

# Recent Press Releases and Reports:

## Keeping up in 2019

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These press releases and reports have been published in the last few months. I hope they are of interest to the membership but the editorial team welcomes information from NOTA members about developments that have been missed and that should be items for inclusion in the next newsletter. Please contact the editorial team at [notanews@nota.co.uk](mailto:notanews@nota.co.uk)

### Serious Case Review: Katie NSPCC, 2019

This Serious Case Review (SCR) is in respect of Katie who was significantly harmed by sexual exploitation from the age of 14 years, starting when she was living at home and continuing when she was in the care of the local authority.

The SCR is accessible at: <https://library.nspcc.org.uk/HeritageScripts/Hapi.dll/filetransfer/2019AnonymousKatieOverview>.

### Child Exploitation Disruption Toolkit, Home Office, 2019

The toolkit is primarily aimed at frontline staff, including law enforcement, social care, education, housing and the voluntary sector, who are working to safeguard children and young people under the age of 18 from sexual and criminal exploitation. Additionally, it is intended to help all safeguarding partners to understand and access existing legislative opportunities at their disposal and to target specific risks and threats.

The use of existing legislative powers, such as orders and injunctions, are an essential part of the safeguarding process. This toolkit aims to set out many of the tools useful for police and other safeguarding professionals to disrupt the sexual and criminal exploitation of children and young people, break the cycle of abuse and send a signal to perpetrators about the consequences of their actions.

The toolkit incorporates relevant legislation to address:

- abduction and trafficking
- sexual offences
- victim care

- unusual or harmful behaviour
- locations of specific concern

In addition, the toolkit includes best practice in information sharing and multi-agency working as well as intelligence and evidence gathering.

The toolkit is available at: [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/794554/6.5120\\_Child\\_exploitation\\_disruption\\_toolkit](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/794554/6.5120_Child_exploitation_disruption_toolkit).

### MAPPA Guidance (Version 4.4), Ministry of Justice, May 2019

Multi-agency public protection arrangements are in place to ensure the successful management of violent and sexual offenders. This guidance sets out the responsibilities of the police, probation and prison service. It also touches on how other agencies may become involved, for example, the Youth Justice Board who are responsible for the care of young offenders.

The guidance includes information on the following:

- identification and notification of MAPPA offenders
- ViSOR, the secure database that holds details of MAPPA offenders
- information sharing
- disclosure and risk assessment
- risk management plans
- multi-agency public protection meetings
- MAPPA documents set
- custody, recall and transfer of MAPPA cases
- critical public protection cases
- mentally disordered offenders and MAPPA

To access the guidance, go to: <https://www.gov.uk/.../multi-agency-public-protection-arrangements-mappa-2>

### Government Response to the Interim Report, Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse: Progress Update

A note which provides an update on the

Government's progress in implementing the recommendations of the Independent inquiry into child sexual abuse (IICSA), chaired by Professor Alexis Jay.

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/819706/HMG-Response-to-IICSA-Interim-Report-Progress-Update-final.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/819706/HMG-Response-to-IICSA-Interim-Report-Progress-Update-final.pdf)

### Can adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse access justice and support? Part one: achieving quality information and support for survivors.

All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse, 2019

Format: **Online report**

Summary: Reports on survivors' experiences of accessing support services and the criminal justice system. Findings from 365 respondents to an online survey include: 16 per cent who accessed NHS mental health services felt that it had met their needs; 47 per cent said that specialist voluntary sector sexual abuse counselling/therapy is the most important service for victims after disclosure. Recommendations include: NHS funding should be ring-fenced to ensure specialist services meet demand; the Home Office should publish the economic and social costs of child sexual abuse.

The 24-page report is available at: <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5c8faf788d97401af928638c/t/5cd05b45eb3931052c31b479/1557158727790/>

### Survivors' Experiences of Police and the Crown Prosecution Service. APPG Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse, 2019

This report is the second of three to be published through 2019 that presents the findings from the APPG's inquiry. The findings for this report were gathered in four ways:

- Survivor evidence session in Parliament
- Sector professional evidence session

in Parliament

- Online survey of survivors with 365 respondents
- Written evidence submitted to the APPG.

This report can be accessed at:  
<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5c8faf788d97401af928638c/t/5d22dfc741ec3a000119359d/1562566602812/>

**Online Peer on Peer Abuse: A National Survey of Headteachers and Safeguarding Leads in England and Scotland**  
Andy Phippen, Emma Bond and Katie Tyrrell  
Publication details: Ipswich: Suffolk Institute for Social and Economic Research (SISER), 2018

Format: **Online report**

Summary: Measures the prevalence of online peer-on-peer abuse across more than 300 schools in England and Scotland. Uses data from a survey of 327 head teachers, classroom teachers and safeguarding leads on their experiences of online peer-on-peer abuse in schools. Finds that 61 per cent of respondents felt that they do not receive sufficient guidance and support from government and local authorities; over half of respondents suggest online peer-on-peer abuse is most prevalent during secondary school years.

The 30-page report can be accessed at:  
<https://www.uos.ac.uk/sites/default/files/MCF-Peer-on-peer-Abuse-Research-Report-Final%202018.pdf>

**Peer-on-peer Abuse Toolkit**  
Farrer & Co LLP, Carlene Firmin, Andy Phippen, Jonty Clark, Judith Azzopardi, Cathy Wood, Julie Dugdale, Jenny Lloyd and Katie Rigg  
London: Farrer & Co LLP, 2019

Format: **Online report**

Summary: Provides guidance for schools on writing a peer-on-peer abuse policy. Defines peer-on-peer abuse as well as introducing key points that schools should address in implementing a peer-on-peer abuse policy. Includes a template peer-on-peer abuse policy as well as template policies covering the involvement of young people in sexual imagery, and weapons. Case studies and examples of further resources are also included.

The online report is at:

<https://www.farrer.co.uk/globalassets/clients-and-sectors/safeguarding/farrer-co-safeguarding-peer-on-peer-abuse-toolkit-2019.pdf>

**Grassroots Football: Safeguarding Children. Football Association, Burton-Upon-Trent, 2018**

Format: **Online report**

Summary: Presents the Football Association's child protection policy and procedures. Covers recruitment of volunteers and staff; responsibilities for safeguarding in football; and responding to concerns, allegations and disclosures. Also includes a section on children with the potential to be vulnerable to abuse and/or bullying, e.g. disabled young people and children from minority ethnic groups.

To access their policy and procedures, go to: <http://www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding/policy-downloads>

**Sexual Abuse of Children in Custodial Institutions: 2009-2017 investigation report**  
Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), London 2019

Format: **Online report**

Summary: Reports on the sexual abuse of children and young people in custodial settings in England and Wales. Recommendations for the Youth Custody Service include: to commission research into why the child remand population is as high as it is; to take steps to ensure that training provides staff with an appropriate understanding of safeguarding. Recommendations to the Ministry of Justice include: to introduce arrangements for the professional registration of staff in roles responsible for the care of children in young offender institutions and secure training centres. To access the online report, go to:

To access their policy and procedures, go to: <https://www.iicsa.org.uk/reports/cici>

**Safe inside? Child Sexual Abuse in the Youth Secure Estate. Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), Claire Soares, Rachel George, Laura Pope and Verena Brähler**  
London: IICSA, 2019

Format: **Online report**

Summary: Reports on the sexual abuse of children and young people in custodial settings in England and

Wales. Recommendations for the Youth Custody Service include: to commission research into why the child remand population is as high as it is; to take steps to ensure that training provides staff with an appropriate understanding of safeguarding. Recommendations to the Ministry of Justice include: to introduce arrangements for the professional registration of staff in roles responsible for the care of children in young offender institutions and secure training centres. To access the online report, go to:

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**Child Sexual Abuse in the Context of Religious Institutions**  
Rachel Hurcombe, et al.,  
Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), June 2019

This report details the research findings in relation to experiences of sexual abuse that occurred in 'religious contexts' based on the location or perpetrator of the abuse. This includes both sexual abuse that has taken place in a religious institution and sexual abuse that has taken place in a different setting but where the perpetrator was a member of the clergy or other staff affiliated with a religious institution. The accounts in this report are from victims and survivors who came to the IICSA's Truth Project between June 2016 and November 2018. The majority of participants reported sexual abuse by individuals from Anglican and Catholic Churches in England and Wales. However, such abuse within other Christian denominations and other religions – including Jehovah's Witnesses, Islam and Judaism – was also reported and is included in the analysis. In particular, the analysis aimed to address the following topics:

- The nature of child sexual abuse experienced by participants in religious contexts
- What victims and survivors said about whether anything could have been done to prevent the abuse at the time and how much institutions knew about the abuse at the time
- Victims and survivors' experiences of disclosing the abuse and the responses, including barriers and facilitators for disclosure
- The impacts of child sexual abuse in religious contexts, and victims and survivors' suggestions for improving the protection of children in religious institutions in future.

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/.../truth-project-thematic-report%3A-child-sexual-abuse-context-religious-institutions-full-report.pdf>

**The Roman Catholic Church Case Study: Archdiocese of Birmingham Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), 2019**

The Archdiocese of Birmingham serves a Catholic population of nearly half a million people and is one of 22 dioceses within the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales. It has been the subject of considerable press attention due to the number of child sexual abuse cases that have come to light and concerns about the way they have been handled.

Since the mid-1930s, there have been over 130 allegations of child sexual abuse made against no fewer than 78 individuals associated with the Archdiocese. Many of the allegations have been made against priests and deacons. Thirteen individuals have been convicted of some of the most serious sexual offences against children. Three other individuals received cautions. Those 16 criminal cases involved no fewer than 53 victims. However, many of the 78 individuals accused of committing child sexual abuse are no longer alive and the allegations cannot now be fully investigated by the Archdiocese or the police. Civil claims have also been brought against the Archdiocese and significant sums of money have been paid out in compensation and legal fees.

This case study investigated the response of the Archdiocese of Birmingham to child sexual abuse by examining the cases of four people: Samuel Penney, James Robinson, Father John Tolkien, and RC F167. These cases enabled the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse to consider the Archdiocese's response in relation to those perpetrators convicted before the criminal courts (Penney and Robinson) and, in contrast, cases where there have been no formal findings in criminal or civil jurisdictions (Father Tolkien and RC F167).

The report can be accessed at: <https://www.iicsa.org.uk/publications/investigation/birmingham-archdiocese>

**The Anglican Church case studies: 1. the Diocese of Chichester 2. the response to allegations against Peter Ball: investigation report. Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), Alexis Jay,**

**Malcolm Evans, Ivor Frank and Drusilla Sharpling, 2019**

Format: **Online report**

Summary: Reports on two case studies as part of an ongoing investigation into child sexual abuse in the Anglican church. Recommendations include: the Church of England should introduce appropriate guidance for safeguarding in a religious community; the list of roles covered by the offence of "abuse of position of trust" should be extended to include the clergy; and there should be sanctions within the Church of England for failing to comply with safeguarding procedures.

The full report can be downloaded at: <https://www.iicsa.org.uk/publications/investigation/anglican-chichester-peter-ball>

**Mandatory Reporting of Child Sexual Abuse: A survey of the victims and survivors' forum. Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), 2019**

Format: **Online report**

Comprises a summary of survey responses on mandatory reporting of child sexual abuse in England and Wales from the IICSA victims and survivors' forum. Members of the forum are self-nominated and responses were collected via online or postal survey. Findings include: 88.6 per cent of respondents support mandatory reporting; supporters suggest mandatory reporting could lead to a reduction in repeat offences; those opposed to mandatory reporting support reform to safeguarding policies, and funding should be provided to train professionals.

The 10-page report can be accessed at: <https://www.iicsa.org.uk/key-documents/10597/view/mandatory-reporting-child-sexual-abuse-a-survey-victims-survivors-forum.pdf>

**Evaluation of the NSPCC's Protect & Respect Child Sexual Exploitation Programme: Three Reports NSPCC and Mike Williams, 2019**

Format: **Online reports**

The NSPCC's Protect and Respect Service supports young people who have experienced or are considered vulnerable to child sexual exploitation (CSE). The NSPCC has published three reports on the service's work – one on the programme's one-to-one work, one on its group work strand and a third report discussing the findings from programme implementation and service use.

The 120-page report on the one-to-one work can be accessed at: <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/1702/protect-respect-evaluation-one-to-one.pdf>

The 108-page report on the programme's group work can be accessed at: <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/1703/protect-respect-evaluation-group-work.pdf>

The 140-page report on key findings can be accessed at: <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/1699/a-discussion-key-findings-programme-implementation-service-use.pdf>

**After CSE films: supporting children and families without traumatic imagery.**

Jessica Eaton, Victim Focus Publications, 2019

Format: **Online report**

Summary: Offers alternatives to the use of child sexual exploitation (CSE) films in practice and gives guidance for practitioners working both in one-to-one work and in schools with large groups of children. Argues that the use of CSE films can harm children and cause anxiety and self-harm. Includes information on alternative approaches to CSE films such as: non-graphic resources; drawing on the child's existing knowledge; writing exercises; developing emotional literacy and vocabulary.

The report can be accessed at: <https://irp-cdn.multiscreensite.com/f9ec73a4/files/uploaded/After%20CSE%20Films%20Supporting%20Children%20and%20Families%20Without%20Traumatic%20Imagery%20JEATONMAR2019.pdf>

**Responding to a Child's Disclosure of Abuse, NSPCC 2019**

It is crucial that adults who work with children are able to respond supportively in the moment a child chooses to disclose, and to interact and communicate in a way that helps children feel listened to. This animation outlines the key interpersonal skills that adults should use when a child discloses abuse and/or neglect, which can help make it clear they are listening and taking the child seriously.

These skills are grouped into three simple directions:

1. show you care, help them open up
2. take your time, slow down
3. show you understand, reflect back.

The two-minute animation is at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvJ5uBIGYgE>

**The Role and Scope of Medical Examinations when there are Concerns about Child Sexual Abuse: A scoping review.**  
Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse and Michelle Cutland, 2019

Format: **Online report**

Summary: Aims to help professionals involved in advising and referring children and families to better understand the role and purpose of a medical examination in situations where sexual abuse has been disclosed or suspected. Findings: most children are not referred for medical examination, some professionals have concerns about harm through examination although most children reflect on the medical examination as a positive experience. Includes a video to help professionals and practitioners explain the processes involved in medical examinations.

The 56-page report can be accessed at: <https://www.csacentre.org.uk/documents/the-role-and-scope-of-medical-examinations-when-there-are-concerns-about-child-sexual-abuse-a-scoping-review/>

**Child Sexual Abuse Statistics Briefing NSPCC, 2019**

This briefing presents the available data on child sexual abuse. Data is available on:

- children who are receiving support or are known to services because of sexual abuse;
- the age and gender of children who experience sexual abuse and perpetrators of sexual abuse.

The briefing can be accessed at: <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/.../statistics-briefing-child-sexual-abuse.pdf>

**Measuring the Scale and Changing Nature of Child Sexual Abuse**  
Sherrelle Parke and Kairika Karsna, Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse, 2019

This report looks at data from local authority children's services, where child protection plans and social care initial assessments record where a child has experienced sexual abuse or is considered at risk of it, and data from criminal justice agencies, including the police and courts, on child sexual abuse offences and prosecutions.

The report is available at:

<https://www.csacentre.org.uk/research-publications/scale-and-nature-of-child-sexual-abuse-and-exploitation/analysis-of-2017-18-official-and-agency-data/>

**Characteristics and experiences of children and young people attending Saint Mary's Sexual Assault Referral Centre, Greater Manchester: a review of 986 case files.**

Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse, Kairika Karsna and Rabiya Majeed-Ariss, 2019

Format: **Online report**

Summary: Focuses on the ability of agencies to collect core data systematically about child sexual abuse (CSA) and whether a more comprehensive and consistent approach would be practicable and valuable. Analyses the case files of 986 children and young people aged 0-17-years-old attending Saint Mary's Sexual Assault Referral Centre in Greater Manchester between April 2012 and March 2015. Data collected includes: background and demographic data of 'service user'; referral route; nature of child sexual abuse reported; people suspected of committing it. Concludes that comprehensive data collection would not burden existing data recording.

The report can be accessed at: <https://www.csacentre.org.uk/documents/st-marys-case-file-review/>

**Young people, internet use and wellbeing: a report series: technology in the home.**

Authors: SWGfL, UK Safer Internet Centre and Andy Phippen

Format: **Online report, [Exeter]: SWGfL, 2019**

Summary: Looks at the relationship between digital technology and young people's wellbeing, using a sample of 9154 young people aged 6-18 across 100 schools in the UK and 1035 parents from information gathered by Mumsnet and the Internet Watch Foundation. Finds parents' main concerns were harmful content, bullying and inappropriate contact; almost two thirds of children reported having online 'house rules' but over 60 per cent knew how to bypass them. Highlights need for an open dialogue about online safety between parents and their children.

The report is accessible at:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/research/young-people->

[internet-use-and-wellbeing-technology-in-the-home/](https://www.internetwatch.org.uk/internet-use-and-wellbeing-technology-in-the-home/)

**Once upon a year: Internet Watch Foundation annual report 2018.**  
Authors: Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), Cambridge, 2019

Format: **Online report**

Summary: Provides global data on the identification, hosting, distribution and removal of child sexual abuse images and videos on the internet. Findings from the 229,328 reports assessed in 2018 included: 105,047 URLs were confirmed as child sexual abuse images or videos; girls were victims in 78 per cent of images and the UK hosted 0.04 per cent of child sexual abuse URLs.

The 60-page report can be accessed at: <https://www.iwf.org.uk/sites/default/files/reports/2019-04/Once%20upon%20a%20year%20-%20IWF%20Annual%20Report%202018.pdf>

**Measuring Your Effectiveness**  
Diana Parkinson and Rosaline Sullivan  
Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse, 2019

The guide focuses on how to design and implement monitoring and evaluation within child sexual abuse (CSA) services but also provides information on carrying out internal or external evaluation.

This resource is for any CSA service looking to set up or improve its monitoring and evaluation system. Commissioners may also find this guide helpful in understanding more about how CSA services can develop the monitoring and evaluation of their work and how they can support this process.

The guide in different formats can be accessed at: <https://www.csacentre.org.uk/our-research/effectiveness/measuring-your-effectiveness/>

**Commissioning Framework for Child Sexual Abuse Support,**  
Home Office, 2019

This commissioning framework aims to promote partnership working and improve the availability and delivery of care to support victims and survivors of recent and non-recent abuse.

The 43-page document can be accessed at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/commissioning-framework-for-child-sexual-abuse-support>