

Safeguarding Updates

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<p>Child wellbeing Source: NSPCC Date published: 05 August 2024</p> <p>The NSPCC has published a news story about the benefits of play to children’s wellbeing and Childline support available over the summer holidays. A YouGov survey of over 1,000 UK parents found that 86% whose children play, believe in-person play has a positive impact on children’s wellbeing; 62% would like their children to have more time to play; and 32% said playing with peers would enhance their child's playing experience the most.</p>	<p>Read the news story: Overwhelming majority of parents believe in-person play has a positive impact on their child’s wellbeing</p>
<p>Children in care Source: Care Inspectorate Wales Date published: 05 August 2024</p> <p>The Care Inspectorate Wales has developed guidance on children’s homes in Wales using the views and recommendations of 44 Young Commissioners, a group of children and young people who live with a foster family or in a children’s home in Wales. The report sets out what young people find important and what organisations planning to open a children’s home should consider. Findings included: children want homes that reflect a typical family home; they want to stay close to the area they lived in before becoming looked after; and they want to feel safe and away from crime.</p>	<p>Read the guidance: Care experienced children and young people help shape guidance on opening quality children’s homes in Wales</p>
<p>Child poverty Source: BMJ Group Date published: 07 August 2024</p> <p>New research exploring the links between reducing child poverty and child health inequalities in England has been published in the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health. The research looks at the health impact of meeting hypothetical future child poverty targets in England between 2024 and 2033. Measures included the number of infant deaths and children in care. Findings indicated that a change in the prevalence of child poverty was associated with a change in infant mortality rates and also associated with a change in the number of children looked after. The paper concludes that reducing child poverty across this period could substantially improve child health and reduce health inequalities.</p>	<p>Read the news story: Reducing child poverty in England would significantly boost child health and narrow health inequalities</p> <p>Read the research: Implications of child poverty reduction targets for public health and health inequalities in England: a modelling study between 2024 and 2033 (open access)</p>
<p>Violence affecting children Source: Youth Endowment Fund Date published: 25 July 2024</p> <p>The Youth Endowment Fund has published a report on trends in violence affecting children and young people in England and Wales, looking at data on homicides, knife crime, involvement in the criminal justice system, poverty and other indicators. Findings indicate that children’s involvement in serious violence in 2022/23 was higher than a decade ago but is now falling; boys are disproportionately affected by violence; there is an</p>	<p>Read the report: Beyond the headlines: trends in violence affecting children</p>

<p>overrepresentation of Black children in custody; and violence is concentrated in the poorest areas. The report also discusses services and sectors supporting children and young people and growing evidence about what works to prevent violence such as mentoring, therapies and 'hot spot' policing.</p>	
<p>Online safety Source: ICO Date published: 02 August 2024</p> <p>The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has published a news story about children's privacy and adherence to the Children's Code Strategy by online platforms. The news story discusses the ICO's work to review social media platforms (SMPs) and video sharing platforms (VSPs) and calls for improvements to children's privacy practices. The ICO have asked 11 out of the 34 SMPs and VSPs reviewed about issues relating to default privacy settings, geolocation and age assurance.</p>	<p>Read the news story: Social media and video sharing platforms put on notice over poor children's privacy practices</p> <p>See also on NSPCC Learning > Online safety resources</p>
<p>AI-generated content Source: Ofcom Date published: 23 July 2024</p> <p>Ofcom has published new research on the prevalence and nature of deepfakes online. Deepfakes are artificial intelligence (AI) generated videos, pictures or audio clips made to look real. The research included interviews with 1,000 children across Great Britain aged 8 to 15-years-old. Findings included: 50% of 8- to 15-year-olds said they had seen at least one deepfake online in the last six months; 20% of 8- to 15-year-olds reported feeling confident in their ability to identify a deepfake; and 32% of this age group reported having encountered a deepfake scam advert.</p>	<p>Read the news story: A deep dive into deepfakes that demean, defraud and disinform</p>
<p>The children looked after 5th national conference 2025</p> <p>This conference, organised by Open Forum Events, takes place on 30 January 2025 in Manchester.</p>	<p>Find out more: Open Forum Events</p>