

Safeguarding Information and Research Digest - Issue 13 June 2014

The LSCB Safeguarding Information and Research Digests provide a concise summary of recently published research knowledge on particular topics and signpost routes to reports and further information.

The Safeguarding Information Research Digest is designed to provide access to research information to a varied audience working across children and young people's services. The information is drawn from relevant electronic resources and databases, journals and texts and where appropriate from alternative sources such as inspection reports and annual reports.

This digest does not provide a definitive statement of all the evidence on a particular issue. Clicking on the "Source" and "Further information" links within the digest will take you to the relevant document/site.

Information for practitioners

In an article in the Guardian, David Niven discusses high levels of **stress and anxiety in social work** and how reflective supervision can help.

Source: [Guardian](#) 15 May 2014

In an article in Community Care, the NSPCC's Sally Hogg shares five key things that social workers can do to **protect babies from abusive head trauma**.

Source:

[Community Care](#) 12 May 2014

Further information:

[Coping with crying](#)

The Church of England has published guidance for its schools on **challenging homophobic bullying**.

Source:

[BBC Online](#) 12 May 2014

Further information:

[Valuing all God's children: guidance for Church of England schools on challenging homophobic bullying \(PDF\)](#)

Solace (the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives and Senior Managers) has published a Policy Report, Reclaiming children's services, which describes a vision of a future local authority role in promoting 'great outcomes' for children and young people; some cross-cutting areas for reform; the future of inspection, service improvement and accountability; and the role of leadership. It calls on councils to 'use everything at their disposal to champion the cause of children and young people', and 'to "reclaim children's services" from central Government and regulators'.

Source: www.lgiu.org.uk

Further Information:

SOLACE:

[Reclaiming children's services \(PDF document\)](#) May 2014

[SOLACE Filling the gap: the Championing Role of English Councils in Education](#) May 2012

[Statutory guidance on the role of the DCS and LMCS](#) April 2012

Government

The Department for Education has published a leaflet covering support and services available to family and friends caring for a child who is unable to live with their parents.

Source: [Department for Education](#) 12 May 2014

The Department for Education has published Michael Gove's letter to headteachers which outlines **updated statutory safeguarding guidance for schools**.

Source: [Department for Education](#) 08 May 2014

Further information:

[Michael Gove letter to headteachers](#)

[Keeping children safe in education](#)

Legal

The Crown Prosecution Service is consulting on prosecuting cases of **domestic violence**. Deadline for responses is 9 July 2014.

Source: [Crown Prosecution Service - public consultation on prosecuting cases of domestic violence](#) 15 April 2014

The Care Act 2014 received Royal Assent on 14th May 2014 and has now been passed into law as the Care Act 2014 (the Act). Part 1: Reforms the adult social care system.

Part 2: Relates to care standards, providing the Government's legislative response to the Francis Inquiry into the failings at Mid-Staffordshire hospital. Part 3: Establishes new non-departmental bodies. Part 4: Contains technical matters. The full text of the Act as finally amended by Parliament has not yet been published and readers should look at the definitive text of the legislation when it is published by The Stationery Office.

The Department of Health (DH), the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) have set up a joint programme management office to help councils prepare for implementation of the Act. The office has published some initial resources to guide directors and senior managers.

Source: LGiU Briefing 21 May 2014

[This briefing can also be viewed as a pdf](#)

Statistics

Cafcass has published its **care applications statistics** for April 2014. In April 2014, Cafcass received a total of 797 applications. This represents a 13% decrease compared to those received in April 2013.

Source: [Cafcass](#) 13 May 2014

Information for parents and carers

Internet Service Providers have launched a website, Internet Matters, which offers advice and guidance to parents on keeping their children safe online.

Source: [Internet Matters](#) 15 May 2014

Research

An Action for Children survey of 1000 8 to 16-year-olds has revealed that more than one in four (27%) children in the UK have thought about running away from home. 1 in 5 children said that they knew another child who regularly slept away from home because of problems in the family.

Source: [Action for Children](#) 14 May 2014

Safeguarding resources

Action for Children - Research, resources and information

<http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/policy-research>

Barnardos - Research and information including fact sheets

http://www.barnardos.org.uk/what_we_do/policy_research_unit/research_and_publications.htm
Sign up for regular Newsletter: http://www.barnardos.org.uk/email_subscription_form.htm

Community Care - News, information and research

<http://www.communitycare.co.uk/Home/>

Sign up for regular Newsletter: <https://www.communitycare.co.uk/Register/registermain/>

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Children Boards' Procedures

<http://lrsrb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/contents.html>

Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Children Learning

<http://lrsb.org.uk/safeguarding-children-learning>

National Children's Bureau - Policy, research and information

<http://www.ncb.org.uk/policy-evidence>

NSPCC inform: child protection advice, support, information, factsheets and research

http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/informhub_wda49931.html

NSPCC CASPAR - Current awareness service for policy, practice and research: regular mail outs for updates and information. Sign up for the news service by following this link:

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/ExternalNewsServices/Default.aspx?NewsServiceID=2>

NWG Network – tackling child sexual exploitation

<http://www.nwgnetwork.org/>

Research in Practice - Research, information and resources to support evidence informed practice

<http://www.rip.org.uk/>

(Leicester City Council employees can register using their work email address)

Tri-x Child Care Ltd – Policy Briefings

http://www.trixonline.co.uk/website/news/news_index.html

(Tri-x Policy briefings are free and you can subscribe for free briefing alerts)