

Safeguarding Updates

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<p>Suicide Source: NSPCC Learning Date published: 30 August 2024</p> <p>NSPCC Learning has published a Learning from case reviews briefing on suicide. The briefing is based on a sample of case reviews published between 2021 and 2023 where suicide was a key factor. The briefing highlights: the importance of understanding how suicide in young people often follows the accumulation of different vulnerabilities and adversities; the need to hear children’s voices and understand their experiences of the world; and the importance of promoting positive, trusting relationships in young people’s lives.</p>	<p>Read the briefing: Suicide: learning from case reviews</p>
<p>Child neglect Source: NSPCC Learning Date published: 28 August 2024</p> <p>NSPCC Learning has published a report exploring the barriers and challenges multi-agency safeguarding professionals face when identifying and tackling neglect. The report explains that professionals are confident in identifying neglect but often feel powerless to support children and families due to a lack of local services and resources. The report provides the Government with a series of recommendations on how to develop a national strategy that tackles neglect.</p>	<p>Read the report: Too little, too late: a multi-agency response to identifying and tackling neglect</p>
<p>Child neglect statistics Source: NSPCC Learning Date published: 28 August 2024</p> <p>NSPCC Learning has published an updated statistics briefing on child neglect. The briefing looks at data and statistics about child neglect in the UK to help professionals make evidence-based decisions, covering the scale of the issue and what data tells us about children who have been neglected.</p>	<p>Read the briefing: Neglect: statistics briefing</p>
<p>Sextortion Source: IWF Date published: 23 August 2024</p> <p>The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) has published a news story about an increase in the number of younger children exposed to sextortion in the UK. New data from IWF shows: in the first six months of 2024, child sexual abuse reports related to sexual extortion were up 19% compared to the same period in 2023; there was an increase in reports involving 14- to 15-year-olds; and there was an increase in reports involving girls. The IWF calls for the government to bring forward legislation to ensure AI nudifying technology is not available to UK-based users.</p>	<p>Read the news story: ‘Exponential increase in cruelty’ as sextortion scams hit younger victims</p>
<p>Online safety Source: Child of the North and Centre for Young Lives Date published: 23 August 2024</p>	<p>Read the report: New Child of the North/Centre for Young Lives report calls for ‘digital vaccination’ for all children to tackle tsunami of fake news and disinformation</p>

<p>Child of the North and Centre for Young Lives have published a report on children’s access to digital technology in the UK, digital literacy and how to close the digital divide. The report finds that 42% of young people do not have access to home broadband or a laptop/desktop computer yet 88% of young people think that digital skills will be essential to their careers. The report calls for evidence-based approaches to help children navigate digital content critically and responsibly. Recommendations to government include: a ‘Minimum Digital Living Standards’ framework; enhancing digital inclusivity in schools through continuing professional development (CPD) for educators; and creating a national Digital Creativity Skills Commons.</p>	<p>and close the digital divide</p> <p>See also on NSPCC Learning > Online safety resources</p>
<p>Child mental health Source: Guardian Date published: 27 August 2024</p> <p>The Guardian has published a news story on the numbers of children referred to NHS mental health services for anxiety in England since the Coronavirus pandemic. Their investigation explored referrals where the primary cause was anxiety with experts surveyed by the Guardian citing a range of factors that could contribute to an increase in the condition.</p>	<p>Read the news story: NHS referrals for anxiety in children more than double pre-Covid levels</p> <p>See also on NSPCC Learning > Child mental health</p>
<p>Supported accommodation Source: Ofsted Date published: 22 August 2024</p> <p>Ofsted has published a blog post on the use of supported accommodation for children in care and care leavers. The blog explains that some children are in need of a higher level of care than supported accommodation is equipped to provide and shares information around guidelines for providers.</p>	<p>Read the blog post: Supported accommodation – it can be right for some older children, but not for all</p> <p>See also on NSPCC Learning > Children in care</p>
<p>Children in care Source: Action for Children Date published: 21 August 2024</p> <p>Action for Children has published a blog post collating information on the care system in the UK. The blog sets out figures on: the number of children in care; outcomes following care; siblings in care; and the demand for foster families.</p>	<p>Read the blog post: Four things you need to know about the UK care system</p>
<p>NWG interrupting & disrupting the exploitation of children & young adults</p> <p>This conference, organised by NWG Exploitation Network, takes place on 08 October 2024 online.</p>	<p>Find out more: NWG Exploitation Network</p>