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1. Introduction

We are acutely aware of how busy social care practitioners are. We realise this means that many people will have insufficient time to read through our weekly updates. Subscriber feedback has suggested that some sort of in-year summary information would be a useful addition to our service. This report is the second in what we intend to be roughly quarterly reports highlighting key content that we have published – or on which we have provided links – in this case, in the period December 2018 to end-March 2019. The content we have included in this report represents only a smaller part of the full range of material we have made available through our emails during that period. We have selected what we believe are the most important and/or practice-relevant publications, but that still leaves a very substantial volume of material to present.

We have designed this report, not in the expectation that subscribers will be able to access every link that we have provided, but so that people can scan-read the headings and decide which – if any – of the reports they want to look at in more detail.

We know that people will have different interests and we have provided quite a wide range of material from which individual selections can be made. Nonetheless, it seems to us that every item we have included has a significant degree of importance or relevance to some key aspect of social care/work practice.

The sections of the report cover:

- **Our own publications**
- **Guidance and practice material**
- **Serious Case Reviews**
- **Judgments**
- **Research materials**
- **Policy reports**

2. CareKnowledge and Pavilion Publications

[Young Carers: Still Ignored or Do They Now Have Reason to Be Hopeful?](#)

A CareKnowledge Special Report which sets out the intentions of the 2014 Children and Families Act and Carers Act, highlights the issues raised by stakeholders since then, and considers the government's response as it looks to improve the offering of help and assistance available to young carers.

[The Importance of Relationships in Social Work](#)

A CareKnowledge Special Report has been pulled together to mark World Social Work Day 2019, this year's focus being the importance of human relationships.

[Working Upstream](#)

A CareKnowledge Special Report which sets out the arguments and evidence for using therapeutic interventions to support both offending and non-offending people with a sexual interest in children, to manage their behaviour and reduce risk.

[Cooperative Working in Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of Children](#)

A CareKnowledge Special Report which considers the elements of good practice in working cooperatively to safeguard and promote the welfare of children who are looked after.

[Implementing 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' 2018: Recent Developments, the Change Process and the Implications for Practice](#)

A CareKnowledge Special Report which outlines the background to the planned changes to the English system of monitoring, co-ordinating and learning from the child protection system, and discusses their nature and their practice implications.

['I don't think I'm vulnerable': Exploring Vulnerability with Girls in Secure Care](#)

A CareKnowledge Special Report, in which Katie Ellis discusses the research she conducted with girls in secure care and looks, in particular, at the way the girls' concept of vulnerability differed from that of the professionals who were caring for them.

[Supervision - Practice Essentials](#)

A CareKnowledge Special Report, which takes a detailed look at those elements of supervision practice that are essential, whatever the environment or practice methodology being employed in a social work/social care team.

[Safeguarding and Knife Crime](#)

A CareKnowledge briefing which highlights some of the key content and findings from Ofsted's report on safeguarding children and young people in education from knife crime.

[IICSA's Investigation of the Sexual Abuse of Children in Custodial Institutions](#)

A CareKnowledge briefing which provides a summary of some of the key conclusions reached in the report of the Independent Inquiry Into Child Sexual Abuse's (IICSA) investigation of the sexual abuse of children in custodial institutions.

[Eating Disorders](#)

A CareKnowledge briefing which pulls together information – including short summaries of contents and findings – on a selection of recent publications on this subject.

[Recent Children's Research Studies](#)

A CareKnowledge briefing which provides single-source access to sharp summary information on 14 recent children's research studies.

[The National Audit Office's Assessment of the Pressures on Children's Social Care](#)

A CareKnowledge briefing which provides concise summary of the National Audit Office's (NAO) key evaluation of current pressures on children's social care.

[Ofsted's Annual Report](#)

A CareKnowledge briefing, which provides highlighted information from Ofsted's 2017/2018 annual report, with a particular focus on the regulator's findings in relation to children's social care.

[Findings from Five Serious Case Reviews](#)

A CareKnowledge Briefing which brings together the information contained in five Serious Case Reviews uploaded to CareKnowledge in December 2018.

[Children in Need of Help and Protection: New DfE Reports](#)

A CareKnowledge briefing, which provides further detail on an important set of papers on children in need, published by DfE.

3. Guidance and practice material

[Joint Inspection Framework: Secure Training Centres](#)

An updated framework and evaluation schedule for inspection of secure training centres.

[Standards for Children in the Youth Justice System 2019](#)

Standards which define the minimum expectation for all agencies that provide statutory services to ensure good outcomes for children in the youth justice system.

[Child Safeguarding Incident Notification System](#)

A new online service for local authorities in England to notify the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel if it's known or suspected that a child has been abused or neglected.

[Practical Guide on the Best Interests of the Child in Asylum Procedures](#)

A practical guide from the European Asylum Support Office.

[Child Abuse and Neglect](#)

A National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) quality standard

[Safeguarding Children and Protecting Professionals in Early Years Settings](#)

Guidance to help those who work in early years settings consider their practice and to take steps to safeguard both children and adults online.

[Safeguarding Children and Young People: Roles and Competencies for Healthcare Staff](#)

An intercollegiate document, produced by the Royal College of Nursing on behalf of the other Royal Colleges and professional bodies, which provides a framework that identifies the competencies required for all healthcare staff.

[Safeguarding Children and Young People in Education from Knife Crime: Lessons from London](#)

The findings and recommendations from an Ofsted research project.

[Multi-Agency Working](#)

A best practice resource from NSPCC.

[Keeping Kids Safe](#)

A report by the Children's Commissioner for England, which looks at ways to improve safeguarding responses to gang violence and criminal exploitation.

[Responding to Children Who Display Sexualised Behaviour](#)

A quick guide to help health practitioners decide what kind of sexualised behaviour a child or young person is displaying and how to respond in the right way.

[Let Children Know You're Listening](#)

A safeguarding resource which highlights the importance of an adult's interpersonal skills in helping to improve a child's experience of disclosure of abuse.

[Social Media and Social Service Workers](#)

A briefing paper from IRISS, part of its Insight series.

[FGM Direct Work Toolkit](#)

A guide on how to do direct work on FGM with children, young people, parents and carers.

[Building Bridges](#)

A positive behaviour framework for the children and young people in the secure estate.

[10 Steps for Evaluation Success](#)

A guide, for those who develop interventions and services for children and their families, which sets out the 10 steps along the evaluation journey, from good ideas into an intervention that 'works'.

[Public Understanding of Child Sexual Exploitation](#)

The findings of a survey carried out by Barnardo's Scotland.

[Children Within Families Subject to No Recourse to Public Funds](#)

A Children's Society briefing, which provides an overview of the problems faced by children within families subject to no recourse to public funds.

[Language That Cares](#)

A glossary of words and terms that aims to change the language of the care system and the way professionals talk about children in care.

[The Contribution of Supervision Orders and Special Guardianship to Children's Lives and Family Justice](#)

A report on the use of 'family orders' to support family reunification and placement with family and friends as outcomes of S31 care and supervision proceedings.

[Long-Term Trends in Child Maltreatment in England and Wales, 1858–2016](#)

An investigation into whether the annual incidence of child maltreatment has changed over time.

[Breaking the Cycle of Youth Violence](#)

A series of case studies compiled by the Local Government Association.

[Sexual Abuse of Children in Custodial Institutions: 2009–2017](#)

A report from the Independent Inquiry Into Child Sexual Abuse.

[Vulnerable Children in a Digital World](#)

A report which highlights the online risks vulnerable children may face and the support they may need.

[Safe Inside? Child Sexual Abuse in the Youth Secure Estate](#)

A report from the Independent Inquiry Into Child Sexual Abuse

4. Serious Case Reviews

[Serious Case Review: Child I](#)

A serious case review, carried out by Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board following the death of an infant boy who drowned whilst left unattended in the bath.

[Serious Case Review: Child L](#)

A serious case review, carried out by NSPCC on behalf of an unnamed local authority, following the death of a three-month-old baby in 2016. An inquest recorded a verdict of death by natural causes. There were indications of drug use, poor home conditions and neglect within the family which included four other children.

[Serious Case Review: Child N1](#)

A serious case review, carried out following the death of a 3-year-old child who was found unresponsive in the bath, the cause of death unascertained. The child's mother was convicted of two counts of neglect.

[Serious Case Review: Child C](#)

A serious case review, carried out following the disappearance of a 17 year old unaccompanied asylum seeker who disappeared from foster care and was subsequently found dead of a drug overdose. The SCR later discovered that he was in fact a trafficked adult.

Vulnerable Adolescents Thematic Review

A report from Croydon Safeguarding Children Board, carried out following the death of three teenage boys in separate incidents over a four week period in the summer of 2017

Serious Case Review: Child G

A serious case review, published by NSPCC on behalf of an unnamed local authority, which concerns the death of Child G, a teenage girl, in spring 2015 by suicide.

Serious Case Review: Child L and Child M

A serious case review, published by NSPCC on behalf of an unnamed local authority, which concerns the severe neglect of twins aged 22-months in June 2016.

Serious Case Review: Child S

A case review, published by NSPCC on behalf of an unnamed local authority, which concerns the non-accidental injuries to a 13-week-old infant in December 2015, including fractures to the skull, ribs, legs and elbow.

Serious Case Review: Rosie

A serious case review, carried out by Bedford Borough Safeguarding Children Board, following the life threatening and life changing neglect of a 3 and a half year old girl in September 2017.

Serious Case Review: 'Ollie'

A serious case review, commissioned by Wakefield and District Safeguarding Children Board, following serious and life-threatening injuries to a 5-week-old infant girl in August 2017 due to shaking. Her father was subsequently sentenced to three years in prison for grievous bodily harm and neglect.

Report of the Serious Case Review Regarding 5 Siblings (Family M)

A serious case review commissioned by Wiltshire LSCB because of concerns regarding five children and a young unrelated adult who was living in the family home. The father of the two younger children was found to have watched child abuse images online and uploaded them onto shared sites so others could watch them. One of the children had been sexually abused by him. He subsequently pleaded guilty to 43 child sex offences and received a custodial sentence of 18 years.

Serious Case Review Child M1 and M2

A serious case review, carried out by Manchester Safeguarding Children Board following the non-accidental injury of child M1 when aged under-one-month, which led to M1 and M2 becoming subjects of interim care orders and being placed in foster care.

Serious Case Review Child L

A serious case review, carried out by Croydon and Lambeth Safeguarding Children Boards, after the cardiac arrest of 11-month-old child as a result of cocaine ingestion in July 2016. Child L survived the incident and was made subject to care proceedings. Criminal proceedings were brought against both parents in June 2018, and both were found not guilty.

Serious Case Review Overview Report in Respect of: Child FD17

A serious case review, carried out by Derby City Safeguarding Children Board, after a nine-year old child received severe burns to the leg, thought to be caused by scalding from hot water in a bath or shower and the failure of his parents to seek medical attention, which resulted in severe and life-threatening infection.

Serious Case Review Child N

A serious case review, carried out by Dudley Safeguarding Children Board after a 17 year old in supported accommodation was stabbed by her partner, receiving life changing injuries.

Serious Case Review: Child CB

A serious case review, carried out following the death of a 17-year-old boy from fatal injuries incurred by jumping from the roof of a building in December 2017. He had struggled with his identity and did not want others to know he was adopted.

Serious Case Review: Learning for Organisations Arising from Incidents at Medway Secure Training Centre

A Serious Case Review carried out by Medway Local Safeguarding Children Board following the identification of abuse of children by staff at the Medway Secure Training Centre in a BBC Panorama documentary broadcast in January 2016.

Serious Case Review Child BY

A serious case review, carried out by Blackpool Safeguarding Children Board after a 3-month child sustained serious head injuries which were potentially non-accidental.

Child BZ Serious Case Review

A serious case review, carried out by Blackpool Safeguarding Children Board following the death of a 13-week-old baby in March 2017 as the result of acute traumatic brain injury due to abusive head trauma.

5. Judgments

Re: ABCDEF (Fact Finding: Honour Based Violence)

Judgment reported by Family Law Week: Judgment (1) dismissing allegations of honour-based violence, (2) finding that the mother had wrongly and maliciously sought to exclude the father from the child's life, and (3) making a non-party costs order against an expert reporter who had serially failed to comply with court directions.

[B \(A Child: Post-Adoption Contact\) \[2019\]](#)

Judgment reported by Family Law Week: Appeal heard by the President of the Family Division, Lady Justice King and Lord Justice Coulson which concerns the issue of post-adoption contact.

[M \(Female Genital Mutilation Protection Order - No Order on Application\), Re \[2019\]](#)

Judgment reported by Family Law Week: Judgment considering a FGMPO made without notice to the parents should continue until M is 18 or older.

[Y and E \(Children\) \(Sexual Abuse Allegations\), Re \[2019\]](#)

Judgment reported by Family Law Week: Unsuccessful appeal against findings made in care proceedings that a father had abused his daughter.

[K \(Children\), Re \[2019\]](#)

Judgment reported by Family Law Week: The central issue of the appeal was whether the first instance judge was wrong to make a finding that the appellant father had sexually abused his 6-year-old daughter. The father contended that the evidence was inadequate to support the judge's findings.

[G \(Children: Fair Hearing\)](#)

An appeal by a mother from interim care orders made in respect of two young children.

[Re E \(Scottish Adopters English Adoption Proceedings\) \[2019\]](#)

Judgment reported by Family Law Week: Judgment of Cobb J concluding that the adoption application in respect of a child placed for adoption in Scotland with Scottish adopters could be determined in the Family Court of England & Wales.

6. Research materials

[Uncovering Female Child Sexual Offenders: Needs and Challenges for Practice and Research](#)

A short literature overview on female child sexual offenders.

[Alcohol Screening and Assessment Measures for Young People](#)

An evaluation of the quality of evidence in the validation literature on alcohol screening and assessment measures for young people under 25.

[Assessing the Feasibility of a Parent Life Coaching Intervention to Support Parents and Children Who Have Experienced Domestic Violence and Abuse](#)

A study which evaluated the feasibility of a life coaching programme, offered to single mothers with experience of domestic violence.

[The Utility of Direct Questions in Eliciting Subjective Content from Children Disclosing Sexual Abuse](#)

A study which examined the extent to which different types of questions in child sexual abuse interviews elicited subjective content.

[This is Abuse?](#)

A study which explored young women's perspectives of what's 'OK' and 'Not OK' in their intimate relationships.

[Intergenerational Transmission of Child Abuse and Neglect: A Transdisciplinary Analysis](#)

A review of the evidence regarding the inheritance of abusive and/or neglectful parenting behaviour.

[Investigating Linguistic Coherence Relations in Child Sexual Abuse: A Comparison of PTSD and Non-PTSD Children](#)

A study which investigated the effects of PTSD on the narrative coherence of children's reports of sexual abuse.

[Linking Childhood Emotional Abuse and Depressive Symptoms](#)

A report of a study which aimed to identify the underlying psychological processes that may act as a mediator in the relationship between childhood emotional abuse and subsequent adult depression, and may be useful targets for prevention of depression.

[Association of Cannabis Use in Adolescence and Risk of Depression, Anxiety, and Suicidality in Young Adulthood](#)

A summary estimate of the extent to which cannabis use during adolescence is associated with the risk of developing subsequent major depression, anxiety, and suicidal behaviour.

[The Educational Aspirations and Psychological Well-being of Adopted Young People in the UK](#)

A study which explored the differences between young people adopted and a matched comparison group on measures of educational and occupational aspirations and also psychological well-being.

[Associations of Harsh Physical Punishment and Child Maltreatment in Childhood With Antisocial Behaviors in Adulthood](#)

A US study that looked at whether harsh physical punishment in the absence of child maltreatment and child maltreatment with and without harsh physical punishment in childhood is associated with antisocial behaviours in adulthood.

[Family Therapy in the Treatment of Eating Disorders](#)

A literature review which explores various family therapies in order to develop further understanding of eating disorders, as well as the gap and limitation within some of the current interventions.

[Physical Activity as an Intervention with Young People Exhibiting Harmful Sexual Behaviour](#)

An outline of physical activity-based interventions used with young people who exhibit harmful sexual behaviour.

[Children's Disclosure of Physical Abuse](#)

Research on children's experiences the process of disclosing and the responses from social welfare workers.

[Child Maltreatment and the Development of Substance Use and Disorder](#)

A discussion of the complex multilevel probabilistic pathways from child maltreatment to substance use and substance use disorder (SUD).

[Childhood Maltreatment and Adult Suicidality](#)

A comprehensive systematic review and meta-analysis which aimed to quantify the association between different types of childhood maltreatment and suicidality.

[Heuristic Decision-Making in Foster Care Matching: Evidence from a Think-Aloud Study](#)

Research which explores how decision-making heuristics are used by practitioners to determine which foster family is the best fit for a child.

7. Policy reports

[Modern Slavery Act 2015 Review: Fourth Interim Report](#)

A report from the independent review of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 which covers the role of the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner.

[Tailored Review: Report on the Office of the Children's Commissioner](#)

The conclusions and recommendations from a tailored review of the Office of the Children's Commissioner.

[Transforming Children's Services](#)

A report from the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee.

[National Evaluation of the Troubled Families Programme 2015 to 2020](#)

A series of reports which outline findings from the evaluation of the Troubled Families Programme. [

[State of Children's Rights in England 2018](#)

The Children's Rights Alliance for England's annual assessment of how well the Government is meeting its obligations under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

[Building a Workforce That Works for All Children](#)

An ADCS position paper.

[On the Sidelines](#)

A report on the economic and personal cost of childhood exposure to domestic violence.

[Ending Violence against Women and Girls Strategy 2016 – 2020](#)

A refreshed strategy and updated action plan.

[Social Work England Consultation on Rules and Standards](#)

Five consultations issued by Social Work England, the new, specialist regulator for social workers in England.

[Child Deaths Due to Abuse or Neglect](#)

A statistical briefing from NSPCC.

[Transgender Children and Social Work: Theory, Discourse and Debates](#)

A discussion paper from the Centre for Welfare Reform.

[County Lines Drug Supply, Vulnerability and Harm 2018](#)

The National Crime Agency's fourth annual assessment into county lines drug supply, vulnerability and harm.

[Transforming the Response to Domestic Abuse](#)

The Government's response to a consultation and a Domestic Abuse Bill.

[Safeguarding Early Adopters Interim Report](#)

The early findings from a National Children's Bureau facilitated programme which is working with 17 Early Adopters (EA) to draw together the lessons learnt as they develop, test and implement their new Multi-agency Safeguarding Arrangements.

[Measuring Poverty in the UK](#)

A House of Lords Library briefing.

[Still in Harm's Way](#)

An updated ECPAT UK/Missing People report on trafficked and unaccompanied children going missing from care in the UK.



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