

## Safeguarding Information and Research Digest Issue 16 September 2014

The LSCB Safeguarding Information and Research Digests provide a concise summary of recently published research knowledge, news, legislation and statistics on the topic of safeguarding. The digest provides hyperlinks 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

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### News

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#### Updated Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland LSCB procedure

New procedures include: Concealment and Denial of Pregnancy; Safeguarding Children and Young People who Self-Harm; Safeguarding Children and Young People with Suicidal Behaviour and Safeguarding Children Vulnerable to Violent Extremism (PREVENT).

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

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#### Private Fostering Awareness Campaign for Professionals

The Private Fostering leaflets have been updated and business cards with the contact numbers of Children's Social Care Services for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland have also been produced. This information was distributed to key agencies and is available via: <http://lrsrb.org.uk/contact>

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#### Child Death Overview Panel - Ingestion of Button Disc Batteries

A recommendation from the review of a case was made to raise awareness of the danger posed from ingestion of button disc batteries, which are found in everyday objects, including toys and musical greeting cards. If ingested there is a risk it will not pass through the digestive tract in a timely manner. The impulses emitted from the battery can cause erosion of the gastrointestinal tract and lead to internal bleeding. If ingestion is known or suspected, medical assistance should be sought promptly. PLEASE PASS ON THIS INFORMATION

**Source:** <http://lrsrb.org.uk/newsletters>

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#### Family SMILES Service - NSPCC Interim Evaluation

The NSPCC has published an interim evaluation for children and families where the parent has a mental health problem.

**Source:** [NSPCC Inform](#) 19 August 2014

**Further information:** [Evaluation of Family SMILES: interim report \(PDF\)](#)

## Rape in schools

Police figures revealed to The Independent have shown an increase in the number of reports of rape in schools between 2011 and 2013.

**Source:** <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/more-than-300-rapes-reported-in-schools-in-past-three-years-9686793.html>

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## All babies count: the dad project

The NSPCC has published learning from a project looking at how to better share information and advice with new dads.

**Source:** [NSPCC Inform](#) 04 September 2014

**Further information:** [All babies count: the dad project \(PDF\)](#).

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## Government

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### Careers guidance provision for young people in schools – DfE guidance

The government has published revised statutory Careers guidance provision for young people in schools on the provision of careers advice, along with a companion document of further non-statutory guidance.

**Source:** LGiU Briefing

**Further information:** [Careers guidance provision for young people in schools – DfE guidance.pdf](#)

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### Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

The Home Office has launched free online training for frontline professionals in identifying and helping girls at risk of female genital mutilation (FGM).

**Source:** [Virtual College press release](#) 08 August 2014

**Further information:** [BBC News](#) [Home Office FGM e-learning](#)

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### Risk Assessment for Children's Homes

The Department for Education has published advice for children's homes providers and their partners on conducting a risk assessment of their premises.

**Source:** [Department for Education press release](#) 31 July 2014

**Further information:** [Children's homes regulations amendments 2014: advice for children's homes providers on new duties under amendments to regulations that came into effect in January and April 2014 \(PDF\)](#)

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### Child-minder Agencies

The Department for Education (DfE) has published new advice on how to set up a childminder agency. Guidance includes a section on keeping children safe from harm.

**Source:** [Children & Young People Now](#) 01 September 2014

**Further information:** [Department for Education](#) 29 August 2014; [Childminder agencies: a step-by-step guide \(PDF\)](#)

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### Supporting victims of child trafficking

The Home Office has named 23 English local authorities that will trial the use of independent advocates provided by Barnados to support victims of child trafficking for the 12 month trial.

**Source:** [Children & Young People Now](#) 02 September 2014

**Further information:** [Modern Slavery Bill: Factsheet: Child trafficking advocates \(clause 41\) \(PDF\)](#)

## Domestic Abuse

The Home Office is consulting on proposals to strengthen the law on domestic abuse to cover coercive control. Deadline for responses is 15 October 2014.

**Source:** [Home Office press release](#) 20 August 2014

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## Legal Highs

The Home Office has asked children's professionals to design a resource pack which frontline workers can use to warn young people of the dangers of 'legal highs'.

**Source:** [Children & Young People Now](#) 17 September 2014

**Further information:** [Home Office - new psychoactive substances - questionnaire for intermediaries](#)

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## Child protection cases and care orders

The Department for Education has published advice for practitioners on **child protection cases and care orders where the child has links to a foreign country**.

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

**Further information:** [Working with foreign authorities: child protection cases and care orders \(PDF\)](#)

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## Children's Homes Regulations

The Department for Education is consulting on proposed revisions to Children's Home Regulations 2001, including the introduction of new quality standards for children's homes. Closing date is 14 November 2014.

**Source:** [Department for Education](#) 19th September 2014

**Further information:** [Children's homes regulations: high expectations and aspirations: consultation document \(PDF\)](#); [Draft Children's Homes \(England\) Regulations 2015 \(PDF\)](#); [Guide to the children's homes regulations and quality standards \(PDF\)](#)

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## Ofsted

Ofsted has published a framework for inspections of residential family centres which will come into effect from 6 October 2014.

**Source:** [Ofsted Press Release](#) 23 September 2014

**Further information:** [Inspections of residential family centres \(PDF\)](#)

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## Legal

### Experience of victims in court

The Government has announced a set of reforms to improve the experience of victims in court, including a new nationwide Victims' Information Service to ensure better information and support; and specialist training for lawyers before taking part in sexual abuse or rape trials.

**Source:** [Children & Young People Now](#) 15 September 2014

**Further information:** [Ministry of Justice press release](#)

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### Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 was introduced in March 2014. The new Sexual Harm Prevention Orders and Sexual Risk Orders aims to disrupt sexual exploitation earlier, and will apply to under 18 as well as adults. The Home Office will be developing the new guidance on the implementation of the new orders.

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## Research

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### Women and girls at risk

The Barrow Cadbury Trust, the Lankelly Chase Foundation and the Pilgrim Trust have published a review of the risk factors associated with negative outcomes (offending, homelessness, prostitution and exploitation) for girls and women.

**Source:** [Lankelly Chase Foundation press release](#) 04 August 2014

**Further information:** [Women and girls at risk: evidence across the life course \(PDF\)](#)

[Women and girls at risk: evidence across the life course: key messages from the review \(PDF\)](#)

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### Child Sexual Exploitation

A study funded by the Nuffield Foundation and carried out by Barnardo's, NatCen and UCL, has analysed the records of 9,042 children affected by **child sexual exploitation** and supported by Barnardo's since 2008. It reveals 1 in 3 (2,986) were boys, a much higher figure than was previously thought.

**Source:** [Nuffield Foundation press release](#) 27 August 2014

**Further information:** [Hidden in plain sight: a scoping study into the sexual exploitation of boys and young men in the UK: policy briefing \(PDF\)](#)

[Research on the sexual exploitation of boys and young men: a UK scoping study: summary of findings \(PDF\)](#)

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A report published of an independent inquiry into **child sexual exploitation in Rotherham**, estimates that approximately 1400 children were sexually exploited between 1997 and 2013. In over a third of cases, children were already known to children's services due to child protection and neglect concerns.

**Source:** [Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council](#) 26 August 2014

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Thematic summary of findings from a scoping study looking at **child sexual exploitation (CSE) cases involving boys and young men** and comparing them with cases involving girls and young women. It explores professionals' views on perpetration and victimisation processes and assesses support needs and existing service provision.

**Source:** [Research on the sexual exploitation of boys and young men: a UK scoping study: summary of findings.](#)

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### Special educational needs and disability support service

The Department for Education has published leaflets for children and young people explaining the changes to the special educational needs and disability support service which come into effect on 1 September 2014.

**Source:** [Department for Education](#) 22 August 2014

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### Looked after children

The Rees Centre has published a new report on preventing and treating poor mental health in **looked after children**, commissioned by the NSPCC.

**Source:** [NSPCC Inform](#) 03 September 2014

**Further information:** [What works in preventing and treating poor mental health in looked after children? \(PDF\)](#)

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### Keeping children safe online

EU Kids Online have published the final recommendations for policy on keeping children safe online.

**Source:** [EU Kids Online, LSE](#) 01 September 2014

**Further information:** [Final recommendations for policy \(PDF\)](#).

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### Resettlement of girls and young women

Beyond Youth Custody has published a research-based practitioners' guide on the resettlement of girls and young women following time spent in custody.

**Source:** [Beyond Youth Custody](#) 19 August 2014

**Further information:** [Resettlement of girls and young women: a practitioner's guide \(PDF\)](#), 19 August 2014; [Resettlement of girls and young women: research report \(PDF\)](#), 04 August 2014

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### The Howard League for Penal Reform

The Howard League for Penal Reform has published findings from an investigation into place of safety provision for children accommodated under section 136 of the Mental Health Act.

**Source:** [The Howard League for Penal Reform](#) 02 September 2014

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### Serious Case Reviews

University of East Anglia research has uncovered a 'growing reluctance' on the part of senior practitioners to lead serious case reviews (SCRs) because of fear of public criticism.

**Source:** [Children & Young People Now](#) 15 September 2014

**Further information:** ['Improving the quality of serious case reviews' through support and training: independent evaluation \(PDF\)](#)

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### *Further information*

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](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](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://llrscb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/contents.html>

(You can register to be alerted on updates)

National Children's Bureau - Policy, research and information

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

National Working Group Network (NWG) – Tackling child sexual exploitation

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

National Referral Mechanism (NRM)

The Government's National Referral Mechanism guidance and referral forms can be accessed at the link below. The referral and assessment forms should be used to report potential victims of human trafficking

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/human-trafficking-victims-referral-and-assessment-forms>

NSPCC inform - Child protection advice, support, information, factsheets and research

[http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/informhub\\_wda49931.html](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>

Office of the Children's Commissioner for England

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/>

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)

The final report of the Office of the Children's Commissioner's Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Gangs and Groups (November 2013)

[http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/content/publications/content\\_743](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/content/publications/content_743)

Tri-x Child Care Ltd – Policy Briefings

[http://www.trixonline.co.uk/website/news/news\\_index.html](http://www.trixonline.co.uk/website/news/news_index.html)

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