, internet use and wellbeing: a report series: technology in the home \(PDF\)](#)

Family-led child protection enquiry

Camden Council has published its research on how the local child protection system could be improved. Camden Safeguarding Children Board invited the Family Advisory Board (FAB) to consult with other families to recommend improvements to the service. Data was collected by the FAB through focus groups, interviews, and trigger question sheets from both families with experience of child protection services and professionals. Recommendations include: offer independent peer advocacy at the early help, child in need and child protection stages; minimise jargon used in written reports; hold child protection conferences in community venues and have flexible timing; and develop creative and digital ways for families to feedback.

Source: [Camden Council](#) **Date:** 12 April 2019

Further information: [Camden Conversations \(PDF\)](#)

[How a family-led child protection enquiry built trust between social workers and families](#)

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/>

Learning and Improvement Framework

The LSCB has a local Learning and Improvement Framework with statutory partners and is committed to a culture of learning. This framework outlines how the LSCB works with its partners to develop the culture of learning.

- [Learning and Improvement Framework 2018/19](#)



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.pyrozuken@nhs.net

