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Serious Case Reviews / other learning reviews

Cumbria Safeguarding Children Board Serious Case Review into the death of Child R:

Child R was aged thirteen and died at home, whilst in the care of his father. **The cause of his tragic and untimely death was morphine poisoning, after being given a morphine tablet by his father who mistakenly believed it to be a suitable painkiller for his son's headache.** Child R's father pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of his son and received a four year custodial sentence. Child R's school reported that he could sometimes be anxious and timid but was also a humorous and popular student who had a supportive circle of friends. His parents separated after only a few months, following their son's birth in 2001. Child R stayed with his mother until the age of three when he went to live with his father who eventually obtained a residence order in 2009.

It is widely believed that Child R and his father could have benefitted from Early Help and the findings of this case are centred on that premise.

[Child R SCR report](#)

[LSCB response to Child R SCR report](#)

[Lessons to be learnt from Child R SCR](#)

Safeguarding Issues / Other

Hull has been awarded £7.8m from the Big Lottery Fund to improve young people's emotional health and well-being. Hull was one of 12 local authorities who applied for the funding and six have been successful and will receive £7.8m over the next five years. The HeadStart Hull programme, led by Hull City Council in partnership with schools, Hull CCG, voluntary sector organisations including Cornerhouse and Child Dynamix and CAMHS, which is aimed at 10 - to 16-year-olds, is designed to help young people have improved emotional health and resilience.

[Access this news item online](#)

[KCFM local Report](#)

[BBC Report \(i-Player\)](#)

ReFresh are currently looking for volunteers to support them in the work they do. They work with a number of volunteers, primarily in a mentoring capacity. This involves seeing young people who have accessed our support 1:1; often just to be a listening ear or to support them to take part in structured and positive activities.

Full training is given and all expenses are covered. There are further training opportunities available and it's a great way to support others and gain personal experience working with young people.

If you - or anyone you know are interested or would like to know more would love to hear from you, please get in touch on 01482 331059 or sami.namih@hullcc.gov.uk or find ReFresh on Facebook!

The report **Beyond Adversity** by YoungMinds has found that **schools, social workers, police and NHS staff are among those inadvertently causing children to relive traumas because of “fundamental misunderstandings” about how to interpret their behaviour.** Children who have been neglected, abused, bereaved or faced prejudice may communicate their feelings by being aggressive, self-destructive, withdrawn or highly sexualised. As a result, they are often treated as ‘the problem.’ This means the cause of their trauma is never addressed and they don’t receive the **mental health** care they need.

[Young Minds Article in full](#)

[Beyond adversity: addressing the mental health needs of young people who face complexity and adversity in their lives \(PDF\)](#)

The independent Mental Health Taskforce published its [Five Year Forward View](#) in February 2016 which set out the current state of mental health service provision in England and made recommendations in all service areas. NHS England accepted all the recommendations in the report for which it held responsibility and it was agreed with the Government that to support this transformation, mental health services will benefit from additional investment of £1bn per year by 2020/21. In July 2016, **NHS England published an [Implementation Plan](#)** detailing how it will deliver the recommendations made by the Taskforce working with its partner arms-length bodies. The Plan presents the timeframes and funding for delivery of the programmes of work which will transform mental health services. It shows how the delivery partners will work together at national and local level, and how they will be held to account for meeting the timeframes and for using the funding in the most effective way.....

Implementation Plan:

[Foreword](#)

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[Chapter 12 – Our support offer](#)

Immediate priorities for service redesign are:

- to increase access to specialist perinatal care

- to reduce the number of out of area placements for children, young people and adults through the provision of more care closer to and at home

- to increase access to crisis care liaison services in emergency departments and inpatient wards

- suicide prevention.

Plans are being put in place to monitor the progress of a report into child sexual exploitation in Telford.

[Shropshire Star Article in full](#)

The Telford & Wrekin Safeguarding Children Board will be in charge of ensuring recommendations made in a report into offences in the borough are put into place.

The council’s children and young person scrutiny committee produced a 100-page report into child sexual exploitation following Operation Chalice, a police investigation into a child prostitution and trafficking ring in the borough.

This investigation resulted in the successful prosecution of nine men, who were jailed for a total of 49 years.

The Scrutiny Review made 38 recommendations aimed at better protecting young people in the borough.....

An interim report will be made to the Telford & Wrekin Council Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee in December, with a full progress report being brought forward in May next year....

Research by the National Working Group on Safeguarding Disabled Children, which surveyed 36 of the 146 LSCBs in England, found that despite examples of good practice, there is an inconsistent approach to the safeguarding of disabled children across LSCBs.

Existing research shows that disabled children are three to four times more likely to be abused and neglected than non-disabled children and are more likely to experience multiple types and occurrences of abuse.

[Children and Young People now article in full Report](#)

As schools break up for the holidays, the NSPCC is urging parents to think carefully before leaving children home alone over the summer.

The NSPCC says last summer its helpline received 453 calls and emails from adults concerned about youngsters being left unattended during the holidays.

More than three-quarters - 366 - were serious enough for information to be passed to police or social services.

The charity offers the following advice for parents deciding whether it is appropriate to leave a child alone:

- Babies, toddlers and very young children should never be left alone
- Children under the age of 12 are rarely mature enough to cope in an emergency and should not be left at home alone for a long period of time
- Children under the age of 16 should not be left alone overnight
- Parents and carers can be prosecuted for neglect if it is judged that they placed a child at risk by leaving them alone at home
- A child should never be left at home alone if they do not feel comfortable with this, regardless of their age
- If a child has additional needs, these should be considered when leaving them at home alone or with an older sibling
- When leaving a younger child with an older sibling think about what may happen if they were to have a falling out - would they both be safe?

[BBC Report](#)

Social workers and other frontline staff could face criminal charges if they fail to report suspected child abuse or neglect, under proposals launched for consultation by the Government.

The Government is proposing to either introduce a mandatory reporting duty for any person working with children, or a duty to act that would require them to take appropriate action if they thought a child was being abused or neglected.

[Article in full](#)

Referrals to children's social care where social workers spot risks posed by betting, genital mutilation and poverty are more likely to progress to further action than others, research suggests.

A report commissioned by the Department for Education, and published last week, analysed the factors that may influence social worker decision making. It identified links between when a referral

[Community Care Article in full](#)
[Decision-making in children's social care](#)

was received, and whether it came via phone or email and the outcome.

Members of the House of Lords have called on the Department for Education to provide evidence for why controversial proposals to allow councils to be exempted from children's social care legislation are being pursued.

Provisions contained in the new Children and Social Work Bill, which is currently going through parliament, are intended to give councils the ability "to test different ways of working" within children's services by exempting them from "requirements imposed by children's social care legislation".

[Children and Young People now article in full](#)

The Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) revealed there were 5,700 newly recorded cases of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) reported in England during 2015-16.

The HSCIC's findings--the first ever annual statistics on cases of FGM—also showed there were 8,660 total attendances in the same period where FGM was identified or a medical procedure for FGM was undertaken.

[Localgov article in full](#)

SI 2016/762 - The Modern Slavery Act 2015 (Duty to Notify) (Amendment) Regulations 2016

These Regulations amend the 2015 Regulations (S.I. 2015/1743) to correct minor drafting defects. The Regulations specify that, where the principal victim to whom the notification relates has given their consent or is under the age of 18, no further consent is required from the suspected perpetrators or other suspected victims of those same perpetrators for a public authority to provide the information listed in Schedule 2.

[Legislation](#)

The joint committee on human rights has demanded a review of Prevent, which became a legal duty for schools last July. Their report, released today, said further legislation in the form of the government's counter-extremism bill should not go ahead before the impact of Prevent was assessed.

[Article in full](#)

Cafcass Annual Report and Accounts 2015-16

The report sets out the context in which Cafcass works. It describes our focus on continuous improvement, while managing rising demand effectively and delivering savings when and where we can. Key facts and figures for the year

- We worked with 116,104 children and young people across England
- We have continued to meet all of our KPIs in 2015 – 16. They include allocation in public and private law, and filling times for private law
- Demand for private law increased 10.3% compared to the previous financial year
- Demand for public law increase 14.2% compared to the previous financial year
- The average duration of our involvement in private law decreased from 27 weeks in 2014 – 15 to 22 weeks in 2015 -16

[Cafcass](#)

Child Safety Online: Age Verification for Pornography

The government has published its response to the consultation on Child Safety Online: Age Verification for Pornography.

[Article in full](#)

An inquiry into the impact the internet has on children has been launched by the House of Lords communications committee.

It aims to explore the risks and dangers presented to children by pervasive access to the internet, as well as the benefits.

[Children and the internet inquiry](#)

Independent review of the barring operations of the DBS

The DBS board commissioned an independent review of our barring function in May 2014 to ensure that the process appropriately reflected the legislative intent and to assess the effectiveness of our process.

Eleanor Grey QC was appointed to lead the review, along with a small team of subject matter experts.

[Article in full](#)

The fake cures for autism that can prove deadly - A campaigner is battling against the dangerous poisons being sold to parents online that claim to treat the condition.

“Parents hold their child down – three of them holding them down – and give this stuff as an enema,” says Emma Dalmayne. “Many feed it to their children. They even put it into their babies’ bottles.”

Dalmayne, a stay-at-home mother and autism campaigner from London, is describing Miracle Mineral Solution (MMS), a “supplement” being sold online to parents as a “cure” for their autistic children. But MMS is essentially bleach. It is 28% sodium chlorite, and when used as instructed, generates chlorine dioxide – a potent bleach that’s used to strip textiles and for industrial water treatment.

..... a suspected case in London. Police are making inquiries.

Although the FSA’s food crime unit is working with councils and government departments to combat the promotion and sale of MMS, Dalmayne says the law needs to be changed. While it is unlawful to sell a product such as MMS that is injurious to health, “you can say, ‘this is a cure for autism’ – and right now there’s nothing we can do about it”, she says. Change.org are campaigning for the government to introduce legislation to ban the marketing of products to the public based on the false claim it will cure autism, as is already the case with alleged remedies for cancer....

[The Guardian article](#)

Training/Conferences

Pathways to harm, pathways to protection: learning from serious and fatal child maltreatment

This series of one-day seminars, drawing on learning from the Department for Education Triennial review of serious case reviews, takes place on 13 September 2016 in Leeds; 7 October 2016 in London; 17 October 2016 in Dublin; 31 October 2016 in Bristol; 4 November 2016 in Birmingham; 29 November 2016 in Edinburgh.

These seminars will enable participants to learn key lessons arising from the recent triennial review of Serious Case Reviews, in order to inform opportunities for improving practice in interagency working to safeguard children.

The structure of the day will include:

- Presentation of model of pathways to harm and pathways to protection: fresh approaches to using systems methodology
- Presentation of key findings from the triennial review and previous biennial reviews

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- Child vulnerability and parent/carer risk
- Individual case management
- Working together dynamics
- Agency structures, processes and cultures
- Case-based discussion in groups to identify opportunities for prevention and protection in sample cases
- Individual/group reflection on key learning points and how to embed these in practice

Newsletters

National Child and Maternal Health Intelligence eBulletin – July '16	National Child and Maternal Health Intelligence eBulletin
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CASPAR: current awareness service for practice, policy and research – NSPCC Bulletin July 2016	NSPCC Bulletin
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Inspections

HMCI's monthly commentary: July 2016 on the 'Unknown children – destined for disadvantage?' report.	HMCI's monthly commentary: July 2016 'Unknown children – destined for disadvantage?' report
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