

## Safeguarding Information and Research Digest Issue 19 - December 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.

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### News

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#### **CSE risk assessment tool**

The Leicester and Leicestershire & Rutland LSCBs CSE risk assessment tool and guidance has been updated and is available at: <http://www.lcitylscb.org/information-for-practitioners/safeguarding-topics/child-sexual-exploitation/>

#### **CAMHS - THRIVE**

The Anna Freud Centre and the Tavistock and Portman NHS Trust have developed THRIVE, a new model for delivering Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). The model tries to draw a distinction between treatment and support.

**Source:** [THRIVE - the AFC - Tavistock model for CAMHS](#) 12 November 2014

#### **Birmingham City Council CSE**

A report by Birmingham City Council has revealed that 132 children and young people are experiencing or at risk of child sexual exploitation. Of those children, 44 are in care and 56 are under the age of 16.

**Source:** [Children & Young People Now](#) 25 November 2014

**Further information:** [We need to get it right: a health check into the council's role in tackling child sexual exploitation \(PDF\)](#)

#### **Long term effects of domestic abuse**

The Royal College of Psychiatrists has published a leaflet covering how domestic abuse affects children and young people, what the long-term effects are, and what can help.

**Source:** [Royal College of Psychiatrists](#) 05 December 2014

#### **Child Protection - Information Sharing (CP-IS)**

Trusts and local authorities in England have started using the CP-IS (Child Protection - Information Sharing) system to safeguard children identified as 'vulnerable' when they go to NHS unscheduled care settings.

**Source:** [Health and Social Care Information Centre](#) 05 December 2014

**Further information:** [Child protection - information sharing programme: how it works \(YouTube\)](#)

### **Emergency council accommodation**

A survey by the charity Railway Children has found the vast majority of the estimated 100,000 under-16s in the UK who run away each year are not given emergency accommodation by councils.

**Source:** [BBC online](#) 08 December 2014

**Further information:** [Reaching safe places: exploring the journeys of young people who run away from home or care \(PDF\)](#)

### **Improving Futures success**

An analysis of a National Lottery funded parenting support programme, Improving Futures, has shown that amongst participants there was a 49% reduction in children with persistent behavioural problems; and a 35% fall in levels of parental anxiety and frustration.

**Source:** [Children & Young People Now](#) 08 December 2014

**Further information:** [Improving futures: evaluation and learning](#)

### **Sexual messages**

In a major victory for the NSPCC's Flaw in the Law campaign, the Prime Minister has announced plans for new legislation to make it a specific offence for an adult to send a sexual message to a child. The announcement was made at the 2 day #WeProtect Children Online global summit in London.

**Source:** [NSPCC Website](#) 10 December 2014

**Further information:** [Home Office press release](#)  
[PM announces new global action to deal with online child abuse](#)

### **HR and keeping children safe**

In an article in HR magazine, the NSPCC's HR Safeguarding Consultant, Donya Pourzand, explains the role of HR in keeping children safe.

**Source:** [HR magazine](#) 10 December 2014

### **Young Carers**

A Carer's Trust survey of 295 young carers aged between 14 and 25 has found that only 22% received a formal needs assessment from their local authority. Nearly 45% of young carers responding to the survey reported suffering from a mental health problem.

**Source:** [Community Care](#) 10 December 2014

**Further information:** [Time to be heard: a call for recognition and support for young adult carers \(PDF\)](#)

### **Secure training centres and young offenders institutions**

A survey of 12-18-year-olds held in custody in secure training centres and young offenders institutions has found that 5 young people claimed they had been sexually abused by a member of staff last year.

**Source:** [Children & Young People Now](#) 11 December 2014

**Further information:** [Children in custody 2013-14: an analysis of 12-18-year-olds' perceptions of their experience in secure training centres and young offender institutions \(PDF\)](#)

### **Children and self-harm**

The BBC reports a huge increase in the number of children being admitted to hospital for self-harm. Between 2009-2014, admissions of girls aged 10-14 rose by 93% from 3090 to 5953. Admissions for boys rose from 454 to 659, a rise of 45%. **Source:** [BBC Online](#) 12 December 2014

### **Internet acronyms and online predators**

An article in the Daily Mail highlights a list of 28 internet acronyms that parents need to be aware of to keep their children safe from online predators.

**Source:** [Mail Online](#) 16 December 2014

### **Rotherham - sexual exploitation helpline**

The NSPCC is running a free confidential helpline and email address for all victims and survivors of sexual exploitation in Rotherham.

**Source:** [Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council](#) 18 December 2014

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## **Government**

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### **Boarding schools and vulnerable children**

The Department for Education has published information for education professionals, local authorities and social workers on the potential of boarding schools to improve outcomes for vulnerable children.

**Source:** [Department for Education press release](#) 25 November 2014

### **Annual child death data collection**

The Department for Education has published information on how local safeguarding children boards should gather information to complete the annual child death data collection.

**Source:** [Department for Education](#) 26 November 2014

### **Spot the risk factors of neglect**

The Department for Education has published a research report to help social workers spot the risk factors of neglect in very young children.

**Source:** [Department for Education](#) 27 November 2014

### **Promoting the health and welfare of looked-after children**

The Department for Education is consulting on proposed revisions to statutory guidance on promoting the health and welfare of **looked-after children**. Closing Date: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014

**Source:** [Department for Education](#) 27 November 2014

**Further information:** [Promoting the health and welfare of looked-after children: updated statutory guidance \(PDF\)](#)

[BBC - 'Councils 'ring round' for child sex abuse care places'](#)

### **Report on special guardianship**

The Department for Education has published a research report on special guardianship investigating experiences, challenges and outcomes.

**Source:** [Department for Education](#) 28 November 2014

**Further information:** [Investigating special guardianship: experiences, challenges and outcomes \(PDF\)](#)

### **Knowledge and skills for child and family social work**

The Government has published their response to the recent consultation on knowledge and skills for child and family social work.

**Source:** [Department for Education](#) 28 November 2014

**Further information:** [Consultation for knowledge and skills for child and family social work: government response \(PDF\)](#)

### **Eating disorders**

The government has announced investment to improve treatment for children and young people suffering from eating disorders.

**Source:** [Deputy Prime Minister's Office](#) 02 December 2014

### **National Audit Office (NAO) – Children in Care**

The NAO has published [Children in Care](#), a value for money report examining how well the Department for Education (DfE) is meeting its objective to improve the quality of care and stability of placements for children in care.

A copy of this briefing can be [downloaded as a pdf](#). 09 December 2014

### **Young people's rights**

JustRights and Youth Access have published a manifesto, written by young people themselves, urging the government and public bodies to do more to uphold young people's rights and improve access to advice services.

**Source:** [Children & Young People Now](#) 09 December 2014

**Further information:** ['Make our rights reality': a manifesto created by hundreds of young people across England \(PDF\)](#)

### **Girls and the criminal justice system**

The Criminal Justice Joint Inspection has published a report on how youth offending teams and secure establishments work with girls to stop them offending and protect them from harm. A key message is that many of these girls are exposed to the risk of sexual exploitation and teams need to be better equipped to deal with it.

**Source:** [Criminal Justice Joint Inspection](#) 19 December 2014

**Further information:** [Girls in the criminal justice system](#)

### **Ofsted statistics**

Ofsted has published statistics on outcomes of inspections of children's social care covering October 2013 to March 2014.

**Source:** [Ofsted](#) 18 December 2014

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## **Research and Publications**

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### **Troubled Families Programme**

London Councils has published a report exploring the experience of the Troubled Families Programme in London.

**Source:** [London Councils](#) 14 November 2014

**Further information:** [Troubled families programme: lessons for future public service reform \(PDF\)](#)

### **Needs of adolescents**

Research in Practice has published a report warning that existing child protection systems are failing to meet the complex needs of adolescents.

**Source:** [Research in Practice](#) 24 November 2014

**Further information:** [That difficult age: developing a more effective response to risks in adolescence \(PDF\)](#)

#### **Social workers working with cases of child sexual abuse**

The NSPCC and Coventry University have published research on social workers knowledge and confidence when working with cases of child sexual abuse.

**Source:** [NSPCC Website](#) 26 November 2014

**Further information:** [Social workers' knowledge and confidence when working with cases of sexual abuse: what are the issues and challenges?](#)

#### **Girls' Attitudes Survey 2014**

Girlguiding UK has published the Girls' Attitudes Survey 2014 which canvassed the opinion of 1200 girls and young women aged 7 to 21 on a wide range of issues.

**Source:** [Girlguiding UK](#) 02 December 2014

**Further information:** [Girls' Attitudes Survey 2014 \(PDF\)](#)

#### **CAFCASS contributions to SCRs**

Cafcass has published a review of its contribution to 28 serious case reviews published between August 2013 and September 2014.

**Source:** [Children & Young People Now](#) 09 December 2014

**Further information:** [Learning from Cafcass submissions to SCRs - November 2014 \(PDF\)](#)

#### **Healthy and Safe Relationships**

Solihull's 'Healthy and Safe Relationships' unit of learning, a preventative resource developed for use in secondary schools and a range of other settings and services, is now available on the [NWG Public Resources](#).

#### **Rights and entitlements of children in care and care leavers**

A survey of 233 social care practitioners has uncovered gaps in their knowledge about the rights and entitlements of children in care and care leavers.

**Source:** [Children & Young People Now](#) 16 December 2014

**Further information:** [The All Party Parliamentary Group for looked after children and care leavers: The entitlements inquiry: one year on \(PDF\)](#)

#### **Domestic abuse and emotional and behavioural trauma**

An article in Psy Post reports on a Michigan State University study published in Child Abuse & Neglect which links domestic abuse during pregnancy with emotional and behavioural trauma symptoms in children during their first year of life. The study involved 182 mothers aged 18-34.

**Source:** [Psy Post](#) 17 December 2014

#### **Care leavers 'set up to fail'**

Barnardo's has published a report based on in-depth, qualitative research with twenty care leavers.

**Source:** [Barnardo's press release](#) 19 December 2014

**Further information:** [The costs of not caring: supporting English care leavers into independence \(PDF\)](#)

## 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://lrrscb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/contents.html>

**National Children's Bureau** - Policy, research and information

**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)

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