

## Safeguarding Updates

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| <p><b>Healthy relationships</b><br/> <b>Source:</b> NSPCC Learning<br/> <b>Date published:</b> 9 October 2024</p> <p>NSPCC Learning has published new teaching resources exploring the themes of healthy and unhealthy relationships. The resources include three films and accompanying lesson plans that follow four characters experiencing interpersonal domestic violence, in familial, friendship and intimate partner relationships. The resources are aimed at 11- to 14-year-old schoolchildren and seek to prevent harmful sexual behaviours and coercive control.</p>   | <p><b>Visit the page:</b> <a href="#">It's Not Love: teaching resources about positive relationships</a></p> <p><b>See also on NSPCC Learning</b><br/>           &gt; <a href="#">Talk Relationships</a></p>  |
| <p><b>Child sexual abuse</b><br/> <b>Source:</b> CSA Centre<br/> <b>Date published:</b> 9 October 2024</p> <p>The Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse (CSA Centre) has developed a new interactive online dashboard with instant access to local and national data on child sexual abuse (CSA) in England and Wales. The Data Insights Hub provides: ten years of official data from local authorities and police forces; up-to-date estimates on the prevalence of CSA; and information on the number of local support services available for children who have been abused and their families.</p>   | <p><b>Access the hub:</b> <a href="#">Data Insights Hub</a></p> <p><b>See also on NSPCC Learning</b><br/>           &gt; <a href="#">Protecting children from sexual abuse</a></p>  |
| <p><b>Domestic abuse</b><br/> <b>Source:</b> Cafcass<br/> <b>Date published:</b> 9 October 2024</p> <p>Cafcass has published a new domestic abuse practice policy outlining the requirements that Cafcass family court advisers and children's guardians in England must follow when working with children and adults who have experienced domestic abuse. Key points include: practitioners must make clear in their assessments if they consider a child to be a victim of domestic abuse; and in their reports, practitioners should set out exactly what has been said by a child or an adult when disclosing domestic abuse, avoiding terms such as 'claims' or 'alleges'. Cafcass has updated its child safeguarding policy to align with the new domestic abuse policy.</p> | <p><b>Read the news story:</b> <a href="#">Cafcass publishes new domestic abuse practice policy</a></p> <p><b>Download the policy:</b> <a href="#">Domestic abuse practice policy (PDF)</a></p> <p><b>Download the policy:</b> <a href="#">Child safeguarding policy (PDF)</a></p> <p><b>See also on NSPCC Learning</b><br/>           &gt; <a href="#">Protecting children from domestic abuse</a></p> |
| <p><b>Trauma-informed practice</b><br/> <b>Source:</b> SBNI<br/> <b>Date published:</b> 2 October 2024</p> <p>The Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland (SBNI) has created a toolkit to help organisations in Northern Ireland implement a trauma-informed approach across policy and practice. The online Trauma Informed Toolkit uses local and international evidence to provide in-depth insights from those with lived experience. The toolkit includes a summary of the six trauma-informed principles, cross sector examples, and a checklist for organisations to measure progress.</p>  | <p><b>Access the toolkit:</b> <a href="#">Trauma Informed Toolkit</a></p>   |
| <p><b>Child criminal exploitation</b><br/> <b>Source:</b> Department of Health Northern Ireland</p>  | <p><b>Read the news story:</b> <a href="#">Ministers launch child criminal exploitation action plan</a></p>   |

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| <p><b>Date published:</b> 30 September 2024</p> <p>The Departments of Justice, Health and Education have published an action plan to address child criminal exploitation in Northern Ireland. The plan is a cross-departmental, multi-agency plan to improve the response of Government to the criminal exploitation of young people and to embed this within the child protection system. The Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland (SBNI) will lead on a significant number of actions under the plan to ensure a trauma-informed multi-agency approach.</p>   | <p><b>Read the plan:</b> <a href="#">Child criminal exploitation (CCE) action plan</a></p>  |
| <p><b>Girls' wellbeing</b><br/> <b>Source:</b> Girlguiding<br/> <b>Date published:</b> 8 October 2024</p> <p>Girlguiding has published a survey on the challenges facing girls in the UK. The 16th Girls' attitudes survey captures the views of 2,500 girls and young women on sexism and safety, online harm, appearance and wellbeing, the cost-of-living crisis, and their future. Findings include: 47% of 11- to 21-year-olds reported feeling less safe than ten years ago due to sexism and misogyny; and 77% of girls and young women aged 7- to 21-years-old said they had experienced online harm in the last year.</p>   | <p><b>Read the news story:</b> <a href="#">‘Fear of missing out’ keeping girls and young women online despite sexism</a><br/> <b>Read the survey:</b> <a href="#">Girls’ attitudes survey 2024</a></p> <p><b>See also on NSPCC Learning</b><br/> &gt; <a href="#">Online safety</a></p> |
| <p><b>Kinship care</b><br/> <b>Source:</b> CELCIS<br/> <b>Date published:</b> 8 October 2024</p> <p>The Centre for Excellence for Children's Care and Protection (CELCIS) and the Scottish Centre for Administrative Data Research (SCADR) have published a report on the experiences of children and young people growing up in kinship care in Scotland. The research analysed data from over 19,000 children who lived in kinship care between 2008 and 2019. Findings include: parental substance misuse was the most common concern that led to children being added to the child protection register; and there was a moderate relationship between the level of deprivation within a local authority area, and the proportion of children in kinship care. The report also highlights the need for kinship carers to be given tailored support and for reasons behind regional variation in children’s experiences of kinship care to be better understood.</p> | <p><b>Read the report:</b> <a href="#">Growing up in kinship care</a></p> <p><b>See also on NSPCC Learning</b><br/> &gt; <a href="#">Children in care</a></p>   |
| <p><b>Children in care</b><br/> <b>Source:</b> CELCIS<br/> <b>Date published:</b> 2 October 2024</p> <p>The Centre for Excellence for Children's Care and Protection (CELCIS) and the Nuffield Foundation have published a report on non-compulsory arrangements for caring for children and young people in need of care and protection in Scotland. The report reveals how arrangements made under Section 25 of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 are used, understood and experienced. Key findings include: the use of Section 25 arrangements has approximately doubled over the last ten years; and social workers often experience ethical challenges in using Section 25 arrangements. The report calls for a new, shared vision into the role and purpose of Section 25, with a focus on the voices of children and young people.</p>   | <p><b>Read the report:</b> <a href="#">Non-compulsory care for children and young people in Scotland: learning from experiences of Section 25</a></p>   |

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| <p><b>Children with disabilities</b><br/> <b>Source:</b> Law Commission<br/> <b>Date published:</b> 8 October 2024</p> <p>The Law Commission has published a consultation paper on disabled children’s social care law in England. The consultation looks at how the current system meets the needs of children with disabilities and their families, and outlines proposals for improvements. Topics covered include: assessments; eligibility; how services are provided; the transition to adult social care; the definition of disability; advocacy and participation; and whether a new legal framework is needed. Responses are invited from children and young people, parents and carers, social workers and local authorities. The consultation closes on 20 January 2025.</p> | <p><b>Read the consultation:</b> <a href="#">Disabled children's social care consultation paper</a></p> <p><b>See also on NSPCC Learning</b><br/> &gt; <a href="#">Safeguarding d/Deaf and disabled children and young people</a></p> |
| <p><b>Tackling violence against women and girls (VAWG) conference</b></p> <p>This conference, organised by Westminster Insight, takes place on 26 November 2024, in London and online.</p>  | <p><b>Find out more:</b> <a href="#">Westminster Insight</a></p>  |