CATCH22 Missing & Child Exploitation Research and Development Briefing
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Online Safety & Social Media

UK Safer Internet Centre report looking at young people's views on reporting online harms.

Guide to understanding the Dark Web for parents

BBC report on children accessing and posting on the Only Fans website

Ineque guide to risks and safety features of gaming platform Twitch with advice for parents on safe use for their children.

Guide to using new Instagram feature of hiding likes on your posts.

Article from IWF on the 'startling rise' in self-generated explicit content by children who have been groomed into sharing images online.

House of Commons Briefing Paper on the government's online harms consultation, white paper and draft Online Safety Bill.

Children in Care

Article and Report into young people's experiences of leaving the care system

Article and report on supporting the desistance of children subject to court orders. Includes findings about what needs to be improved and lower quality of delivery for children in care.

Research on delivering trauma-informed residential care through restorative parenting

Results of Kinship Care financial allowances survey, which suggest that kinship care needs further investment and resourcing.

Children's Social Care Review Case for Change

Simplified version of the Case for Change for CYP

Report on the Black care experience

County Lines

County Lines Intensification week media reports [here](#) and [here](#)

County Lines [website](#) set up by a victim whose home was 'cuckooed' by a drug gang, with blogs about the experience from their perspective.

Six-month [report](#) of the Humberside 'Not In Our Community' Missing and Exploitation site. The [website](#) itself has some excellent video resources and information for CYP, parents and professionals.

Latest County Lines Research [paper](#) from the Rights Lab draws attention to the rise in violence and sexual exploitation against children and young people 'linked to County Lines'

Serious Case Reviews

Serious Case Review for [16 year-old Child K](#) in Brent. 'At the time of his death, Child K was the main suspect in the police investigation of the killing of another young person.'

Serious Case Review for 17 year-old ['Liam'](#) in Southampton. Liam was a looked-after child 'linked to Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) from the age of 10 years'.

Safeguarding

Updated [guide](#) to practitioner resources available on the Contextual Safeguarding Network [website](#)

Contextual Safeguarding System Review [Toolkit](#) and supporting resources now available for partnerships and service leaders.

Wood [Review](#) of new multi-agency safeguarding children arrangements

Self-Harm

[Article](#) summarising new research on the impact on children and young people of sharing self-harm images online.

[Research](#) into young people's views of harm minimisation strategies as a proxy for self-harm: 'These things don't work.'

[Article](#) from BBC on new research about early indicators that a young child may go on to self-harm later in adolescence. These include struggling to control their emotions, and being more willing to take risks than others their age.

Eating disorders

Free resource 'Eating disorders: Facts for Schools' available on the [SEED website](#). Whilst resources are aimed at schools, the information is useful and relevant for other practitioners.

Harmful Sexual Behaviour

BBC File on Four radio [programme](#) about sexual harassment and abuse in schools.

[Report](#) by CYCJ Scotland examining the childhoods of 97 children and young people aged between 12 and 18 who display harmful sexual behaviour (HSB).

Ofsted's press release and [review](#) of sexual abuse in schools and colleges, which finds that sexual harassment, including online sexual abuse, has become 'normalised' for children and young people

Mental Health and wellbeing

Practical, evidence-based [recommendations](#) for supporting children experiencing boredom, flattened emotion and low motivation + BBC Bitesize [article](#) based on this research.

[Supportline website](#) caters for children, young people and adults and offers confidential early emotional support. The site has a comprehensive section signposting people to a range of other support services for specific issues.

[Website](#) listing apps, websites, books and resources to support children's mental wellbeing. Great collection of downloadable [mental health resources](#) for children and young people too.

Domestic Abuse

Home Office [list](#) of sources of specialist support for Domestic Abuse.

Ann Craft Trust scenario-based Quiz: 'Would you recognise domestic abuse if you saw it?

Domestic Abuse Bill 2020 Overarching Factsheet from government website

International Missing Children's Day 2021

NOIC video on children going missing. Accompanying photo storybook and lesson plan available here

SPACE blog 'What's with all the missing kids?' discussing the link between going missing and child exploitation.

NCA Missing Persons Data Report and Data analysis 2019-2020

LGBTQ+ and Pride month 2021

Advice and resources from Internet Matters on supporting LGBTQ+ children and young people to explore safely online and Netaware Advice for parents on keeping LGBTQ+ children safe online during Pride month and beyond.

Queerantine Study of young LGBTQ+ people shows a significant impact of lockdown 2020 on their mental health, with more than two-thirds of LGBTQ+ young people showing symptoms of depression.

Article on Just Like Us charity website showing their research findings that black LGBTQ+ young people are least likely to feel safe at school.

Modern Slavery

Modern Slavery NRM data quarter 1 2021 from the Home Office, showing an increase in referrals for British nationals and in children.

Booklets explaining the NRM process available in a range of languages on the West Midlands Anti-Slavery Network website.

Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation

Centre for Social Justice 'Unsafe Children' report on Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation has developed nearly 100 policy recommendations – covering schools, online

controls, legal changes, and the courts and policing- to make children safer from sexual abuse in all forms.

New [report](#) from the University of Bedfordshire Centre for Expertise in Child Sexual Abuse into the scale and nature of CSA in England and Wales 2021 finds the gap between recorded experiences and actual experiences of abuse could be widening as the prevalence of sexual abuse cited in CP plans and in Police action drops. Accompanying downloadable [infographics](#) also available.

Mental Wellbeing in Schools

New Mentally Healthy Schools [Transitions Toolkits](#) from the Anna Freud Centre (primary to secondary and secondary to tertiary toolkits available)

Free [well-being pack](#) for teachers of PHSE including resources for pupils and lesson plans

Also…

[Review](#) of Welsh Government ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Policy looking at how the ACEs policy has performed and how it can be developed in the future.

[NCA national strategic assessment](#) of serious and organised crime 2021 Accompanying [article](#): 'Online is the new frontline.'

[Myth-busting information](#) on the rights of CYP aged 16+ experiencing homelessness

Dartington Service Design Lab practical guidance for remote support- [Nine steps](#) for reaching families remotely and resources to support effective digital engagement

[Video](#) from NHS Lanarkshire for professionals working with traumatised survivors of abuse.

[Evidence review](#) on the provision of Early Help support to families

[Online Blackmail education resource](#) for 15-18 year-olds from ThinkUKnow.

A range of Covid-19 support resources available on Barnardo's See Hear Respond hub.

Government research on pupils' progress 2020-2021

ECPAT online panel event: 'What does the government's new immigration plan mean for child victims of trafficking?'

Children & Young People Now article on Ofsted claims that the pandemic has exacerbated existing weaknesses in SEND system

News articles and latest reports tweeted **@cseworker**: https://twitter.com/cseworker