



# Weekly e-bulletin

## Safeguarding/other

**Hull's schools are leading the way in the fight against bullies this week during the national Anti-Bullying Week**

[Hull City Council website](#)

**A steep rise in vulnerable children needing protection over the past 10 years is pushing council children's services in England into crisis, suggests research.**

There has been a substantial increase in calls from the public and professionals worried about a child, according to a study for the Association of Directors of Children's Services.

[BBC news article](#)

[ADCS research](#)

**Public Health England has produced new reports on unintentional injuries in and around the home in children under 5 years old.** Reports are provided for each county in England, enabling comparison between county-level and countrywide data, on injuries such as: scalds; falls from furniture; choking caused by food; burns from hot foods and fluids; poisoning from medicines. Reports also provide guidance on how best to mitigate against these risks.

[Public Health England](#)

**The British Medical Journal (BMJ) has published an article investigating patterns of stab injuries amongst young people, focusing on the risk factors for different age groups**

Data on 1,824 participants under 25 presenting to a major trauma centre in London after a stab injury from an assault between 2004 and 2014 were analysed. Findings include: the majority of stabbings occurred in males from deprived communities; among children aged 16 and under there was a spike in the frequency of injuries in the late afternoon and early evening, linked to incidents occurring on school days and close to home.

[BMJ](#)

## **Statutory guidance for local authorities to improve access to social housing for victims of domestic abuse in refuges or other types of temporary accommodation**

The government believes that victims fleeing domestic abuse should be given as much assistance as possible to ensure they are able to re-build their lives away from abuse and harm. This statutory guidance is intended to assist local authorities to ensure that victims of domestic abuse who are living in refuges, and other forms of safe temporary accommodation, are given appropriate priority when they apply for to access social housing.

[Government guidance](#)

## **Ofsted Inspections**

### **Focused visit - Northamptonshire local authority children's services**

Inspectors reviewed the local authority's arrangements for managing contacts and referrals in the multi-agency safeguarding hub (MASH) and thresholds for children in need of help and protection.

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### **Inspection of children's social care services - Salford**

- The impact of leaders on social work practice with children and families = Good
- The experiences and progress of children who need help and protection = Good
- The experiences and progress of children in care and care leavers = Good
- Overall effectiveness = Good



[Ofsted report](#)

### **Joint targeted area inspection of the multi-agency response to sexual abuse in the family in York**

- This inspection included a 'deep dive' focus on the response to sexual abuse in the family environment.
- This joint targeted area inspection (JTAI) included an evaluation of the multi-agency 'front door' for referrals about children who may be in need or at risk of significant harm.
- Alongside this inspection of 'front door' arrangements, which had an emphasis on referrals relating to child sexual abuse in the family environment, inspectors also undertook a 'deep dive' into the effectiveness of services for a group of children and young people who have suffered, or are at risk of, sexual abuse in the family environment. Inspectors also evaluated the effectiveness of the multi-agency leadership and management of this work, including the role played by the local safeguarding children board (LSCB).

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## Focused visit to City of London local authority children's services

Inspectors considered the local authority's arrangements for care leavers. They considered a range of evidence, including case discussions with care leavers, partner agencies, social workers and managers. They also considered the local authority performance management information, quality assurance information and young people's records.

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## Focused visit - Ealing local authority children's services

Inspectors evaluated the quality of care planning for children in care, and the timeliness of permanence arrangements for children who are unable to live with their birth parents. Inspectors assessed practice to prevent children from coming into the care of the local authority, as well as the quality of support that is provided to reunify children with their families.

[Ofsted letter](#)

## Training

### Identifying and Talking about Suicide for any staff that come into regular contact with young people

29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 or 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Half day course which aims to improve suicide alertness amongst staff, teaching them how to identify a person at risk and respond effectively to aid safety.

See attached course outline and application instructions

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