



# Hull Safeguarding Children Board

## Weekly e-bulletin

### Safeguarding/other

**We would like to welcome Claire Winters who has taken over from Dan Horne as the new Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October. We wish Dan every success in his new role as Group Manager in EHASH.**

In her role as LADO, Claire will be involved in the management and oversight of allegations against people who work with children in Hull, providing advice, guidance and coordination in dealing with such allegations. Any allegations should be passed to Claire without delay.

Claire is keen to meet with professional colleagues, or attend team meetings, to discuss and develop the role and to build the relationships which will make it effective. Claire is based at the Midmere Centre and can be reached on:



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[More information about managing allegations and the LADO role](#)

## **Children's mental health services in England**

A new report by the Education Policy Institute assesses the state of children's mental health services in England. The research examines access to specialist services, waiting times for treatment, and provision for those children that are not able to receive treatment. The report uses Freedom of Information (FOI) requests to providers of child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) and local authorities in England.

Press coverage on this report:

[Report: Access to children and young people's mental health services – 2018 \(Education Policy Institute \(EPI\)\)](#)  
[Children & Young People Now article - 1 in 4 children turned away by mental health services](#)  
[LGA response to EPI report on children's mental health services](#)

## **Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing**

As leaders, councillors with their partners through health and wellbeing boards, must create a shared vision for their local children's mental health and wellbeing. By understanding current services and using data and intelligence from professionals and communities, an accountable system can then be developed which will bring this vision to life. LGA's research explores how 10 areas, from across the country, have done just this, improving their services through better leadership and accountability and by putting young people centre stage.

[Local leadership and accountability: for children and young people's mental health and wellbeing services \(Local Government Association\)](#)

[Case Studies - include Headstart Hull](#)

## **Female genital mutilation**

The Home Office has published promotional materials to be used to help raise awareness of the harmful health consequences associated with female genital mutilation (FGM) and reinforce that the practice is illegal in the UK. The campaign material signposts the NSPCC's free 24-hour FGM helpline 0800 028 3550 which can be contacted anonymously.

[Protecting children from female genital mutilation \(FGM\)](#)

## **Assessing the risk of female genital mutilation**

An article in Community Care describes the development of the online FGM assessment tool by the National FGM Centre to help social workers assess the risk of female genital mutilation (FGM), particularly when there are no other safeguarding concerns.

[FGM assessment tool](#)

**Researchers from the University of East Anglia and the University of Essex have published findings from a study into child homicides by stepfathers.** The report found that both youth and living apart from the child were more significant factors in determining the risk of child homicide by a father figure than being a stepfather. The research suggests that previous findings, which indicated that stepfathers were far more likely to kill their children than birth-fathers, could partly be explained by the relative youth of stepfathers and records labelling a range of non-residential perpetrators as stepfathers regardless of their relationship to the child.

[Child homicides by stepfathers: a replication and reassessment of the British evidence \(PDF\)](#)

## **County lines**

St Giles Trust and Missing People have published an evaluation of a pilot intervention project to support children involved in county lines running between London and Kent. County lines is the drug dealing model which involves organised crime networks from urban centres exploiting children to expand their drug dealing activities into smaller towns and rural areas. Findings include: the majority of the 38 children who received one-to-one support from September 2017 to March 2018 showed positive progress including: reductions in missing episodes, returning to school or training and improved family relationships. St Giles Trust and Missing People have also published a scoping report, commissioned by the Home Office, which looks at how young people's involvement in county lines is being tackled in other areas. The Home Office has announced a £200 million youth endowment fund, for 10 to 14 year olds most at risk of youth violence.

[St Giles Trust: reports and evaluations](#)

## **Prime Minister Theresa May announces new funding for Samaritans' helpline and appoints first UK Minister for Suicide Prevention**

The Samaritans' helpline will remain free for the next four years with support from the government, Theresa May announced today as she marked World Mental Health Day. New government funding – up to £1.8 million – will help ensure the charity can continue to provide immediate and lifesaving

support to everyone who needs it, 24 hours a day.

Health minister, Jackie Doyle-Price, will become the UK's first Minister for Suicide Prevention. In her new role, the minister will lead government efforts to cut the number of suicides and overcome the stigma that stops people seeking help. The Minister will lead a new national effort on suicide prevention, bringing together a ministerial taskforce and working with national and local government, experts in suicide and self-harm prevention, charities, clinicians and those personally affected by suicide. She will also ensure every local area has an effective suicide prevention plan in place, and look at how the latest technology can be used to identify those most at risk.

Half of all mental illness begins by the age of 14. The Prime Minister has made a series of further announcements on children and young people's mental health:

Recruitment has now begun for new mental health support teams who will work with schools to ensure young people with mental health issues get the help they need – trainees will begin studying in January and join schools across England next year

Starting in 2019, the government will publish a 'State of the Nation' report every year on World Mental Health Day, highlighting the trends and issues in young people's mental well-being – the first time children's mental health will be reported in this way, alongside their physical health and academic attainment

The government will provide tools to help schools measure their students' health, including their mental wellbeing – building on the commitment to make education in mental health and resilience a compulsory part of the curriculum

[Government Press Release](#)

### **Safeguarding practice/Learning Reviews**

Birmingham Community Safety Partnership – joint Domestic Homicide Review, Serious Case Review and MAPPA review

The murders of woman and her baby son killed by her former partner could have been prevented, a report has found. Wesley Williams strangled Yvonne Walsh, who had rejected his marriage proposal, and Harrison, seven months, at their Birmingham home in 2013. A review said Williams had a history of domestic abuse and the deaths may have been prevented if information had been promptly shared about him. Williams was jailed for life with a minimum 29-year term in December 2013.

[BBC news report](#)

[QA letter](#)

[Executive Summary](#)

[Overview Report](#)

[Action Plan](#)

[Press Notice](#)

[Birmingham Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy 2018-2023](#)

## Ofsted Inspections

**Devon children's services focused visit**

[Ofsted report](#)

**Manchester children's services focused visit**

[Ofsted report](#)

**Telford & Wrekin children's services focused visit**

[Ofsted report](#)



## Training

