

Safeguarding Updates

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<p>Online harms Source: NSPCC Learning Date published: 16 August 2024</p> <p>NSPCC Learning has published a Helplines insight briefing exploring responses to children experiencing online harm and abuse. It is based on contacts to Childline and the NSPCC Helpline in 2023/24. The briefing identifies responses children received from peers, parents, schools, police and online platforms when young people told them that they had experienced online harm or abuse. Key topics include: feeling supported and heard; making decisions about next steps; removal of devices (like phones and laptops); discussing “online relationships”; and dealing with secretive online activity. The NSPCC Helpline also heard from parents wanting advice on how to respond and how to improve their initial response.</p>	<p>Read the briefing: Insights on responses to children experiencing online harm and abuse</p>
<p>Exam stress Source: NSPCC Date published: 12 August 2024</p> <p>The NSPCC has published a news story on children experiencing school exam stress. Findings from a survey of 5,300 secondary school teachers show most believe their students overly worry that exam results will determine their future. 51% of teachers also think that social media negatively influences how students feel about results day. The news story also discusses contacts to Childline about exam stress.</p>	<p>Read the news story: Large majority of secondary school teachers think students worry too much that exam results will determine their future</p>
<p>Children in care Source: Become Date published: 14 August 2024</p> <p>The charity Become has published a new report revisiting the topic of children in care in England being placed far from home. The report examines what has changed since the last report and what changes the charity believe are still needed. Findings from available data and a Freedom of Information request to the Department for Education show: almost 18,000 children are living more than 20 miles from home, representing 1 in 5 children in care; children placed over 20 miles away are more likely to have significantly lower wellbeing than those placed closer to home; and children in care are living further away on average, than they were a year ago.</p>	<p>Read the report: Still too far (PDF) Find out more: #GoneTooFar</p> <p>See also on NSPCC Learning > Children in care</p>
<p>Domestic abuse Source: For Baby’s Sake Date published: 08 August 2024</p> <p>The charity For Baby’s Sake has published new data on infants and domestic abuse in England. The charity sent out a Freedom of Information request to 39 police forces and received responses from 15. The data indicates that infants were present at around 13% of police call outs for domestic abuse incidents from 2021 to 2023. The charity highlights a need</p>	<p>Read the press release: New data indicates that 187,750 babies are present at police callouts for domestic abuse annually</p> <p>See also on NSPCC Learning > Protecting children from domestic abuse</p>

<p>for a coordinated, multi-sector response that safeguards babies and children from domestic abuse.</p>	
<p>Youth justice Source: Article 39 Date published: 12 August 2024</p> <p>Eight children’s rights and youth justice charities have published a report calling on the UK Government to end child imprisonment in England and Wales. The report analyses Government pledges and practice relating to child imprisonment as well as child safety over the last 25 years. Recommendations include: affirm the removal of children from the prison estate and the closure of child prisons; establish an independent review of the circumstances in which children may be deprived of their liberty; and transfer ministerial and civil service responsibility for children deprived of their liberty through the criminal courts from the Ministry of Justice to the Department for Education.</p>	<p>Read the report: Charities call for closure of child prisons amid the wider prisons crisis and continued evidence of serious child harm</p> <p>See also on NSPCC Learning > Children and the law</p>
<p>Child mental health services Source: National Children’s Bureau Date published: 15 August 2024</p> <p>New research from the National Children’s Bureau and the University of Cambridge examines mental health support for children with social work involvement and those living in poverty. An analysis of over 71,000 records from a London NHS Trust showed: children with social work involvement for current concerns were more likely to have their referral rejected from Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) than their peers; and children from the most deprived areas were twice as likely to be rejected than those from the least deprived areas. The report calls for children with social worker involvement to have a dedicated pathway to CAMHS that is supported by both social work and mental health specialists. It also recommends that CAMHS need more flexibility to better suit children and young people perceived to be in less “stable” situations such as those living in poverty.</p>	<p>Read the report: Children in most need of specialist mental health support often turned away because their situation is too unstable</p> <p>See also on NSPCC Learning > Child mental health</p>
<p>Child mental health Source: ACAMH Date published: 12 August 2024</p> <p>The Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health (ACAMH) has published a new podcast episode looking at a research paper on social anxiety, suicidal ideation, and depressive symptoms in adolescents. The podcast discusses: how the research was carried out; the interactions between these symptoms in adolescents; and the implications of the findings for practice.</p>	<p>Listen to the podcast: Adolescent social anxiety symptoms and their relationship with suicidal ideation and depressive symptoms</p>
<p>Rights of the child UK conference</p> <p>This conference, organised by Together (Scottish Alliance for Children's Rights), takes place on 17 September 2024 in Edinburgh.</p>	<p>Find out more: Together (Scottish Alliance for Children's Rights)</p>