

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN
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Strategy to end violence against women and girls: 2016 to 2020 (07/03/19)

The ending violence against women and girls strategy: 2016 to 2020 provides an overview of the wide range of actions the government is taking over a period of four years to end violence against women and girls. It was launched on 8 March 2016.

In March 2019 a refreshed strategy was published to re-affirm commitments to tackling violence against women and children. The refreshed strategy sets out additional actions to strengthen our response through to 2020. The action plan update provides detail of progress made against the actions set out in the 2016 strategy.

Alongside the refreshed strategy, we have published a position statement on male victims of crimes considered in the ending violence against women and girls strategy. This outlines the government's recognition of and commitment to male victims of these crimes.

The government provides information on how to get help if you or someone you know is a victim of violence against women and girls. Find out more about the support available.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/strategy-to-end-violence-against-women-and-girls-2016-to-2020>



Government sets out key measures to tackle violence against women and girls (06/03/19)

The Home Office has published its refreshed violence against women and girls (VAWG) strategy in order to provide further support to victims and survivors of violent crime.

The refreshed action plan, which was first launched in 2016, sets out new measures to help protect women and girls.

This includes a cross-sector, end-to-end review into how rape and sexual violence cases are handled across the criminal justice system.

Other policies among the 54 commitments being made are pledges to:

- commission research into the connection between pornography and violence against women
- develop further measures to support LGBT victims
- explore issues of 'online flashing' and consider options for next steps
- consider the impact of alcohol on violence against women and girls

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-sets-out-key-measures-to-tackle-violence-against-women-and-girls>

FGM: the facts (05/03/19)

This leaflet provides facts relating to female genital mutilation.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/female-genital-mutilation-leaflet>

Government creates new student mental health taskforce (07/03/19)

A new group has been set up to help students manage the challenges in university which can affect mental health.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-creates-new-student-mental-health-taskforce>

Children's social work workforce 2018 (28/02/19)

Information about children's social workers employed in local authorities and agency social workers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/childrens-social-work-workforce-2018>

NEET statistics annual brief: 2018 (28/02/19)

Estimates from the Labour Force Survey of young people not in education, employment or training in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/neet-statistics-annual-brief-2018>

Free school meals supplementary grant: 2018 to 2019 (26/02/19)

Conditions of grant and published allocations for the 2018 to 2019 financial year.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/free-school-meals-supplementary-grant-2018-to-2019>

All pupils will be taught about mental and physical wellbeing (25/02/19)

Three new subjects will be universal from 2020 to ensure school prepares pupils for the modern world - health education, relationships education and relationships and sex education (RSE).



All children in England will be taught how to look after their mental wellbeing and recognise when classmates may be struggling, as the Government unveils new guidance for the introduction of compulsory health education.

New plans set out by the Education Secretary Damian Hinds confirm that, from September 2020, pupils of all ages will be taught the new subject – with a focus on promoting the positive link between physical and mental health.

This comes alongside the introduction of compulsory relationships education for primary-age pupils and RSE for secondary-age pupils, to ensure children have all the knowledge they need to grow up healthy, happy and safe.

It follows an extensive call for evidence and three-month consultation on the draft regulations and guidance. This received more than 11,000 responses including from leading charities, teaching unions and subject associations – many of whom have welcomed today's proposals.

Making health education universal – and updating sex education guidance for the first time since 2000 – will ensure pupils are prepared for the opportunities and challenges of an “ever more complex” world, both on- and offline.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/all-pupils-will-be-taught-about-mental-and-physical-wellbeing>

Children's Social Care Innovation Programme grant (21/02/19)

How much funding local authorities are getting for the Children's Social Care Innovation Programme.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childrens-social-care-innovation-programme-grant>

Working together to safeguard children (21/02/19)

Statutory guidance on inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

This guidance is for:

- local authority chief executives
- directors of children's services
- chairs of local safeguarding children boards (LSCBs)
- teachers and education staff
- social workers
- health service professionals
- adult services
- police officers
- voluntary and community sector workers in contact with children and families

It applies to:

- local authorities
- all schools

The 2018 version replaces the 2015 version. The transitional guidance helps explain how to move to the new arrangements.

The statutory framework sets out the legislation relevant to safeguarding and it should be read alongside the statutory guidance.



Statutory guidance is issued by law; you must follow it unless there's a good reason not to.

A version of the guidance for young people and a separate version suitable for younger children are also available for practitioners to share.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2>

Child Safeguarding Practice Review

Panel: first national review (20/02/19)

Panel chair Edward Timpson writes to the Secretary of State for Education announcing the first ever national child safeguarding practice review.

Letters between Chair of the independent Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel Edward Timpson and Secretary of State for Education Damian Hinds.

Edward Timpson's letter announces the first national child safeguarding practice review into adolescents in need of state protection from criminal exploitation.

It also gives further details about the review including:

- draft terms of reference
- details of panel members carrying it out
- timescale

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-safeguarding-practice-review-panel-first-national-review>

Vulnerable children in a digital world
(12/02/19)

This report has been launched to highlight how children's offline vulnerabilities can help us identify what types of risks they may face online so we can work across sectors to offer early intervention and specialist support to help them stay safe online.

Internet Matters has long suspected that online risks and harms are not evenly spread across the population. Evidence from the Cybersurvey suggests that young people with offline vulnerabilities do experience more online risk. This report does more than simply describe the problem – we go on to explain how, if we know what the offline vulnerability is, we can predict the category of risks they face and can, therefore, intervene to prevent risk becoming harm.

However, our capacity to intervene is determined by frontline service workers having the training, skills and resources to have a meaningful conversation about online life with the young people in their care. Our evidence suggests that the training, skills and resources are lacking – which is something we can and must address.

There are over 2m vulnerable children in England and Wales – and we can and should do more to help them enjoy the benefits of the internet safely and securely. This report is our first step in that process and we look forward to working with experts to make a material difference.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/how-can-we-support-vulnerable-> 

Social care commentary: using models of practice successfully (26/02/19)

Yvette Stanley reflects on the success factors in different models of practice that local authorities use when working with children and families.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/social-care-commentary-using-models-of-practice-successfully>

Government backed Stalking Protection Bill receives Royal Assent
(15/03/19)

New powers to protect victims of stalking become law.

A new civil order that will help protect victims of stalking has received Royal Assent today and is included as part of the government's wider commitments to tackle violence against women and girls.

The Stalking Protection Bill will see the introduction of new Stalking Protection Orders - a civil order that police can apply for that will enable them to tackle so called "stranger stalking" sooner and more effectively.

The orders will have the flexibility to impose both restrictions and requirements on perpetrators and will carry a criminal penalty for those that breach them. The police will apply for the order, so the burden of going through the process does not lie with a vulnerable victim.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-backed-stalking-protection-bill-receives-royal-assent>

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2019/march/royal-assent-stalking-protection-bill-signed-into-law/>

Funding boost for child sexual abuse prevention helpline following jump in contacts (15/03/19)

The Home Secretary has announced £600,000 funding for The Lucy Faithfull Foundation's Stop It Now! child sexual abuse prevention helpline.

The charity offers confidential advice to offenders who want to change their illegal behaviour. The funding boost comes following a sharp 65% rise in callers and visitors to the Stop It Now! helpline and self-help website regarding viewing sexual images of children online.

In a speech in September, the Home Secretary set out his support for the charity. The funding will enable The Lucy Faithfull Foundation to support more people at risk of offending over the next 18 months.

The Stop It Now! deterrence campaign was launched in October 2015 to discourage people from viewing illegal sexual images of children online, and to offer help to those wanting to change their behaviour. It also supports the families and friends of offenders, and professionals.

More than 2,000 people contacted Stop It Now! last year through the helpline and its secure messaging service last year to change this behaviour.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/funding-boost-for-child-sexual-abuse-prevention-helpline-following-jump-in-contacts>



£100m funding for police to tackle violent crime (13/03/19)

The Chancellor announced in the Spring Statement that this funding will ease policing pressures and will pay for police forces to have more officers available to respond to crime or patrol in communities.

The funding will also be invested in Violence Reduction Units, bringing together a range of agencies including health, education, social services and others, to develop a multi-agency approach in preventing knife crime altogether. The units will be based on models used in Glasgow where homicide rates fell by 54% from 2006/07 to 2015/16.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/100-million-funding-for-police-to-tackle-violent-crime>

New campaign warns 'it only takes one accident' to start a fire (15/03/19)

A new eye-catching campaign highlighting the everyday accidents that can cause fire in the home has been launched by the Home Office today.

Overloading electrical sockets, leaving a frying pan on the hob unattended and putting an electrical heater too close to laundry are among the hazards shown in the revamped Fire Kills campaign.

Advertising will run across England on television, radio and online.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-campaign-warns-it-only-takes-one-accident-to-start-a-fire>

Digital Secretary meets those affected by online harms (11/03/19)

The Digital Secretary Jeremy Wright has met with people affected by online harms, as the Government finalises what new laws will be necessary to ensure UK citizens are better protected.

Many of those the Secretary of State met with have suffered directly from online harms - including cyber bullying, revenge porn and hate speech. They are now publicly campaigning on online safety issues and supporting others through their own platforms and work with charities.

The meeting at the DCMS comes ahead of the publication of the Online Harms White Paper, which will outline steps government will take to ensure the UK is the safest place in the world to be online.

The meeting was an opportunity to listen to those who have been directly affected by these issues to help shape any new legislation and hear their views about what more social media companies could do to combat the negative effects of their platforms.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/digital-secretary-meets-those-affected-by-online-harms>

Government unveils commitments to tackle abuse against men (07/03/19)

The government has published its first cross-government position statement on male victims of crimes, which sets out the scale of abuse against men and the

specific vulnerabilities they face.

The Male Victims Position Statement sets out 12 specific commitments to better enable male victims and survivors to come forward and receive the support they need and bring perpetrators to justice. These include:

- providing £500,000 to specialist organisations that support male victims and survivors of domestic abuse
- awarding a specialist LGBT domestic abuse organisation that supports LGBT victims and survivors with £500,000
- providing £24 million over the next three years for services providing advice and counselling to all victims of sexual violence, including men and boys

According to research by the Male Survivors Partnership some men can take over 31 years to disclose their ordeals. The statement notes that attitudes around masculinity can mean male victims take a long time to report these experiences.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-unveils-commitments-to-tackle-abuse-against-men>

Keeping kids safe (28/02/19)

Improving safeguarding responses to gang violence and criminal exploitation
<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/publication/keeping-kids-safe/>

DBS guidance leaflets (04/03/19)

Guidance leaflets relating to eligibility and other DBS services and products.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-guidance-leaflets>

**Offensive Weapons Bill 2018:
overarching documents (22/02/19)**

The measures within the Offensive Weapons Bill will provide greater protection for the public and communities and deliver on the government's commitment to tackle serious violence and provide law enforcement with the powers they need to keep the public safe.

The bill will:

- create a new criminal offence of selling (both online and offline) a corrosive product to a person under the age of 18 – the substances and concentration levels of what constitutes a corrosive product are set out in the bill
- create a new criminal offence of possessing a corrosive substance in a public place – there is a defence of possessing the corrosive substance for good reason
- create new criminal offences prohibiting the dispatch of bladed products and corrosive products sold online to a residential address – the offence for bladed products is limited to those that can cause serious injury and includes defences for made-to-order items and those for sporting and re-enactment purposes
- create new criminal offences on delivery companies of delivering a bladed article or a corrosive product on behalf of a seller based outside the United Kingdom to a person under 18
- update the definition of a flick knife and prohibit the possession of flick knives and gravity knives (their sale is already prohibited)

- amend section 141 Criminal Justice Act 1988 to make it a criminal offence to possess certain offensive weapons e.g. knuckledusters and zombie knives
- extend the existing offences of possessing a bladed article or offensive weapon on school premises to cover further education premises
- amend the legal test for the offence of threatening with an offensive weapon to aid prosecution
- prohibit high energy and rapid firing firearms and a device known as a bump stock which increases the rate of fire of rifles and provide for compensation for owners of such weapons

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offensive-weapons-bill-2018-overarching-documents>

Indecent images of children

campaign: supporter pack (28/02/19)

How to support the HO's campaign to educate young men on the law relating to indecent images of children online.

The steering clear campaign aims to educate and empower 18 to 24 year old men to navigate the internet more responsibly by:

- building knowledge of how to report sexual images that could be of under 18s to the Internet Watch Foundation
- increasing understanding of the law regarding indecent images of children
- increasing understanding of the harm caused to victims of IIOC

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/indecnt-images-of-children-campaign-supporter-pack>

Police to get more stop and search powers to tackle acid attacks

(20/02/19)

Home Secretary Sajid Javid will give police new powers to stop and search anyone suspected of carrying a corrosive substance in public.

The move will enable police officers to effectively enforce a new offence of carrying corrosives in a public place, which is passing through Parliament in the Offensive Weapons Bill.

Currently, police can only stop and search people they suspect of carrying acid with intent to cause injury.

The proposal to extend stop and search was widely supported during a public consultation – the results of which are published today. They show 90% of respondents, including senior police officers, back the change.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/police-to-get-more-stop-and-search-powers-to-tackle-acid-attacks>

Home Secretary announces further action to target youth violence

(11/02/19)

Chairing the latest Serious Violence Taskforce, Sajid Javid set out details of a new youth advocates programme that will see respected members of communities, such as sport coaches and youth workers, receive specialist training in order to have safe conversations with young people and provide them positive alternatives to carrying a knife.



He also announced the next stage of the #knifefree advertising campaign which features real life stories of youth who have turned away from a life of crime thanks to a mentor in their community.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/home-secretary-announces-further-action-to-target-youth-violence>

NHS Wales Health Services Safeguarding Tool Launched

(07/03/19)

Colleagues from Public Health Wales' National Safeguarding Team have launched a new tool to help Health Boards and Trusts measure the effectiveness of their safeguarding arrangements.

The Safeguarding Maturity Matrix (SMM) is designed to allow services within the NHS in Wales to self-assess their safeguarding arrangements in order to identify their strengths as well as areas for development and improvement.

The SMM is an evolving concept, first introduced as the Safeguarding Quality Outcomes Framework in 2012. A successful pilot held in 2018 saw individual organisations complete their self-assessments before coming together to discuss their results as well as their self-assessment improvement plans.

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/888/news/50586>

‘Upskirting’ now a specific crime as bill receives Royal Assent (12/02/19)

- New law banning invasive practice successfully passes through Parliament
- Offenders now face up to two years in jail, with most serious put on sex offenders register
- Campaigner Gina Martin celebrates Voyeurism Act 2019 becoming law

‘Upskirting’ typically involves offenders taking a picture under a person’s clothing without them knowing, with the intention of viewing their genitals or buttocks. The new law will ban the degrading practice to deter perpetrators, better protect victims, and bring more offenders to justice.

The Government intervened last June to bring forward measures to tackle this behaviour, after a Private Members Bill did not pass its second reading. The government-backed legislation has since successfully passed through both Houses of Parliament.

The move follows tireless efforts by campaigners, victims, charities, ministers and MPs to close a small gap in the law. The issue was first brought to the public’s attention by the unwavering campaign of Gina Martin, after two men took a picture up her skirt at a festival.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/upskirting-now-a-specific-crime-after-bill-receives-royal-assent>



Upskirting: know your rights (11/02/19)

Upskirting is a highly intrusive practice, which typically involves someone taking a picture under another person’s clothing without their knowledge, with the intention of viewing their genitals or buttocks (with or without underwear). It can take place in a range of places, eg British Transport Police have seen a rise of reports on public transport.

The new law will capture instances where the purpose of the behaviour is to obtain sexual gratification, or to cause humiliation, distress or alarm. Anyone, and any gender, can be a victim and this behaviour is completely unacceptable.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/upskirting-know-your-rights>

Private Law Data

Cafcass received 3,721 new cases during February 2019. This is 20.2% (625 cases) higher than February 2018 and highest demand for February since 2013.

<https://www.cafcass.gov.uk/about-cafcass/research-and-data/private-law-data/>

Public Law Data

Cafcass received 1,001 new care applications during February 2019. This is 16.1% (192 applications) lower than February 2018.

<https://www.cafcass.gov.uk/about-cafcass/research-and-data/public-law-data/>

Parents encouraged to be aware of scarlet fever symptoms (28/02/19)

The latest report by PHE shows that 6,316 cases of scarlet fever have been reported since mid-September 2018, compared to an average of 6,680 for the same period over the last 5 years. There were 409 cases reported for the most recent week (18 to 24 February 2019).

Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness but it is highly infectious so PHE is advising parents to be on the lookout for symptoms, which include a sore throat, headache and fever with a characteristic fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. If signs of scarlet fever are suspected, it is important to contact your local GP or NHS 111.

Early treatment with antibiotics is important as it helps reduce the risk of complications such as pneumonia and the spread of the infection to others. Children or adults diagnosed with scarlet fever are advised to stay at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/parents-encouraged-to-be-aware-of-scarlet-fever-symptoms>

2019 child health profiles (05/03/19)

Profiles providing an overview of child health and wellbeing for each local authority in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/2019-child-health-profiles>



Children's vaccine 87% effective against circulating flu strain

(22/02/19)

Public Health England (PHE) has published mid-season data on the effectiveness of this year's flu vaccines, alongside data from other countries, in Eurosurveillance. The data suggest that the nasal spray flu vaccine is 87% effective in children aged 2 to 17 years against the main circulating strain, influenza A(H1N1) pmd09.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/childrens-vaccine-87-effective-against-circulating-flu-strain>

Infant formula and foods for medical purposes: notification (26/02/19)

Application to notify authorities about the introduction of medical foods and infant formula to the UK.

Under EU Regulation (EU) 609/2013, there is a requirement to notify the relevant authority when medical foods and infant formula are first put on the market in a member state.

The notification forms are aimed at companies that manufacture, process, distribute, use, sell or import infant formula and follow-on formula in the UK.

The guidance will be relevant to local authorities who are responsible for enforcing the legislation in this area.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/infant-formula-and-foods-for-particular-nutritional-uses-parents-notification-requirements>

National Child Measurement Programme: school feedback letters
(12/03/19)

Letter templates for local authorities to send to schools participating in the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-child-measurement-programme-school-feedback-letter>

Inquiry opens core participant applications for child sexual exploitation by organised networks
(06/03/19)

We are today publishing an update note and inviting applications for core participant status in the child sexual exploitation by organised networks investigation.

Individuals and organisations that wish to be designated as a core participant in the child sexual exploitation by organised networks investigation are asked to submit their application before 4pm on 27 March 2019

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news>

Inquiry publishes report on Children in Custodial Institutions (28/02/19)

The Inquiry has published its report on the sexual abuse of children in custodial institutions.

The report examines evidence of appalling abuse and institutional failures to protect children in the youth secure estate in England and Wales, as heard during two weeks of public hearings last July.

Focusing on the period from 2009 to 2017, the report shows that children held in young offender institutions and secure training centres are still not safe from sexual abuse.

The Inquiry discovered that many more complaints of child sexual abuse in custody have been made than official figures, such as those published in the annual survey by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons, previously suggested. Information obtained directly from the institutions and authorities showed there were over 1,000 incidents of alleged sexual abuse reported from 2009 to 2017.

For example, it was alleged that a female member of staff masturbated children at Medway Secure Training Centre in 2015; and that in 2014, members of staff at Rainsbrook Secure Training Centre allowed two young people to go into a room together, knowing that one was going to defecate on the other's face.

The report includes many other recent examples, often involving staff inappropriately touching detainees during body searches or instances of restraint.

The report also includes evidence from adult victims and survivors who were sexually abused while in custodial institutions as children some time ago.
<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/inquiry-publishes-report-children-custodial-institutions>

Inquiry urges more open conversation about CSA (19/02/19)

New research from the IICSA has found that 51% of victims and survivors who came forward to the Inquiry did not report that they were being sexually abused at the time it was happening. 8% disclosed their abuse for the first time when they spoke to the Truth Project.

11% of Truth Project participants were under four when the abuse started, and a further 31% were between 4-7 years old when it began.

Over half of survivors reported other forms of abuse. Physical abuse was most commonly disclosed (32%). Psychological abuse, including fear, was the next most common form of abuse recounted (29%).

Many told the Inquiry that the abuse had a detrimental impact on all aspects of their lives - taking a toll on their mental and physical health, relationships, education and employment prospects:

- 86% of survivors told the Truth Project that the abuse had a negative impact on their mental health, with 39% experiencing depression following the abuse.
- 51% reported that the abuse had damaged their relationships with others, and 34% reported trust and intimacy issues.
- 45% said that the abuse had a negative impact on their education and employment and 17% reported being unhappy at school.

- 7% of girls became pregnant as a direct result of being sexually abused and 10% of survivors reported a physical injury.

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/inquiry-urges-more-open-conversation-about-child-sexual-abuse>

IICSA research on CSA in the youth secure estate (20/02/19)

The Inquiry has published a research report on safeguarding procedures in the youth secure estate, focusing on CSA. The research provides direct accounts from children and staff at YOIs, STCs and secure children's homes across England and Wales.

The report provides evidence which supports the Inquiry's investigation into the nature and extent of child sexual abuse in custodial institutions, as well as examining the response of the organisations.

Key findings include:

- Children do not always feel safe or kept free from harm
- Children are not well equipped to have healthy sexual relationships
- Children and staff struggle knowing what constitutes abuse and inappropriate sexual behaviour
- More work is needed to ensure staff are equipped to deal with safeguarding issues

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/inquiry-publishes-research-report-child-sexual-abuse-youth-secure-estate>

Child abuse and neglect (Feb 2019)

This quality standard covers recognising, assessing and responding to abuse and neglect of children and young people under 18. It covers physical, sexual and emotional abuse and describes high-quality care in priority areas for improvement.

It does not cover areas of national policy, such as legislative changes and statutory requirements.

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs179>

Inspecting independent schools: pre-registration and material change inspections (14/03/19)

A leaflet for registered and proposed new independent schools outlining what Ofsted inspectors will look at.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspecting-independent-schools-pre-registration-and-material-change-inspections>

Local area SEND inspections: information for families (14/03/19)

Information about inspections of local area services for children and young people with SEND.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-area-send-inspections-information-for-families>

Inspecting non-association independent schools (14/03/19)

A leaflet for parents and carers about inspections of non-association independent schools.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspecting-non-association-independent-schools>



Consented addresses for childminders and domestic childcare (14/03/19)

This report details the names and addresses for childminders and childcare on domestic premises, where the provider has consented for their name and address to be published on the Ofsted inspection report website.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consented-addresses-for-childminders-and-domestic-childcare>

School inspection update: academic year 2018 to 2019 (14/03/19)

Updates for inspectors and stakeholders with latest information and guidance about Ofsted's work in schools.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-inspection-update-academic-year-2018-to-2019>

Inspecting secure training centres: framework (13/03/19)

The framework and evaluation schedule for inspection of secure training centres.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspecting-secure-training-centres-framework>

A new and robust inspection regime for STCs (13/03/19)

Ofsted has published a new joint inspection framework for secure training centres that promises to focus even more closely on those are judged inadequate.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/a-new-and-robust-inspection-regime-for-secure-training-centres>

HMCI commentary on knife crime
(12/03/19)

Amanda Spielman discusses Ofsted's report on knife crime. The report looks at exclusions, working with agencies and education about staying safe.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/hmci-commentary-on-knife-crime>

Ofsted: Stronger partnerships needed to tackle knife crime (12/03/19)

New knife crime research looks at how schools, colleges, and pupil referral units (PRUs) in London protect children from knife violence in school.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofsted-stronger-partnerships-needed-to-tackle-knife-crime>

Knife crime: safeguarding children and young people in education

(12/03/19)

Ofsted carried out a research project on knife crime in education. This report sets out our findings and recommendations.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/knife-crime-safeguarding-children-and-young-people-in-education>

State-funded school inspections and outcomes: management information

(12/03/19)

Management information published monthly and a one-off publication of inspections and outcomes from 2005 to 2015.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/monthly-management-information-ofsteds-school-inspections-outcomes>

Ofsted Inspectors: conflicts of interest policy and procedure (11/03/19)

Guidance for contracted Ofsted Inspectors on when to declare a conflict of interest, and the process to follow.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofsted-inspectors-conflicts-of-interest-policy-and-procedure>

FE and skills inspections and outcomes: management information from Sep 2018 to Aug 2019 (11/03/19)

Management information showing in-year and most recent inspection outcomes.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/further-education-and-skills-inspections-and-outcomes-management-information-from-september-2018-to-august-2019>

Joint inspections of response to CSA in the family environment (08/03/19)

Joint targeted area inspection guidance on the multi-agency response to child sexual abuse in the family environment.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/joint-inspections-of-the-response-to-child-sexual-abuse-in-the-family-environment>

Children's homes inspections and outcomes: management information

(04/03/19)

Management information published quarterly in the interests of transparency.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/quarterly-management-information-ofsteds-childrens-homes-inspection-outcomes>

SCCIF framework: implementation review (01/03/19)

An overview of Ofsted's work to review the implementation of the social care common inspection framework.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/social-care-common-inspection-framework-implementation-review>

Further education and skills inspection handbook (28/02/19)

Guidance on how further education and skills providers are inspected under the common inspection framework.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/further-education-and-skills-inspection-handbook>

Ofsted Parent View: management information (28/02/19)

Management information published annually in the interests of transparency.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/ofsted-parent-view-management-information>

Social care questionnaires 2018: what children and young people told Ofsted (27/02/19)

Ofsted uses questionnaires to capture views about social care settings, including children's homes, boarding schools and living with foster carers and adopters.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/social-care-questionnaires-2018-what-children-and-young-people-told-ofsted>



Non-association independent schools inspections and outcomes:

management information (14/02/19)

Management information showing in-year and most recent inspections and outcomes.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/non-association-independent-schools-inspections-and-outcomes-management-information>

Pupils and their parents or carers: omnibus survey (14/03/19)

Findings from research on pupils and their parents or carers and responses to questions asked in the survey.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupils-and-their-parents-or-carers-omnibus-wave-1-survey>

Four-year-olds taught about online dangers as threat increases (13/03/19)

The NCA is engaging with children as young as 4 in a bid to help protect them online, as the scale and severity of online CSAE continue to increase.

Parents, carers and teachers can use Jessie & Friends – a fun, friendly and age-appropriate education resource to help to keep 4-7s safe online. Engaging activities, designed for classroom use, support children to recognise manipulative strategies in online chat – just like those typically used by offenders to groom children.

<http://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/news-listings/1580-four-year-olds-taught-for-the-first-time-about-online-dangers-as-threat-increases>

Consultations

Identifying schools for improvement support (05/03/19)

We are seeking views on how we identify which schools should be eligible for an offer of support to help improve educational performance.

This consultation seeks views on proposals for a clearer, simpler approach to identifying schools that may benefit from an offer of support to help improve a school's educational performance.

Our proposal is that all schools judged as 'Requires improvement' by Ofsted will be eligible for support, and that schools with 2 consecutive 'Requires improvement' judgements will be eligible for more intensive support.

To simplify accountability, we are also proposing to remove floor and coasting data standards.

Closing date: 25th March 2019

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/identifying-schools-for-support>
<https://consult.education.gov.uk/inspection-and-accountability-division/identifying-schools-for-improvement-support/>



Changes to Ofsted's statistical reporting on inspections and outcomes for children's homes and local authority children's services (25/02/19)

This consultation seeks your views on our proposed revisions to the frequency and content of social care inspection official statistics and management information.

We are proposing 3 changes to the children's homes and local authority inspections and outcomes releases:

- Changing the period covered by the local authority and children's homes official statistics from 6 months to 5 months; this is to align it with the period for other remits (types of provider we inspect) and with the period covered by the Ofsted Annual Report.
- Removing the interactive tables from the underlying data.
- Reducing the frequency of publishing children's homes management information, from quarterly to biannually; however, quarterly data will still be available in the underlying datasets published alongside official statistics.

Closing date: 29th March 2019

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-ofsteds-statistical-reporting-on-inspections-and-outcomes-for-childrens-homes-and-local-authority-childrens-services>

Consultations (continued)

Review of the National Autism Strategy 'Think Autism': call for evidence (14/03/19)

The government wants to hear from autistic people, families and carers about their experiences of care and support.

In April 2014 the government published 'Think Autism', a strategy for meeting the needs of autistic adults in England. The strategy supports the Autism Act 2009.

This year the Department of Health and Social Care, working with the DfE, will review the strategy and extend it to cover children as well as adults. To help us do this, we want to hear about people's experiences of care and support.

This call for evidence is for England only. It will be of particular interest to:

- autistic people – adults, children and young people
- their families
- their carers
- organisations and professionals that provide care and support to autistic people or work with autistic people

We will use the results to find out where people think progress has been made and where more needs to be done in the future.

Closing date: 16th May 2019

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-the-national-autism-strategy-think-autism-call-for-evidence> ↑

Consultation outcome - Relationships (and sex) education and health education (25/02/19)

Summary of responses we received, along with the government's response outlining the next steps.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/relationships-and-sex-education-and-health-education>

Consultation outcome - Proposed changes to joint inspections of secure training centres (13/03/19)

This is a report on the outcomes of the consultation on proposed changes to the joint framework for the inspection of secure training centres, held between 17 July and 14 August 2018.

Read the new framework for inspecting secure training centres, for use from 1 April 2019 onwards.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-changes-to-joint-inspections-of-secure-training-centres>

Conferences

Protect and Support Vulnerable Teenagers

6th June 2019 Birmingham
£349 - £459 +VAT

This event will provide you with the methods and strategies you need to manage and support your vulnerable students. In addition to a variety of networking opportunities, you will also get to attend a variety of keynotes and workshops on current challenges such as mental health as well as emerging threats including county lines. The aim of the event is to ensure every path is covered when safeguarding your most vulnerable students.

You can expect in-depth keynotes with leading experts and a choice of workshops including:

- mental health: effective and innovative ways to support teenagers with mental health problems
- social media: improve your understanding of social media trends and be one step ahead of your students
- county lines: learn the signs that a student may be caught up in county line activity, and keep you school safe
- risky behaviour: understand the psychology behind engaging in risky behaviours and how it can be prevented.

<http://my.optimus-education.com/conferences/protect-and-support-vulnerable-teenagers>



How safe are our children? Growing up online 2.0

25th – 26th June 2019 London
£239 - £289

Children and young people are growing up in a world with an ever-growing focus on all things digital, which offers a whole host of exciting possibilities. And with the online world changing all the time, so does the way children and young people interact with it.

If you're working with children and young people it's essential you understand the potential risks and issues children may face online to better protect them in your professional role and to help young people thrive online.

At this year's two-day conference, you'll hear sector leaders share their knowledge, expertise and solutions to protect children online including topics on young people and digital relationships, the 'internet of things', gaming and the dark web.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2019/june/how-safe-are-our-children-conference-2019>

Conferences (continued)

The National Future of Safeguarding in the Voluntary Sector Event

26th June 2019 London

£269 - £550 + VAT

Topics to be covered include:

- Understanding Safeguarding Expectations and Responsibilities in the Voluntary Sector
- Developing a comprehensive Approach to Safeguarding
- Prioritising Safeguarding in the Recruitment and Training of Volunteers
- Effective Reporting and Investigation
- Addressing Culture to improve Safeguarding Practices
- Tackling Safeguarding Issues across the Aid Sector
- Integrating Safeguarding and Data Protection Approaches
- Working in partnership with Local Authority Safeguarding Boards
- How to write a comprehensive and effective Safeguarding Policy

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/product/safeguarding-voluntary/>



This newsletter collates information from various sources that is relevant to safeguarding children. Anyone working in this area who would like to be added to the circulation list can forward their details to – keithdriver@btinternet.com