

Safeguarding Updates

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<p>Bullying Source: Government Equalities Office, Equality Hub and DfE Date published: 27 September 2024</p> <p>The Government Equalities Office, Equality Hub and Department for Education (DfE) have published research evaluating the government’s anti-homophobic, biphobic and transphobic (HBT) bullying programme which ran from 2016 to 2019 in schools in England. The three-year programme reached around 1,800 schools and aimed to help schools prevent bullying and to create inclusive environments. The evaluation included surveys and focus groups with staff and pupils. Findings show: the programme influenced changes to school policies and processes; more staff reported that their school actively tried to prevent HBT bullying; school-based LGBT groups were appreciated by pupils where they were available; and some pupils felt that not all staff challenged HBT bullying appropriately.</p>	<p>Read the evaluation: Evaluation of the government’s 2016 to 2019 anti-homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying programme in schools</p> <p>See also on NSPCC Learning > Safeguarding LGBTQ+ children and young people</p>
<p>Young offender institutions Source: Ofsted and HM Inspectorate of Prisons Date published: 02 October 2024</p> <p>Ofsted and HM Inspectorate of Prisons (HMIP) have published a review examining education standards in young offender institutions (YOIs) in England over the last ten years. The report draws on 37 inspection reports and reviews undertaken from June 2014 to March 2024. It also considers surveys of young people in custody; comments from leaders at education providers, YOI leaders and managers; and inspectors’ comments and findings. Findings indicate: over the past decade, YOIs have seen a reduction in the quality and quantity of education; children are increasingly kept in isolation due to challenges in managing behaviour; and the time children spend out of their cells has reduced. The report includes recommendations for youth custody service leaders, managers, staff and education providers.</p>	<p>Read the press release: Declining standards in young offender institutions</p>
<p>Youth custody Source: HM Inspectorate of Prisons Date published: 01 October 2024</p> <p>The HM Inspectorate of Prisons has published a review examining the use of separation in young offender institutions (YOI) in England and Wales. The report reviews progress following an initial report on separation in January 2020 and focuses on inspections carried out in 2023–24. Findings show: the use of separation within YOIs remained high, as did the duration of separation experienced by children; and violence and disorder are major issues in all YOIs holding children. Separation from peers was largely used where young people were assessed to be a risk to others but the report highlights concerns around children who chose to self-separate, usually due to bullying or violence. The report also explores the progress made against each recommendation from the 2020 report.</p>	<p>Read the report: Separation of children in young offender institutions – review of progress</p>
<p>Children with disabilities Source: Coram Voice</p>	<p>Read the paper: Disability, disparity and demand: an analysis of the numbers and</p>

<p>Date published: 01 October 2024</p> <p>Coram Voice has published a paper looking at care experienced children with a disability or long-term health condition in England. The paper presents findings from a Freedom of Information request to local authorities and research with young people from the Bright Spots Programme. Findings highlight disparities in understanding, measuring and recognition of disability, as well as significant local variations. The paper concludes that the under-recording of disabilities risks the needs and experiences of disabled children in care and care leavers not being fully understood. It makes recommendations on data collection and for improvements in policy and practice.</p>	<p>experiences of children in care and care leavers with a disability or long-term health conditions</p> <p>See also on NSPCC Learning > Safeguarding children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)</p>
<p>Kinship care Source: Family Rights Group Date published: 01 October 2024</p> <p>The Family Rights Group has published an article on kinship care outlining measures that they would like the Government to adopt to help improve support for kinship carers in England. Among other measures, the charity is calling for the Children’s Wellbeing Bill to include a statutory definition of kinship care and introduce a legal right for families to be offered a family group conference before social workers consider going to court to remove their children.</p>	<p>Read the news story: New legislation is a ‘generational opportunity’ for building effective kinship care support</p> <p>See also on NSPCC Learning > Children in care</p>
<p>Infant mortality Source: Guardian Date published: 01 October 2024</p> <p>The Guardian has published a news story summarising findings from recent research on infant mortality in England published in the Lancet Regional Health Europe journal. The study found that infants living in the most deprived areas were at greater risk of mortality than those in the least deprived areas during the study period, and it identified four factors – preterm birth, smoking during pregnancy, teenage pregnancy and maternal depression – which collectively accounted for more than one-third of the socioeconomic inequality in mortality. The Guardian news story suggests that targeted interventions addressing these factors could help to reduce inequalities although higher-level structural changes are also required.</p>	<p>Read the Guardian news story: Targeted support could reduce infant mortality gap across England, study finds</p> <p>Read the research: Maternal and pregnancy factors contributing to the association between area deprivation and infant mortality in England: a retrospective cohort study</p> <p>See also on NSPCC Learning > Infants: learning from case reviews</p>
<p>Tackling child sexual abuse</p> <p>This conference, organised by Healthcare Conferences UK, takes place on 28 November 2024 online.</p>	<p>Find out more: Healthcare Conferences UK</p>