

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN  
INFORMATION UPDATE - 300  
11<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Sajid Javid announces new measures to tackle serious violence (02/10/18)**

The Home Secretary has set out a range of innovative new measures to address violent crime in the UK. This builds on the programme of work outlined in the Serious Violence Strategy which brings together partners across different sectors to form a multi-agency response.

The new package of announcements includes the following.

**Consultation on new legal duty to underpin a 'public health' approach to tackling serious violence**

This would mean police officers, education partners, LA and health care professionals will have a new legal duty to take action and prevent violent crime. This statutory duty would make serious violence a top priority for all key partners, ensuring that all agencies are working together to prevent young people being caught in the criminal cycle.

**New £200m youth endowment fund**

This will be delivered over 10 years and will build the evidence for early intervention. The fund, which is aimed at 10 to 14 year olds, will focus on those most at risk of youth violence including those displaying signs such as truancy, aggression and involvement in anti-social behaviour in order to steer them away from becoming serious offenders.

**Independent review of drug misuse**

This will ensure law enforcement agencies and policy are targeting and

preventing the drug-related causes of violent crime effectively. Drugs have been identified as a major driver of serious violence and this review will look at recreational drug use, as well as considering use by the small number of users who cause the most harm to themselves and their communities.

Tackling the root causes of serious violence, and in particular, preventing young people getting involved in criminality is right at the heart of the Serious Violence Strategy.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/home-secretary-announces-new-measures-to-tackle-serious-violence>

**Home Office hosts first serious violence event in London (08/10/18)**

The Crime Minister, Victoria Atkins, has hosted the first in a series of monthly events taking place across the country, aimed at tackling serious violence.

The events, led by HO ministers, will bring together local partners to take action against serious violence in communities. They will be used to raise awareness of the government's Serious Violence Strategy which places local action at its core. The events will also highlight the national and regional support available, discuss local action already underway and spot new opportunities to work together to tackle serious violence.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/home-office-hosts-first-serious-violence-event-in-london>

**Modern slavery training: resource page (09/10/18)**

Training and awareness raising resources available to public sector organisations to help their staff understand modern slavery and learn to spot the signs.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/modern-slavery-training-resource-page>

**Referral orders (09/10/18)**

This guidance gives information on:

- the legislation setting up referral orders
- youth offender panels and their part in the referral process
- making the orders in court
- the role of youth offending teams
- recruiting representative panels
- training and supporting panel members

The revised referral order guidance applies from 9 October 2018.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/young-offenders-referral-orders>

**New measures to combat forced marriage (02/10/18)**

The Home Secretary has announced a package of measures to tackle the appalling crime of forced marriage.

As part of this, a public consultation will be launched to determine whether there should be a mandatory requirement for professionals to report a forced marriage case to the authorities. This will help identify:

- which professionals the duty would apply to
- the specific circumstances where a case would have to be reported
- potential sanctions for failure to comply with the duty

Further measures announced today to crack down on forced marriage include plans to:

- consult on including an explicit reference to forced marriage in the immigration rules to demonstrate that forced marriage is unacceptable in the UK
- launch a communications campaign to raise awareness of the issue
- work with the judiciary to examine whether anonymous evidence of forced marriage can be admissible as closed evidence in the appeals process
- consult on updated multi-agency statutory guidance on forced marriage to help ensure professionals understand forced marriage and their responsibilities

This work will progress over the coming months and follows previous action taken by the government to strengthen the law including the introduction of a specific criminal offence of forced marriage, lifelong anonymity for victims, and criminalising breach of a Forced Marriage Protection Order (FMPO).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-measures-announced-to-combat-forced-marriage>

**Funding boost to help pupils affected by domestic abuse (21/09/18)**

Home Office awards charity Operation Encompass £163,000 to support children who attend school following a domestic abuse incident.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/funding-boost-to-help-pupils-affected-by-domestic-abuse>

**National County Lines Coordination Centre to crack down on drug gangs**  
(21/09/18)

The UK response to county lines drug crime has been significantly strengthened as the £3.6m National County Lines Coordination Centre became fully operational today.

A new multi-agency 38-strong team of experts from the National Crime Agency, police officers and regional organised crime units will work together to develop the national intelligence picture of the complexity and scale of the threat, prioritise action against the most serious offenders, and engage with partners across government, including in the health, welfare and education spheres, to tackle the wider issues.

County lines crime relates to the supply of Class A drugs, primarily crack cocaine and heroin, from urban cities to market towns, coastal areas and rural locations by young people, using a branded mobile phone line.

Gangs and criminal networks use extreme violence and intimidation to establish and maintain markets, with practices including forcing vulnerable people from their homes to establish a base to sell drugs.

The county lines model involves modern slavery and exploitation of children alongside drugs supply and violent crime.

The most recent national assessment of county lines, compiled by the NCA, suggests that there were more than 1000 lines in operation nationally with links to increasing levels of serious violence. ↗

There are already 200 active county lines investigations underway, but the introduction of the centre will allow police forces to intensify their operations.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/national-county-lines-coordination-centre-to-crack-down-on-drug-gangs>

**Criminal exploitation of children and vulnerable adults: county lines**  
(17/09/18)

Guidance for frontline professionals on dealing with county lines, part of the government's approach to ending gang violence and exploitation.

This guidance outlines what county lines (and associated criminal exploitation) is, signs to look for in potential victims, and what to do about it. It does not provide information about the entirety of the county lines issue.

The document is a supplement to an organisation's existing safeguarding policies, to help identify and protect those exploited through this criminal activity. It's also aimed at:

- local partners in policing
- local authorities
- the voluntary sector

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criminal-exploitation-of-children-and-vulnerable-adults-county-lines>

**Guidance on Part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003** (18/09/18)

Guidance for police and practitioners on the notification requirements under part 2 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-part-2-of-the-sexual-offences-act-2003>

**Modern Slavery Act 2015 review process (17/09/18)**

The review will collect evidence on specific provisions in the Act, including transparency in supply chains, child victims of modern slavery, the role of the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, and the legal application of the Act.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/modern-slavery-act-2015-review-process>

**New form of leave for children transferred during Calais clearance to join family (13/09/18)**

The government has announced a new form of leave for children transferred to the UK to reunite with their families during the Calais camp clearance in 2016.

The situation in Calais led to the government taking action to remove vulnerable children from a dangerous situation where they were at risk of violence, abuse and trafficking.

As part the UK's support for clearance of the camp, 769 unaccompanied children were transferred to the UK. 549 of these children were transferred to reunite with family members already in the UK.

However, some children do not qualify for international protection under existing immigration rules, but the government is clear that all those transferred from Calais to reunite with family should be able to remain here and that is why a new form of leave will be created.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-form-of-leave-for-children-transferred-during-calais-clearance-to-join-family>

**Cafcass – Private Law Data**

In August 2018, Cafcass received 4,019 new private law cases. This is 10.5% higher than August 2017. Monthly private law demand in August exceeded 4,000 for the first time since July 2013.

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

**Cafcass – Public Law Data**

In August 2018, Cafcass received a total of 1,179 new care applications. This figure is 5.1% lower than August 2017.

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

**Homelessness: duty to refer (28/09/18)**

This guidance provides an overview of the duty which will help public authorities understand how to administer the duty. Includes references to care leavers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/homelessness-duty-to-refer>

**'The quality of education and training for young people engaged with youth offending teams' (12/09/18)**

Developing the self-esteem, and the communication and social skills of young people trying to stay away from crime is a priority for youth offending teams.

In this report, Estyn, the education and training inspectorate for Wales, recommends that YOTs improve the opportunities these young people have for education and training, as well as getting better at tracking progress in improving their skills and behaviours.

<https://www.estyn.gov.wales/news/education-and-training-opportunities-need->

**CPS warning for teenagers on the dangers of carrying knives (05/10/18)**

Teenagers have been warned about the consequences of carrying knives – even if they never intend to use them.

Alison Saunders, DPP addressed a group of school children at The National Black Crown Prosecutors Association conference today. The theme of this year's conference was knife crime following a number of fatal stabbings in London including children as young as 15 years old.

In the year ending June 2018 there were almost 4,500 knife related offences carried out by children aged between 10 and 17 in England and Wales. In the most serious cases, 540 children were given a custodial sentence.

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/cps/news/cps-warning-teenagers-dangers-carrying-knives>

**Violence against Women and Girls report (26/09/18)**

Latest figures on prosecutions involving Violence against Women and Girls crimes have been released by the CPS.

The annual VAWG report covers a broad range of offences including domestic abuse, rape, stalking and sexual abuse. In 2017-18, the CPS brought more than 100,000 prosecutions of this type, a fifth of the total caseload.

Overall, the data shows a decrease in the number of VAWG cases. Referrals from the police have dropped by 0.7%, the number of completed prosecutions has reduced by 5.9% and the number of

convictions by 4.9%.

The number of referrals, prosecutions and convictions for rape-flagged cases has fallen, with a 9.1% fall in referrals from the police and a 23.1% fall in the number of suspects charged.

This is in the context of a fall in total CPS caseload, with a 10% drop in the numbers of cases of all crime types prosecuted last year.

However, the report shows significant increases related to stalking and modern slavery offences.

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/cps/news/annual-violence-against-women-and-girls-report-published>

**DBS Update Service: applicant guide (26/09/18)**

Guidance for applicants regarding the DBS Update Service, including how to join and how to renew your subscription. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-update-service-applicant-guide>

**DBS Update Service: employer guide (26/09/18)**

As an employer, you can access the Update Service to do status checks on an individual's standard or enhanced DBS certificate, if they've joined the service. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-update-service-employer-guide>

**DBS application form (21/09/18)**

Step by step guidance for applicants filling in the DBS application form. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-application-forms-guide-for-applicants>

**DBS certificate reprint guide and forms (21/09/18)**

A guide to requesting a DBS certificate reprint and forms to complete.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-certificate-reprint-guide>

**DBS subject access requests (21/09/18)**

Guidance, checklist and form for making a subject access request to the Disclosure and Barring Service.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-subject-access-request>

**New identity checking guidelines (21/09/18)**

New identity checking guidelines have been introduced for standard and enhanced disclosure checks.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-identity-checking-guidelines>

**Basic disclosure changes – updated (21/09/18)**

From January 2018, the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) are making changes to the basic check process.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/basic-disclosure-changes>  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/dbs-basic-checks-coming-soon>

**Basic checks (20/09/18)**

Guidance regarding basic checks, including how to apply and the information disclosed on a basic certificate.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/basic-checks>



**DBS barring: making a referral booklet (20/09/18)**

A booklet explaining how to make a referral to the DBS.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-barring-making-a-referral>

**DBS ID checking guidelines (19/09/18)**

Guidance to help you validate the identity of a DBS check applicant and a new lead/countersignatory.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-identity-checking-guidelines>

**Eligibility guidance for enhanced DBS checks (17/09/18)**

Guides to help you identify the types of work eligible for an enhanced DBS check in each workforce, including regulated activity.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-workforce-guidance>

**Eligibility guidance for standard DBS checks (17/09/18)**

A guide to eligibility for standard certificates, for Registered Bodies and employers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-check-eligible-positions-guidance>

**DBS guidance leaflets (14/09/18)**

Guidance leaflets relating to eligibility and other DBS services and products.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-guidance-leaflets>



**Child death reviews: forms for reporting child deaths (08/10/18)**

Forms to help child death overview panels (CDOPs) assess the causes of a child's death as part of the child death review process.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-death-reviews-forms-for-reporting-child-deaths>

**Lead exposure in children: surveillance reports (05/10/18)**

Results of a study of blood lead concentrations in children.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/lead-exposure-in-children-surveillance-reports>

**Matt Hancock warns of dangers of social media on children's mental health (02/10/18)**

The Chief Medical Officer is reviewing the impact that too much social media use can have on children's mental health and will draw up guidance to help parents.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/matt-hancock-warns-of-dangers-of-social-media-on-childrens-mental-health>

**Childhood obesity plan for action chapter 2: equality assessment (27/09/18)**

How part 2 of the government's childhood obesity plan affects people with protected characteristics.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childhood-obesity-plan-for-action-chapter-2-equality-assessment>



**Protecting your baby against hepatitis B leaflet (27/09/18)**

Leaflet explaining hepatitis B symptoms and the vaccine which protects babies from this virus.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protecting-your-baby-against-hepatitis-b-leaflet>

**Local authorities supported to innovate against childhood obesity (26/09/18)**

The government has announced a new programme to develop local solutions to childhood obesity that can be shared across the country.

The government is asking LAs to apply to its Trailblazer programme, in partnership with the Local Government Association (LGA).

Speaking at the LGA obesity conference, Public Health Minister Steve Brine introduced the programme and invited councils to submit proposals for tackling childhood obesity in their area when the programme launches in October.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/local-authorities-supported-to-innovate-against-childhood-obesity>

**Influenza vaccine uptake in primary school children reports** (25/09/18)

Reports on the uptake of the seasonal influenza vaccine and predictors of uptake in children of primary school age.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/influenza-vaccine-uptake-in-primary-school-children-reports>

**Routine childhood immunisation schedule** (18/09/18)

Information for health professionals on childhood immunisations.

This routine childhood immunisation schedule (autumn 2018) includes the new Infanrix hexa© vaccine for the infant programme. It is suitable for infants born on or after 1 August 2017.

The routine childhood immunisation schedule (summer 2016) is suitable for infants born up to and including 31 July 2017.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/routine-childhood-immunisation-schedule>

**Flu immunisation for early years settings including child minders** (18/09/18)

This guidance has been produced for the early years sector to assist staff and childminders and answers the most frequently asked questions regarding the nasal spray flu vaccination being offered to children in this age group.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-immunisation-for-early-years-settings-including-child-minders>

**Carers action plan 2018 to 2020** (13/09/18)

The plan sets out the cross-government programme to support carers over the next 2 years. It is structured around:

- services and systems that work for carers
- employment and financial wellbeing
- supporting young carers
- recognising and supporting carers in the wider community and society
- building research and evidence to improve outcomes for carers

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/carers-action-plan-2018-to-2020>

**Measles outbreaks** (13/09/18)

Public Health England is advising the public to ensure they have had 2 doses of MMR vaccine after outbreaks of measles are confirmed across England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/measles-outbreaks-across-england>

**NCMP: operational guidance**

(13/09/18)

Guidance for local commissioners, providers and schools on running the National child measurement programme.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-child-measurement-programme-operational-guidance>

**NCMP: data sharing and analysis**

(28/09/18)

Guidance for LAs and organisations who want to analyse NCMP data.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-child-measurement-programme-data-sharing-and-analysis>



**Nice Quality standard - Eating disorders** (September 2018)

This quality standard covers assessment, treatment, monitoring and care for children, young people and adults with an eating disorder.

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs175>

**Special educational needs survey 2019** (09/10/18)

Guide for LAs completing returns for the 2019 special educational needs survey, commonly known as SEN2.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/special-educational-needs-survey-2019-guide>

**Special educational needs survey 2020** (24/09/18)

Guidance for LAs completing returns for the 2020 SEN survey, commonly known as SEN2.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/special-educational-needs-survey-2020>

**Children in need census 2018 to 2019** (01/10/18)

Guide for LAs submitting data for the children in need census 2018 to 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-in-need-census-2018-to-2019-guide>

**Children in need census 2019 to 2020** (28/09/18)

Guide for LAs submitting children in need census 2019 to 2020 returns.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-in-need-census-2019-to-2020-guide>

**Data protection: toolkit for schools** (14/09/18)

Guidance to support schools with data protection activity, including compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/data-protection-toolkit-for-schools>

**Data protection: privacy notice model documents** (03/10/18)

Suggested privacy notices for schools and LAs to issue to staff, parents and pupils about the collection of data.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/data-protection-and-privacy-privacy-notices>

**Multi-agency statutory guidance on female genital mutilation** (08/10/18)

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

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

**Keeping children safe in education** (19/09/18)

Statutory guidance for schools and colleges on safeguarding children and safer recruitment.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>

**Local area SEND inspections: information for families (01/10/18)**

Information for families 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>

**Further education and skills inspection handbook (01/10/18)**

Guidance on how FE and skills providers are inspected under the common inspection framework.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/further-education-and-skills-inspection-handbook>

**Social care surveys: guidance for providers (01/10/18)**

Guidance for social care providers about distributing the 2018 surveys and a promotional poster that they can use.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/social-care-online-questionnaires-guidance-for-providers>

**School inspection update: academic year 2018 to 2019 (20/09/18)**

Updates for inspectors and stakeholders with information and guidance about Ofsted's inspection work in schools.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-inspection-update-academic-year-2018-to-2019>



**Joint inspections of CSE and missing children (19/09/18)**

Guidance for inspectors on carrying out joint targeted area inspections (JTAs) of local area services and links to the inspection reports.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/joint-inspections-of-child-sexual-exploitation-and-missing-children>

**Joint inspections of the response to children living with domestic abuse (19/09/18)**

Guidance for JTAs of the multi-agency response to children living with domestic abuse, and links to the inspection reports.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/joint-inspections-of-the-response-to-children-living-with-domestic-abuse>

**Joint inspections of the response to children experiencing neglect (19/09/18)**

Guidance for inspectors on carrying out JTAs of local area services, and links to the inspection reports.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/joint-inspections-of-the-response-to-children-experiencing-neglect-may-to-december-2017>

**Unregistered schools management information (19/09/18)**

Management information on unregistered schools in England, from 1 January 2016 onwards.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/unregistered-schools-management-information>

**Children's homes inspections and outcomes: management information** (18/09/18)

Management information published quarterly in the interests of transparency.

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

**Inspecting local authority children's services from 2018** (14/09/18)

Ofsted's framework and guidance for inspecting local authority services for children in need of help and protection, children in care and care leavers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspecting-local-authority-childrens-services-from-2018>

**School inspections and outcomes: management information** (13/09/18)

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-ofsted-school-inspections-outcomes>

**Local area SEND inspection outcome letters** (12/09/18)

Outcome letters from inspections of local area services for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-area-send-inspection-outcome-letters>

**New Childline website for under 12s** (27/09/18)

Childline has launched a website aimed at children under 12 which provides age appropriate content on topics including:

- bullying
- family
- friends
- feelings
- school
- abuse and
- staying safe

It also includes games and therapeutic tools for young visitors to play and express how they are feeling.

It will be promoted through the NSPCC's Speak out Stay safe programme.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/kids>

**Access to children and young people's mental health services – 2018** (07/10/18)

This report examines access to specialist services, waiting times for treatment, and provision for those children that are not able to receive treatment, drawing on Freedom of Information requests to providers of child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) and local authorities in England.

<https://epi.org.uk/publications-and-research/access-to-camhs-2018/>

## Consultations

### **Calorie labelling for food and drink served outside of the home (14/09/18)**

The government is seeking views on its plans to make places serving food and drink outside of the home display calorie information.

Currently, nearly one in four children in England are obese or overweight by the time they start primary school, and this rises to one in three by the time they leave primary school. Obese children are more likely to become obese adults, and obesity in adulthood increases an individual's risk of developing type 2 diabetes, heart disease, fatty liver disease and a number of cancers.

We know that it is regular overconsumption of a relatively small number of calories that leads to individuals becoming overweight or obese. Research tells us that it is likely that eating out frequently, including eating takeaway meals, contributes to this gradual overconsumption of calories.

To make sure that people have access to clear and accurate information about the calorie content of the food and drink that they and their families are eating when dining out, we intend to introduce legislation to make calorie labelling compulsory in the out-of-home sector.

This includes, for example, restaurants, cafes, pubs and takeaways, as well as online businesses that sell food or drink

for takeaway or home delivery that is ready to be eaten or drunk.

Making this information available can help people to make informed and healthy choices for themselves and their families and regulate their energy intake and that of their children effectively. This will contribute to efforts to reduce rates of children being overweight and obese.

We know that the effectiveness of making calorie labelling compulsory will rest on how well it is implemented, and especially on making sure that requirements are easy for businesses to understand and implement. Through this consultation we invite views on the details of what we are proposing, to help us make sure it works in practice.

Closing date: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/calorie-labelling-for-food-and-drink-served-outside-of-the-home>

<https://consultations.dh.gov.uk/obesity/mandating-calorie-labelling/>

## Consultations (continued)

### **Police 'stop and search' powers (09/09/18)**

Proposals to extend police 'stop and search' powers to address the criminal misuse of unmanned aircraft (drones), laser pointers and corrosive substances.

The Home Office seeks views as to how effective and proportionate it would be to extend the power of reasonable grounds 'stop and search' to cover:

- the proposed offence of carrying a corrosive substance in a public under the Offensive Weapons Bill 2018
- the misuse of laser pointers to commit certain offences under the Laser Misuse (Vehicle) Act 2018
- the misuse of drones to commit certain offences under the Air Navigation Order 2016 and the Prisons Act 1952

Closing date: 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/police-stop-and-search-powers>

### **Ofsted launches point-in-time surveys (01/10/18)**

Surveys for boarding schools are now open for children who board at the school, their parents and residential staff.

Ofsted has issued its annual point-in-time online surveys for boarding schools.

The surveys are for children who board at the school, their parents and residential staff.

Ofsted inspectors want to hear what they have to say about the school. Their responses will help inform future inspections.

Closing date for responses: 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofsted-launches-point-in-time-surveys>

## Conferences

### **Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation**

17th October 2018 London

£295 - £595 + VAT

This conference will share successful multi-agency approaches which can prevent CSE, improve children's understanding and resilience to CSE and deliver outstanding support which can protect children at risk.

<https://www.baspcan.org.uk/event/tackling-child-sexual-exploitation-conference-2018/>

<https://tacklingcseconference.co.uk/bookings-info/>

### **Online safety learning event**

6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 London Free

This is a free learning event for those with a role in safeguarding children within a faith-based or black and minority ethnic (BME) organisation. It will enhance your understanding of:

- risks posed to children online
- key approaches to educate and support children about online safety
- how to deal with young people who share sexual images with their peers
- dealing with the challenges in keeping children safe in a digital world.

Spaces are limited and will be prioritised for faith-based and BME organisations.

To book please email

[cpc.events@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:cpc.events@nspcc.org.uk)

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2018/november/online-safety-event/>



### **Tackling Sexual Exploitation: Learning from the Newcastle experience**

22nd November 2018 Newcastle Free

In February 2018 the Newcastle Safeguarding Children Board and the Newcastle Safeguarding Adults Board published a Joint Serious Case Review concerning sexual exploitation. This conference offers the chance to find out more about the key learning themes identified within the review and the opportunity to explore models of support for victims.

Key topics include...

- National themes highlighted in the Joint Serious Case Review in Newcastle
- Sharing models of support for victims of sexual exploitation - delegates will hear first-hand from social work practitioners
- Working with vulnerability: Sexual exploitation is not restricted to child victims. Exploring the unrecognised abuse of vulnerable adults across the country

<https://www.baspcan.org.uk/event/tackling-sexual-exploitation-learning-newcastle-experience/>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tackling-sexual-exploitation-tickets-49978629426>



## Conferences (continued)

### **Implications of Witchcraft-related beliefs and practices for UK based child protection**

6th March 2019                      Birmingham

In this workshop we will explore what we know about 'witchcraft' related beliefs and practices in UK child protection.

Case reviews of non-accidental injuries to children show how beliefs about witchcraft may be associated with family mental illness and claims of child spirit possession. Such cases show perpetrator involvement in violent purging of 'evil spirits' through child suffering of neglect, beatings, drowning and painful child death.

The abusive manifestations of witchcraft-related beliefs and practices usually include victim-blaming; stigma associated with mental illness and possibly ritual killing associated with wider family, community or institutional involvement in child abuse of this nature. Evidence of professional engagement with families involved in witchcraft related claims and practice is difficult to find. Good child protection practice requires a clear identification and response strategy.



We propose an empirical study of community health worker knowledge and skills in this area; we are particularly interested in health visitor and social work experiences of witchcraft related abuses in child protection. This may include actual witchcraft rituals or counter-claims of persecutory and discriminatory behaviour, sometimes associated with healing or religious rituals as well as the use of traditional medicines in particular population contexts.

Bookings open shortly but reserve your place at [conferences@baspcan.org.uk](mailto:conferences@baspcan.org.uk)  
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