

## Safeguarding Updates

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<p><b>Intrafamilial child sexual abuse</b>  <b>Source:</b> Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel  <b>Date published:</b> 26 November 2024</p> <p>The Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel has published a national review into child sexual abuse within the family environment – “I wanted them all to notice”. The report draws on rapid reviews and serious case reviews featuring intrafamilial child sexual abuse; interviews with children who had been sexually abused; interviews with people who had sexually abused a child; and group discussion with practitioners, senior leaders and people with lived experience of child sexual abuse. The report highlights the importance of hearing children’s voices, understanding the needs of parents, recognising the signs of child sexual abuse and responding effectively. It sets out ten national recommendations and six recommendations for local safeguarding partners in England.</p>	<p><b>Read the press release:</b> <a href="#">Safeguarding experts demand national action plan to tackle child sexual abuse</a></p> <p><b>Read the review:</b> <a href="#">National review into child sexual abuse within the family environment</a></p> <p><b>Read the CASPAR briefing on NSPCC Learning:</b> <a href="#">Summary of the National review into child sexual abuse within the family environment – “I wanted them all to notice”</a></p>
<p><b>Adults who have experienced child sexual abuse</b>  <b>Source:</b> NSPCC Learning  <b>Date published:</b> 02 December 2024</p> <p>NSPCC Learning has released a new podcast episode on planning meaningful participation work with adults who have experienced child sexual abuse (CSA). The episode, hosted by the IICSA Changemakers, shares learning around: how to plan events or other participatory sessions; creating a safe and inclusive environment for participants; and the importance of trauma-informed practice when working with adults who have experienced CSA.</p>	<p><b>Listen to the podcast:</b> <a href="#">How to plan meaningful participation work with victims and survivors of child sexual abuse (CSA)</a></p> <p><b>Listen on YouTube:</b> <a href="#">Participation work with victims and survivors of child sexual abuse</a></p>
<p><b>Puberty and learning disabilities</b>  <b>Source:</b> NSPCC Learning  <b>Date published:</b> 27 November 2024</p> <p>NSPCC Learning has designed a booklet on navigating puberty to share with parents and carers of children and young people who have learning disabilities. The guide sets out: what puberty is; changes that happen to everyone during puberty; and top tips to support children through the physical and emotional challenges that puberty brings.</p>	<p><b>Download the booklet:</b> <a href="#">Navigating puberty</a></p>
<p><b>Domestic abuse</b>  <b>Source:</b> NSPCC  <b>Date published:</b> 26 November 2024</p> <p>The NSPCC has published a news story on the increase in contacts to its Helpline concerning domestic abuse. Figures show that between April 2024 and September 2024, the NSPCC Helpline handled 3,879 child welfare contacts about domestic abuse, an increase of 19% when compared to the same period last year. Common issues mentioned included: coercive or controlling behaviour; emotional domestic abuse; and post-separation domestic abuse.</p>	<p><b>Read the news story:</b> <a href="#">We’ve seen a surge in concerns about children experiencing domestic abuse</a></p>

<p><b>Social media</b>  <b>Source:</b> Guardian  <b>Date published:</b> 22 November 2024</p> <p>The Secretary of state for science, innovation and technology met with a group of young people at the headquarters of the NSPCC to discuss social media and online safety. The young people highlighted concerns around platforms’ addictiveness and difficulties reporting content that made them uncomfortable or distressed. They also shared how a ban on young people’s access to social media might impact their social connections.</p>	<p><b>Read the Guardian news story:</b> <a href="#">Social media ban for UK under-16s ‘not on the cards’ for now, says minister</a></p>
<p><b>Child sexual abuse and exploitation: Scotland</b>  <b>Source:</b> CELCIS  <b>Date published:</b> 18 November 2024</p> <p>The Centre for Excellence for Children's Care and Protection (CELCIS) has published a new report highlighting the risks and prevalence of child sexual abuse and child sexual exploitation (CSAE) in Scotland. The report provides an overview to help inform policy developments and sets out key learning around: a mapping review into what is known about CSAE and some of the challenges organisations face; the current context, nature and prevalence of CSAE; the impact of CSAE on children and young people; and improving organisational responses. The report also looks at the implications for policy and practice.</p>	<p><b>Read the report:</b> <a href="#">New report on recognising the risks and prevalence of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation published to support learning and prevention in Scotland</a></p>
<p><b>Child sexual abuse and exploitation: England and Wales</b>  <b>Source:</b> Hydrant Programme  <b>Date published:</b> 21 November 2024</p> <p>The Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Taskforce has published a new report looking at police recorded group-based child sexual abuse and exploitation crimes across England and Wales in 2023. Based on data collected from 44 police forces, this national snapshot in time gives insight, analysis and commentary on the scale, nature and threat of group-based Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (CSAE), including crime types and where offences were committed.</p>	<p><b>Read the report:</b> <a href="#">Child Sexual Exploitation Taskforce shines light on group-based offending</a></p>
<p><b>Online behaviours</b>  <b>Source:</b> Ofcom  <b>Date published:</b> 28 November 2024</p> <p>Ofcom has published its annual report looking at the online behaviours and habits of children and adults in the UK and how they are served by online content providers and platforms. Much of the data is drawn from Ofcom’s Online Experiences Tracker and Ipsos iris. Findings show: older children were more concerned than younger ones about the time they spent online; one in five 8- to 15 year-olds have a user age of at least 18 on a social media platform; and teenage boys were more likely to encounter content showing dangerous stunts, while girls were more likely to encounter potential harms relating to body image.</p>	<p><b>Read the report:</b> <a href="#">Digital differences between men and women revealed</a></p> <p><b>See also on NSPCC Learning</b>  &gt; <a href="#">Preventing online harm and abuse</a></p>
<p><b>Teenagers and online viewing habits</b>  <b>Source:</b> APA  <b>Date published:</b> 20 November 2024</p>	<p><b>Read the press release:</b> <a href="#">APA issues recommendations for teens viewing online videos</a></p>

<p>The American Psychological Association (APA) has published recommendations on online video viewing and adolescent wellbeing. The report summarises existing research and aims to help parents, policymakers and tech companies support adolescents with their viewing habits. Recommendations include: limit exposure to content that encourages violent or risky behaviours; encourage video content that allows adolescents to develop healthy relationship skills; and carefully consider the total time adolescents are spending viewing video content.</p>	
<p><b>Children and violence</b>  <b>Source:</b> YEF  <b>Date published:</b> 20 November 2024</p> <p>The Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) has published two new reports based on its annual Children, violence and vulnerability research. The YEF surveyed over 10,000 13- to 17-year-olds in England and Wales about their experiences of violence. The first report looks at who is affected by violence. Findings include: 20% of the young people surveyed reported being a victim of violence in the past 12 months; experiences of violence were concentrated among the most vulnerable; and 5% of 13- to 17-year-olds said they had carried a weapon in the past year. The second report looks at the impact of social media on violence affecting young people. Findings include: violence is widespread on social media; 80% of 13- to 17-year-olds who reported seeing weapons on social media said it made them feel less safe in their local area; and many children supported limiting access to phones and social media.</p>	<p><b>Read report one:</b> <a href="#">Who is affected by violence?</a>  <b>Read report two:</b> <a href="#">What role does social media play in violence affecting young people?</a></p>
<p><b>Unregistered children's homes</b>  <b>Source:</b> Ofsted  <b>Date published:</b> 27 November 2024</p> <p>Ofsted has published a report exploring the use of unregistered children's homes by local authorities in England. Between April 2023 and March 2024, Ofsted opened over 1,000 cases to look into these settings, up from almost 900 the year before. Ofsted identified unregistered children's homes across all regions. The report also highlights that 12% of children in the settings that Ofsted investigated last year were on a Deprivation of Liberty Order.</p>	<p><b>Read the report:</b> <a href="#">Unregistered children's homes</a></p> <p><b>See also on NSPCC Learning</b>  &gt; <a href="#">Children in care</a></p>
<p><b>Care experienced siblings</b>  <b>Source:</b> Adoption UK Scotland and AFKA Scotland  <b>Date published:</b> 25 November 2024</p> <p>Adoption UK Scotland and AFKA Scotland have created a new tool to support people parenting care experienced siblings in Scotland. The tool provides guidance on preparing for parenting and is available in two parts. The first part focuses on understanding sibling relationships and the second looks at protecting sibling relationships when children experience distress. The resource is aimed at adoptive parents, foster carers and kinship carers, as well as professionals who support these families.</p>	<p><b>Access the resource:</b> <a href="#">New resource launched to support parenting care-experienced siblings</a></p>
<p><b>Homeless children</b>  <b>Source:</b> Article 39  <b>Date published:</b> 25 November 2024</p>	<p><b>Read the briefing:</b> <a href="#">Children aged 16 or 17 and without a home and parental care: briefing for social workers</a></p>

<p>Article 39 has published a briefing for social workers outlining information about local authority legal duties concerning children aged 16 or 17-years old in need in England without a home and parental care. The briefing breaks down information from the Children Act 1989, looking at child protection duties, as well as human rights duties and professional standards.</p>	
<p><b>Teenage pregnancy</b> <b>Source:</b> Nesta <b>Date published:</b> 19 November 2024</p> <p>Nesta has published a blog post on the reduction in teenage pregnancy rates in England. The blog looks at the role of the Social Exclusion Unit’s cross-governmental Teenage Pregnancy Strategy, introduced in 1999, in helping to reduce teenage conceptions. It shares lessons learned including: the need to understand and address all root causes of complex social problems; using a challenging outcome target; being practical and making the most of the available evidence; and ensuring that national leaders and local leaders have a shared purpose.</p>	<p><b>Read the blog:</b> <a href="#"><u>England cut teen pregnancy - and there are policy lessons for everyone</u></a></p>