

## Safeguarding Information and Research Digest Issue 18 - November 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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#### **16-18 year old participation in education and training – NAO report**

The National Audit Office (NAO) has published a value for money report which examines how well the Department for Education (DfE) is implementing reforms to increase participation and improve the relevance and quality of learning for 16 to 18-year olds.

**Source:** <http://www.nao.org.uk/report/16-to-18-year-old-participation-in-education-and-training/>

#### **Abuse in faith settings**

The Safe Network has launched an online hub to help protect children from abuse in faith settings.

**Source:** [Safe Network](#)

#### **Abusive language against disabled people**

The National Children's Bureau (NCB) has published research into the use of abusive language against disabled people.

**Source:** [The National Children's Bureau \(NCB\)](#)

#### **Care Quality Commission State of Care 2013/14 report**

The Care Quality Commission has produced its annual report on the state of health and social care in England.

**Source:** <http://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/state-of-care-201314-full-report-1.1.pdf>

#### **Child Safety Update – Public Health England**

There were two known child deaths caused by nappy disposal bags in the Thames Valley area last year. The Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) has investigated these cases and asked Public Health England (PHE) to raise awareness of this issue.

**Source:** <http://www.lfphwm.org.uk/library/publications?start=15>

#### **Children and the police**

The all-party parliamentary group for children (APPG) has published the report of an 18 month inquiry into the relationship between children and the police.

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

**Further information:** [Inquiry 2013-2014: children and the police](#)

### **Children in sport**

The Child Protection in Sport Unit has published the International Safeguards for Children in Sport.

**Source:** [Child Protection in Sport Unit](#)

**Further information:** [International safeguards for children in sport](#)

### **FED UP (Family environment: drug using parents)**

The NSPCC has published an interim evaluation of FED UP which is a face-to-face intensive intervention for families where there is parental substance misuse.

**Source:** [NSPCC Website](#)

**Further information:** [Evaluation of Fed Up: interim report \(PDF\)](#)

### **Mental Health Foundation**

The Mental Health Foundation has published a guide aimed at those who commission mental health and wellbeing services for young people.

**Source:** [Mental Health Foundation](#)

### **How Many Times?**

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland are sending out a strong message that the city and counties are united in combatting domestic and sexual violence in all its forms. A powerful alliance of partners from across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland are supporting a campaign tackling domestic and sexual violence designed by survivors.

**Source:** [www.leicester.gov.uk/howmanytimes](http://www.leicester.gov.uk/howmanytimes)

### **Missing children**

CEOP and the charity Missing People have launched a free app to receive updates on your phone or mobile device if a child has been reported missing and the police believe the public can help in the search.

**Source:** [The Safe Network](#)

### **National Children and Adult Services Conference**

The BBC reports on Education Secretary, Nicky Morgan's speech to the National Children and Adult Services Conference in which she announced plans to change children's social work. These proposals include an assessment and accreditation system for three levels of professional practice for social workers.

**Source:** [BBC Online](#)

**Further information:** [Nicky Morgan announces children's social work reforms](#)

### **National Working Group (NWG) Network – Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation**

The NWG Network organises regular forums, events and surgeries for its network including forums for practitioners and specialist seminars.

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

### **Needs of families and services**

Action for Children has published the latest in a series of reports monitoring the needs of families and the services that support them.

**Source:** [Action for Children](#)

**Further information:** [The eleventh hour: are children and families being helped too late?: the red book 2014 \(PDF\)](#).

### **New app to support young mums**

Best Beginnings has launched a new app to support young mums through pregnancy, birth and early parenthood.

**Source:** [Best Beginnings](#)

### **Ofsted**

Public consultation on proposal to increase to the Ofsted social care inspection, registration and variation fees. The consultation aims to seek a broad range of views on proposed increases and responses to the consultation are encouraged. The consultation, runs from the 27th November to 24th December 2014 and can be accessed here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/fees-and-frequency-of-inspections-regulations-proposed-revisions>

### **Ofsted thematic report on sexual exploitation of children**

Ofsted has published a report on how local authorities are dealing with the sexual exploitation of children.

**Source:** <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/sexual-exploitation-of-children-it-couldnt-happen-here-could-it>

### **Online abuse and trolling**

The chairman of the Commons education select committee has warned that schools need to do more to educate children on the dangers of online abuse and trolling.

**Source:** [BBC Online](#)

### **Serious Case Review**

The NSPCC added SCRs to the national repository and have also produced 5 new [at a glance briefings](#) on learning from SCRs covering: Education; Home education; Housing Services; Suicide and Voluntary sector

**Source:** [Case reviews added – October 2014](#)

### **Suicide spotlight report - ChildLine**

ChildLine has published a spotlight report on suicide which shows a worrying increase in the number of children and young people contacting them about suicidal feelings.

**Source:** [NSPCC Website](#)

**Further information:** [On the edge: ChildLine spotlight: suicide](#)

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## Government

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### **Academies and maintained schools: oversight and intervention - NAO Report**

The NAO report concludes that the Department for Education (DfE) has not demonstrated the effectiveness of the different interventions it and others make in under-performing schools and so is unable to conclude that the oversight system is achieving value for money.

**Source:** <http://www.nao.org.uk/report/academies-and-maintained-schools-oversight-and-intervention/>

### **Carers strategy: second national action plan 2014-16**

This update to the national carers' strategy provides an overview of achievements since the last update in 2010 and sets out key action for the next two years. Major progress in identifying and supporting carers is being brought about by the Care Act and the Children and Families Act.

**Source:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/carers-strategy-actions-for-2014-to-2016>

### **Child and adolescent mental health and CAMHS**

The Health Select Committee has published a report on child and adolescent mental health and CAMHS.

**Source:** [Parliament UK](#)

**Further information:** [Childrens' and adolescents' mental health and CAMHS \(PDF\)](#)

### **Child Protection: HMIC inspection of South Yorkshire Police**

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) published the report of its inspection (as part of a national programme) of the child protection work of South Yorkshire Police at the end of September 2014.

**Source:** [CSN Policy Briefing](#)

### **Child Sexual Exploitation- Rotherham**

The Communities and Local Government Committee has published a third report into child sexual exploitation in Rotherham. Conclusions include: Rotherham is unlikely to be a one off and there needs to be more effective scrutiny of councils.

**Source:** [The Communities and Local Government Committee](#)

**Further information:** [Community Care](#)

### **Children in Need census**

The Department for Education has updated guidance for local authorities on collecting data from social care services to complete the Children in Need census.

**Source:** [Department for Education](#)

### **Cyberbullying**

The Department for Education has published new guidance on protecting children from cyberbullying for parents and carers.

**Source:** [Department for Education](#)

**Further information:** [Advice for parents and carers on cyberbullying \(PDF\)](#).

**Detained young persons: Special Education Needs and Disability provision – DfE consultation**

The revised Code takes account of the new law on young people with special educational needs and disability who are detained. This briefing focuses on the consultation document published at the same time as the draft regulations. It outlines changes in the guidance, and some of the main issues that might be reflected in consultation responses.

**Source:** [Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years](#)

**Greater Manchester child sexual exploitation inquiry**

Ann Coffey MP has published the report of her inquiry into child sexual exploitation in Greater Manchester.

**Source:** [Ann Coffey MP press release](#)

**Further information:** [Real voices: child sexual exploitation in Greater Manchester \(PDF\)](#)

**Homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying**

The Government Equalities Office and the Department for Education have published review reports of what works in preventing homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying among school-age children and young people.

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

**Further information:** [Homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying: evidence review](#)  
[Homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying: analytical report](#)

**Key stage 1 and 2 assessment for 2015/16 – DfE consultation**

This briefing is on the DfE consultation, Performance descriptors for use in key stage 1 and 2 statutory teacher assessment for 2015/16, published on 23 October 2014 and closes on 18 December.

**Source:** [CSN Policy Briefing](#)

**Looked after children data return**

The Department for Education has published a guide for local authorities on SSDA903 collection 2015-2016

**Source:** [Department for Education](#)

**New policies on families**

The government has published a 'family test' of five questions to assess the impact of new policies on families.

**Source:** [Department for Education](#)

**Further information:** [The family test \(PDF\)](#)

**Women in prison**

The Justice Minister has announced the introduction of family engagement workers who will help women in prison maintain family links.

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

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## Research and Publications

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### Emotionally abused or neglected children

The NSPCC and Cardiff University have published a core info leaflet on identifying and helping children who may have been emotionally abused or neglected.

**Source:** [NSPCC Website](#)

**Further information:** [Core info: neglect or emotional abuse in children aged 5-14 \(PDF\)](#)

### Engaging with fathers

The Fatherhood Institute, in collaboration with Men Care, has produced a series of factsheets about engaging with fathers.

**Source:** [The Fatherhood Institute](#)

### Online Sexual Content

EU Kids Online has published a review of research on children's experiences of online sexual content.

**Source:** [EU Kids Online](#)

**Further information:** [Experiences with sexual content: what we know from the research so far \(PDF\)](#)

### Safeguarding Children Toolkit

The Royal College of General Practitioners and NSPCC have launched a new safeguarding children toolkit. It includes advice on spotting the signs of bullying; as well as how to identify and support children and young people at risk of trafficking and radicalisation.

**Source:** [RCGP press release](#) 26 October 2014

**Further Information:** [Safeguarding children toolkit for general practice](#)

### Young care leavers

NIACE has published research which explores care leavers' routes into education and work.

**Source:** [NIACE press release](#)

**Further information:**

- [Giving care leavers more control over their futures: care leavers' transitions into learning and work. The role of the personal adviser and the process of pathway planning \(PDF\)](#)
- [Care leaver strategy and one year on progress update](#)

## 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)

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**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** (staff can register to be alerted on updates) <http://llrscb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/contents.html>

**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)

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