Safeguarding Update

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1. Youth Service - Child mental health provision

The Youth Select Committee has published its report into young people's mental health. It covers funding and the state of services; the role of educators; and awareness raising, tackling stigma and the opportunities and challenges of the digital age.

Link: http://www.parliament.uk/youthselectcommittee-2015

Link: http://www.parliament.uk/documents/youth-select-committee/Youth-Select-Committee-Report-2015.pdf

2. National Children's' Bureau- Bullying

In a blog for the General Medical Council (GMC), John Cameron, NSPCC head of helplines, advises professionals on what to do and where to turn for information and support if they suspect a young patient is at risk of female genital mutilation (FGM).

Link: http://ncb.org.uk/news/serious-mental-health-consequences-for-children-and-young-adults -as-a-result-of-bullying-in-schools

Link: http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/female-genital-mutilation-fgm/

3. Early Intervention Foundation - Gangs

The Early Intervention Foundation has published a series of reports examining how and when risks of involvement in gangs or youth violence can be identified. The report also presents evidence for the types of approaches which work best in preventing gang involvement as well as types of approaches which lack evidence of effectiveness

Link: http://www.eif.org.uk/early-signs-of-gang-and-youth-violence-risk-can-be-picked-up-by-age -seven/

4. DfE- Bullying

The government has published a longitudinal study which indicates a drop in school bullying over the last decade

Link: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/bullying-in-school-plummets

Link: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bullying-evidence-from-lsype2-wave-2

5. Anti-Bullying Alliance - Bullying

The Anti-Bullying Alliance has published a briefing on the latest findings, both in the UK and internationally, on the impact of involvement in school bullying (as a victim, bully, or bully-victim) on mental health throughout adolescence and into adulthood

Link: http://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/

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6. NSPCC - Pregnancy

The NSPCC has a new service, Pregnancy in Mind, which offers preventative mental health support for parents-to-be. As part of the development of this service, we commissioned the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience to conduct a literature review on the risk factors for antenatal anxiety and depression. This review has now been published in the Journal of Affective Disorders.

Link: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources/services-for-children-and-families/pregnancy-in-mind/

Further information:
Link: http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0165032715302330

7. The Guardian- HIV

The Guardian reports that according to the Children's HIV Association (Chiva), schools need to be better informed when it comes to supporting children who have been diagnosed with HIV.

Link: http://www.theguardian.com/education/2015/nov/24/schools-getting-wrong-hiv-aids?CMP=share_btn_tw

Link: https://modernslavery.co.uk/contact.html

8. The Guardian - Sexting and Teachers

In the first judgement of its kind, a woman has been awarded £25,000 in damages in a civil case involving sexting. As a 16-year-old, she was encouraged to send naked photographs of herself to a teacher. The teacher was given a three-year community order in 2010 after admitting possessing indecent images of a female pupil.

Link: http://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/nov/30/woman-awarded-25k-damages-sexting-legal-first

9. Government - FGM

'Everybody's Business' is a new website launched by young people to educate their peers about FGM and what they can do to stop it.

Link: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/youth-led-website-launched-to-end-fgm

Further information:
Link: http://fgm-every-bodys-biz.co.uk/