

Safeguarding Update



1. NSPCC- Caring Dads: Safer Children Programme

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The NSPCC has published a report which shares learning from process evaluation and delivering the Caring Dads: Safer Children programme. It is aimed at other organisations delivering the programme or similar interventions for abusive fathers.

Caring Dads: Safer Children (CDSC) is a training course that helps fathers who bully or are unkind to their family. Lots of fathers in different parts of the country have taken part in the course.

Link: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources/research-and-resources/2016/caring-dads-safer-children-learning-delivering-programme>

For further information:

Link: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/research-reports/caring-dads-safer-children-learning-delivering-programme.pdf>

2. Government - Whistleblowing Advice Line

The NSPCC recently launched a government funded Whistleblowing Advice Line. This will take calls from professionals from any sector who are worried about the way their, or another, organisation is dealing with child protection issues. Employees who don't feel able to escalate these issues internally can contact the service, as well as those who have been unsuccessful in doing so. It can be reached for free on 0800 028 0285 and can be contacted anonymously. More information and free resources are available on the NSPCC website.

Link: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/report-abuse/dedicated-helplines/whistleblowing-advice-line/>

3. Just one day off can hamper children's life chances

Missing school for just a few days a year can damage pupils' chances of gaining good GCSEs, according to a new report published by the DfE.

The new research shows that overall absence had a negative link to attainment, with every extra day missed associated with a lower chance of achieving 5 or more good GCSEs or equivalent at grades A* to C including in English and mathematics, or gaining the gold standard English Baccalaureate (EBacc).

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The latest annual pupil absence statistics for 2014 to 2015 were also published today and confirm that school absence has remained at near historic low levels. In particular, they show that:

the overall rate of absence was 4.6% compared to 6% in the same period in 2009 to 2010 - demonstrating that the government's and schools' approach to tackling absence is working.

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/just-one-day-off-can-hamper-childrens-life-chances>

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4. £200m to transform life chances of vulnerable young people

Nicky Morgan unveils new investment to overhaul services for the most vulnerable children and young people.

Hundreds of millions are being invested in a new programme to revolutionise support for the most vulnerable children and families, backed by brand-new freedoms for town halls to provide life-changing services for troubled young people, the Education Secretary has announced

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/200-million-to-transform-life-chances-of-vulnerable-young-people>

5. Rise across the country in teenagers studying or training

The proportion of young people in education or training rose across England last year, according to figures published today.

Data collected by LAs shows that at the end of 2015 91.2% of 16- and 17-year-olds were in some form of education or training. This was a 1% rise on the same period in 2014.

As part of its commitment to delivering educational excellence everywhere, the government is determined to ensure all young people, irrespective of their background, have the chance to fulfil their potential.

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/rise-across-the-country-in-teenagers-studying-or-training>

5. Mental health and behaviour in schools

How to identify and support pupils whose behaviour suggests they may have unmet mental health needs.

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mental-health-and-behaviour-in-schools--2>

7. Multi-agency statutory guidance on FGM

Multi-agency guidelines on FGM for those with statutory duties to safeguard children and vulnerable adults

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multi-agency-statutory-guidance-on-female-genital-mutilation>

8. Strategy to end violence against women and girls: 2016 to 2020

This document provides an overview of the wide range of actions the government will be taking towards its strategy of ending violence against women and girls between 2016 and 2020

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