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1. Legal - Indecent images of children

BBC News reports that, according to NCA figures, more than 680 people have been arrested over the past nine months for downloading indecent images of children. 104 of these people were in "positions of trust", with 32 linked to education.

Link: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-35061689>

2. University of Oxford - Self Harm

The Department of Psychiatry at the University of Oxford has published a guide for parents on coping with their child's self-harm which is based on their in-depth research with parents.

Link: <http://www.psych.ox.ac.uk/news/new-guide-for-parents-who-are-coping-with-their-child2019s-self-harm-2018you-are-not-alone2019>

Further information: Coping with self harm: a guide for parents and carers (PDF)

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3. Police - Honour Based Violence (HBV)

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary has published the report of their inspection into the police response to honour-based violence (HBV), forced marriage and female genital mutilation. In it they express concern that there is, as yet, no strong evidence base on what works in policing to prevent harm to and protect victims of HBV.

Link: <http://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmic/publications/the-depths-of-dishonour/>

4. NDNA- Free App

The NDNA has produced a free app to help practitioners and parents understand and identify schemas in children's behaviour patterns to encourage positive behaviours, support and extend the child's learning and development and enhance the child's self-esteem.

Link: http://www.ndna.org.uk/NDNA/Training/Schemas_app.aspx?utm_source=hootsuite

5. Thinkuknow - Online safety

The government has announced a package of measures to help keep children safe online. These include: a UKCiSS guide to help parents keep their children safe online; updated content on CEOP's Thinkuknow website; and new industry-led initiatives to help children be safe online.

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-measures-to-keep-children-safe-online-at-school-and-at-home>

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

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6. Guardian - Domestic abuse

The Guardian reports that coercive or controlling domestic abuse (even if it stops short of physical violence) has become a crime punishable by up to five years in prison under section 76 of the Serious Crime Act 2015 which came into force on 29 December 2015.

Link: http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/dec/29/domestic-abuse-law-controlling-coercive-behaviour?CMP=share_btn_tw

Further information:

Women's Aid: Controlling behaviour in relationships: talking to young people about healthy relationships (PDF)

Link: <https://1q7dqy2unor827bjls0c4rn-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Controlling-Behaviour-in-Relationships-talking-to-young-people-about-healthy-relationships.pdf>

Statutory guidance framework: controlling or coercive behaviour in an intimate or family relationship

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/statutory-guidance-framework-controlling-or-coercive-behaviour-in-an-intimate-or-family-relationship>

7. BBC - Teachers and inappropriate relationships

The BBC reports that nearly 40% of teachers banned from the profession in Wales in the last two years were struck off because they had "inappropriate" relationships or conversations with pupils.

Link: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-35052128>

8. National Children's Bureau—Tackling bullying

The Anti-Bullying Alliance has published new resources for school staff to use to tackle the homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying of disabled young people and those with special educational needs

Link: <http://ncb.org.uk/news/disabled-young-people-that-identify-as-lgbtplus-bullied-and-silenced-in-our-schools>

Further information:

Tackling homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying for disabled children and young people and those with special educational needs

Link: <http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/media/31665/tackling-hbt-bullying-for-disabled-cyp-and-those-with-sen-full-guide-final-sept15.pdf>