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### SSP Training 2023-24

#### SSP/CSP Multi-Agency Training Offer 2023 -24 Update







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At the time of publishing we still have some places on the courses below:

- ✓ **Managing Allegations: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023** [Managing allegations - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- ✓ **Early Help Assessment and Planning: face to face 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023** [Early help assessment and plan - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- ✓ **Safeguarding and Self-neglect /hoarding (core module): 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (virtual).** [Safeguarding and self-neglect/hoarding \(core module\) - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- ✓ **Adult - Identifying Safeguarding Concerns and Making Referrals - 3rd October 2023 (virtual)** [Identifying safeguarding concerns and making referrals \(adults\) - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- ✓ **Legal 2 training : 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (virtual)** [Legal training 2 - Best interest decisions, self-neglect and liberty protection safeguards - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- ✓ **Child - Identifying Safeguarding Concerns and Making Referrals - 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (face to face) 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (virtual)** [Identifying safeguarding concerns and making referrals \(children\) - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)
- ✓ **Free Swindon and Wiltshire Prevent Online Webinar**


	<p><b>Day 1:</b> Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023 <b>Time:</b> 9.00am to 12.30pm - for further information and to book a place click on this link: <a href="#">Swindon and Wiltshire Risk of Radicalisation event (all professionals) - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership</a></p> <p><b>Day 2:</b> Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023 <b>Time:</b> 9.00am to 12.30pm (education professionals) <a href="#">Swindon and Wiltshire Risk of Radicalisation event (Educational professionals) - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership</a></p> <p>Please do have a look at the SSP training <a href="#">webpage</a> for other courses available.</p> <p>Some <b>top tips</b> when booking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Please ensure you read the course outline and this <a href="#">course is relevant to your role.</a></li> <li>✓ When booking a place check all of your details are correct prior to submitting. On occasion, some information can be auto-populated from previous entries.</li> </ul>
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**Other Local Training/Alternative Learning Resources/Briefings**


<p><b>New Domestic Homicide Review Webpage</b></p> 	<p>Do you want to know more about Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR)? We have a new webpage, which includes useful information and a recorded webinar for professionals who may be a panel member. Visit the webpage <a href="#">Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership</a></p>
<p><b>Practice Briefs Learning from Reviews</b></p>  	<p>Three new practice briefs have been developed for professionals following learning from reviews. The themes relate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Domestic Abuse Within Families: <a href="#">Domestic abuse within families - learning from reviews - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership</a></li> <li>✓ Mental Capacity Act – 16-17 year olds <a href="#">Mental Capacity Act 16 to 17 year olds learning from reviews - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership</a></li> </ul> <p>Trauma Informed Practice – learning from reviews - <a href="#">Trauma-informed practice learning from reviews - Practice brief - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership</a></p> <p>Please familiarise yourself with the content and we would really like your feedback. There is a link and QR code at the end of each document to provide this. It will only take a couple of minutes.</p>
<p><b>Learning Resources to Improve Practice</b></p> <p><b>Reminder and New Resources</b></p> 	<p>A wide range of resources are available to support learning and professional development. This includes:</p> <p><b>7 minute briefs and practice briefs</b> to access the directory please <a href="#">click here</a>. <b>New resources added:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ See above entry re Domestic Abuse Within Families, Mental Capacity Act – 16-17 year olds and Trauma Informed Practice.</li> </ul> <p><b>Video archive:</b> <a href="#">New recordings added click the hyperlink to access the library - Video archive - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership</a></p>


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Remembering Arthur and Star</b> – an opportunity to reflect on the learning themes from national reviews.</li> <li>✓ <b>An Introduction to Wiltshire Police Counter Corruption Unit (CCU)</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Swindon Domestic Abuse Forum – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Reminder of Serious and Organised Crime Resource</b> – please provide your feedback when you have viewed this.</li> </ul> <p>Don't forget we also have a range of free eLearning from external providers to view the directory - click on this link <a href="#">Provided by external organisation - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership</a></p>
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**SSP/CSP Policies and Procedures**

<p><b>New Webpage and Procedure</b></p> 	<p>A new webpage and the updated protocol for children and families moving across local authority boundaries or abroad is now available on the SSP website – click on the link to access <a href="#">Swindon Safeguarding Partnership and South West Child Protection Procedures - Protocol for children and families moving across local authority boundaries or abroad - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership.</a></p>
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**Local News and Updates**



<p><b>NSPCC Schools Service across BANES, Wiltshire &amp; Swindon</b></p> 	<p>This offers a range of services, resources and support for schools, professionals, and parents/carers, to help keep children safe. They are keen to reach all schools in the area and help keep even more children safe.</p> <p><b>Speak Out. Stay Safe - online programme</b> is a free safeguarding education programme for primary-aged pupils which helps pupils understand abuse in all its forms and be able to recognise the signs. For further information and to sign up go to <a href="#">Speak out Stay safe programme   NSPCC Learning</a></p> <p><b>Speak Out. Stay Safe – SEND programme</b> has been specifically adapted for pupils with a range of special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and is aimed at those in Key Stages 2&amp;3. For further information To request the SEND programme, register here <a href="#">Schools SEND form   NSPCC Learning</a></p> <p>Information about our other SEND resources for schools - <a href="#">Children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)   NSPCC Learning</a></p> <p>To find out more about the other resources available please view the brochure - <a href="#">NSPCC Learning services for schools brochure - England</a></p> <p>You can also contact Sarah Smith, <a href="mailto:sarah.smith@nspcc.org.uk">sarah.smith@nspcc.org.uk</a> Tel: 07562204886 Schools Coordinator for BANES, Wiltshire &amp; Swindon.</p>
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<p><b>Safer Streets Fund</b></p> 	<p>Swindon Borough Council has used funding from the Government's Safer Streets Fund to commission programmes to be run in schools and colleges to help educate students and reduce anti-social behaviour. To find out more see the press release - <a href="#">Hundreds of young people in Swindon benefit from programme designed to reduce anti-social behaviour   Swindon Borough Council</a></p>
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## National News, Updates and Useful Resources

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Changes to statutory guidance: Working Together to Safeguard Children</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Consultation closes on 6th September</b></p>	<p><b>Working Together 2023:</b> has been revised and is currently being consulted upon. Revisions include some key changes in relation to safeguarding partners, multiagency safeguarding arrangements. Practice and the consultation sites can be found here: <a href="#">Working Together to Safeguard Children: changes to statutory guidance - Department for Education - Citizen Space</a></p> <p>A revised Information Sharing guidance for practitioners is also being consulted on and this contains updated seven golden rules to align with changed advice relating to the legal framework and updated advice and responsibilities for practitioners in relation to information sharing: <a href="#">Information sharing advice for safeguarding practitioners - Department for Education - Citizen Space</a></p> <p>There are a number of events hosted by the DfE including sector specific events. For further information and to book a place click on this link: <a href="#">Free Online Working Together to Safeguard Children Events   Eventbrite</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>New Contest Factsheet July 2023</b></p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>	<p>A new <a href="#">CONTEST 2023 Factsheet - Home Office in the media (blog.gov.uk)</a> has been released.</p> <p>Further information about this topic can be found on the CSP webpage <a href="#">Radicalisation and extremism - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NWG Free Event PartnerSPEAK 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 09:00</b></p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">  </div>	<p>PartnerSPEAK offers support &amp; advocacy to the non-offending partners &amp; affected family members of perpetrators of online sexual exploitation.</p> <p>This session would be relevant to professionals involved in the safeguarding of children, particularly for police officers, social workers and charities involved in safeguarding children and their families who have been the indirect victims of indecent images of children investigations.</p> <p>to find out more and book a place click on this link <a href="#">PartnerSPEAK Tickets, Wed 13 Sep 2023 at 09:00   Eventbrite</a></p>
<div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>Barnardo's have launched their report "Invisible children: understanding the risk of the cost of living crisis and school holidays on child criminal exploitation" click on the link to access - <a href="https://www.barnardos.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-06/summer23-report-invisible-children-cost-living-criminal-sexual-exploitation.pdf">https://www.barnardos.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-06/summer23-report-invisible-children-cost-living-criminal-sexual-exploitation.pdf</a>.</p>
<div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p><b>Impacts of child sexual abuse (CSA):</b> No individual experience of CSA is the same, nor are the impacts it can have on the lives of victims and survivors. Research and evidence shows a compassionate and consistent response from professionals can make a big difference in limiting these impacts. Read <a href="#">Key messages from research on the impacts of child sexual abuse</a></p> <p><b>Very few children tell:</b> Currently very few children tell anyone that they have been sexually abused and if they do, they are most likely to</p>

	<p>tell someone they know and trust. Click on this link for further information/resources: <a href="#">Helping education settings identify and respond to concerns - CSA Centre</a></p> <p><b>Knowledge/skills/confidence:</b> Everyone working with children must have the knowledge, skills and confidence to identify and respond to sexual abuse in order to help children and their families. Our film series distils all the key information from our core research and resources into 12 short videos, so you can watch the series in short bursts or view them all in one go. <a href="#">Introduction to our videos (01/12) - YouTube</a></p> <p><b>Reminder of free eLearning</b> available <a href="#">Identifying and responding to intra-familial child sexual abuse - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership</a></p>
	<p><a href="#">Safer Sleep for babies away from home or in emergency situations.</a> Routine is important in reducing the risk of Sudden Infant Deaths (SIDS); therefore it's advised that parents keep the same sleeping routine for baby and always putting them to sleep on their back for every day and night time sleep. Babies who normally sleep on their back but sometimes sleep on their front or side are at a greater risk of SIDS. For more information download the 'safer sleep away from home guide' <a href="#">here</a>. There is also some information on <a href="#">Baby summer safety - The Lullaby Trust</a></p>
<p><b>Dog Safety</b></p> 	<p>Dog Safety has been a focus of the recent <a href="#">Child Safety Week</a> (5th-11th June 2023). Defra, the Child Accident Prevention Trust, the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities and leading animal welfare organisations have put together a range of resources with practical Dog Safety tips that families can use in their everyday lives. Resources include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <a href="#">Child Accident Prevention Trust fact sheets: "Your dog and your new baby" and "Safety around dogs"</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Dogs and children: living safely together   Dogs Trust</a></li> </ul>
	<p>The IWF have recently launched a new online resource that provides help and support for those experiencing sextortion. Included is guidance on what sextortion is, supporting resources along with advice for children under 18 as well as adults, parents and carers. <a href="#">Help if you're worried about 'sexortion' or online blackmail (iwf.org.uk)</a></p> <p><b>Filtering and monitoring webinars available to download:</b> The UK Safer Internet Centre, on behalf of the Department for Education ran a series of webinars to inform schools and colleges in England about the <a href="#">new filtering and monitoring standards</a> for 2023 along with the new changes to <a href="#">Keeping Children Safe in Education</a> that are coming into force from September 2023. All recordings and materials shared on these webinars are now available to watch online. <a href="#">Filtering and monitoring webinars available - UK Safer Internet Centre</a></p>

<p><b>Bystander Interventions Resources</b></p> <p><b>ann craft trust</b></p>	<p>As part of the #SaferCultureSaferSport Campaign a free online seminar was held. This covered what a bystander is &amp; how bystanders can intervene to help prevent violence against women and girls (VAWG). A summary of the event and relevant documents for further learning can be accessed by clicking on the link: <a href="#">Bystander Intervention Seminar Learnings - Ann Craft Trust</a></p>
<p><b>Update from</b></p>  <p>Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel</p>	<p>First national conference Reimagining Child Protection - New Opportunities was held - a highlight video is available on <a href="#">YouTube channel</a>, along with videos of each plenary session.</p> <p><b>Working with male carers to reduce non-accidental injury to infants under one year old:</b> Foundations - What Works Centre for Children and Families and the Panel have published a joint briefing paper on working with male carers to reduce non-accidental injury to infants (NAI) under one year old. The aim is to support safeguarding partners in reviewing their current policies on working with fathers and to make recommendations on how the evidence base and national guidelines can be further developed. Click on this link to access the paper <a href="#">Working with male carers to reduce non-accidental injury to infants under 1 year old - Foundations</a></p> <p>The paper builds upon work that Foundations were commissioned to carry out by the Department for Education, and on the Panel's third national review "<a href="#">The Myth of Invisible Men</a>".</p>
 <p><b>Blue Light Bulletin Useful Resources</b></p>	<p><b>YouTube Presentation on Executive Function and Alcohol Misuse:</b> Ellie Atkins, a Substance Misuse Social Work Manager in Manchester, has produced a video on executive function (cognitive impairment) problems and rough sleeping. It focuses on a woman with a chronic alcohol problem and a pattern of head injuries and shows how that can make it much harder for her to move forward. Click on link to view <a href="#">Ellie Atkins - What you need to know, to end rough sleeping - YouTube</a></p> <p><b>Powerful video about the family perspective:</b> Professor Sarah Galvani, Professor of Social Research and Substance Use from Manchester Metropolitan University, shared a link to <i>Under the Influence</i> podcast. Hosts Jaz Rai from the Sikh Recovery Network and Dilesh Popat from Turning Point have a conversation with Aunee and her mum who are from the South Indian Community. Aunee talks about the devastating impact alcohol has had on her life and her recovery, along with her mum, who speaks for the first time about her experiences as a family member of someone with a history of alcohol use. <a href="#">Under The Influence #8 Aunee and Asmeeta - YouTube</a></p> <p><b>Susan's story:</b> A very short animation launched for Alcohol Awareness Week where Susan talks about her experience and how finding the right kind of support helped her to be free of alcohol before it was too late. <a href="#">Susan's story: Alcohol Awareness Week - YouTube</a></p> <p><b>End of life care:</b> Alcohol Change UK has recently published a leaflet on its website providing key information for families who are caring for someone who is seriously ill with an alcohol or drug problem. This</p>

	<p>provides lots of useful information and advice for family members and their loved ones and includes an extensive list of services that can offer support. <a href="#">Caring for someone with an alcohol or drug problem who is seriously ill   Alcohol Change UK</a></p>
<p><b>Review of support for adults abused in own homes</b></p> 	<p><a href="#">Safe care at home review</a> is a published joint review led by the Home Office and DHSC into the protections and support for adults abused, or at risk of abuse, in their own home by people providing their care.</p> <p>During the passage of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, evidence was presented on violence against people receiving care in their own homes, inviting the government to consider whether care relationships should be explicitly covered by the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.</p> <p>The review makes the case that a <b>stronger</b> response is needed to protect and support people with care and support needs who are at risk of, or experiencing, abuse in their own homes by people providing their care. <a href="#">Download the full report here.</a></p>
<p><b>Updated Guidance</b></p> 	<p>Updated 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 - <b>Statutory guidance Modern slavery: how to identify and support victims</b> <a href="#">Modern slavery: how to identify and support victims - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a></p> <p><b>Review of the Statutory Guidance Governing Reasonable Grounds Decisions:</b> The Home Office recently carried out a review of the statutory guidance. As a result, negative reasonable grounds decisions were paused temporarily. The new guidance has now been published online and is operational meaning that decisions will resume. Click on the link: <a href="#">Modern slavery: how to identify and support victims - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a></p>
<p><b>Domestic Abuse News and Updates</b></p>    	<p>Non-Fatal Strangulation (NFS) became a standalone criminal offence on 7th June 2022 (Section 70 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 <a href="#">Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (legislation.gov.uk)</a>). Latest ONS data report June to December 2022 provides further information <a href="#">ONS-Data-on-Non-Fatal-Strangulation-Suffocation.pdf (ifas.org.uk)</a></p> <p><b>Resources available:</b> Resources from the Institute for Addressing Strangulation - <a href="#">Resources Archive - Institute for Addressing Strangulation (ifas.org.uk)</a> CSP/SSP - 7 minute brief <a href="#">Non fatal strangulation - March 2023 - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership</a></p> <p>The DHR Repository is now live and provides access to nationwide DHR's. Search the domestic homicide review library <a href="#">Search the domestic homicide review library - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse (AAFDA)</a> collaborated with The University of Warwick contributing to research around Domestic Homicide Review in cases of Domestic Abuse Suicide. Click on the link below to read the research <a href="#">LEARNING LEGACIES: An Analysis of</a></p>

[Domestic Homicide Reviews in Cases of Domestic Abuse Suicide - AAFDA](#)

**UK businesses to get free Government tool to tackle**

**economic abuse:** UK businesses and charities are to be provided with a free interactive guide to help their staff spot and tackle economic abuse when speaking to customers over the phone. "The guide, which will be available widely later this year, has already been released to 30,000 HMRC staff to help them spot the signs and create an appropriate environment for victims to disclose their experiences. It builds on the government's [Economic Abuse Toolkit](#), released earlier this year." Full details of the new guide are online [here](#)

**New powers to protect domestic abuse victims using the Child**

**Maintenance Service:** The Child Support Collection (Domestic Abuse) Act 2023 will ensure abusers pay maintenance, without the need for contact between parents. The new Act includes the following provisions:

- New powers to stop child maintenance economic abuse
- New law will allow Child Maintenance Service to intervene in payments for victims
- More financial protection for children in separated families

The Child Support Collection (Domestic Abuse) Act 2023 will allow the Child Maintenance Service (CMS) to intervene in cases where abuse is evident, using its powers to collect and make payments. Full details [here](#)

**NSPCC Learning**



- Learning from reviews: Summary of key issues and learning for improving practice around child sexual exploitation - [Child sexual exploitation: learning from case reviews | NSPCC Learning](#).
- **Why language matters: 'older boyfriend'** - NSPCC Learning has published a new blog post as part of its Why Language Matters series on how the label 'older boyfriend' can mask child sexual exploitation (CSE). **Read the blog:** [Why language matters: how the label 'older boyfriend' can mask child sexual exploitation](#)
- **Sexual harassment and violence against women and girls:** The Women and Equalities Committee has published a report on the prevalence of sexual harassment and sexual violence towards women and girls in educational settings. **Read the report:** [Attitudes towards women and girls in educational settings](#)
- **Youth work with schools:** The National Youth Agency has published a report on the impact of youth work in England. **Read the report:** [Better together: youth work with schools report](#)
- **Mental health in schools:** Children & Young People Now has published a report on mental health in schools in England. **Read the report:** [Mental health in schools: special report](#)  
The Children & Young People's Mental Health Coalition (CYPMHC) has published a report on mental health and behaviour in schools in England. **Read the report:** [Behaviour and mental health in schools report](#). **NSPCC Learning** [Child protection in schools training](#).



- **Refugee children:** Barnardo's has published a report outlining the blueprint for supporting displaced children seeking protection in the UK. **Read the report:** [A warm welcome- a blueprint for supporting displaced children seeking protection in the UK](#). **NSPCC Learning** [First generation immigrants, asylum seekers and refugees: learning from case reviews](#).
- **Youth justice:** The Chief Inspector of Probation has published the 2022 annual report summarising findings and recommendations from inspections of youth justice services across England and Wales. **Read the report:** [Annual report: inspection of youth offending services \(2022\)](#).
- **Cyberbullying:** The Association for Child and Mental Health Professionals (ACAMH) has released a podcast episode on cyberbullying which focuses on different coping strategies in adolescents. **Listen to the podcast:** [Cyberbullying among adolescents: coping strategies and cyberbullying perpetration](#).
- **Mothers and children's social care:** Birth Companions has published a Birth Charter setting out how services and systems in England should support pregnant women and mothers of children under 2 involved with children's social care. **Download the charter:** [The Birth Charter for women with involvement from children's social care](#)
- **Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder:** A Channel 4 documentary has reported that over 300,000 16- to 24-year-olds in England and Wales have post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), with most cases linked to personal assault and violence. **Watch the documentary:** [Konan – trapped in trauma](#)
- **Child and family wellbeing:** Goldsmiths University has published a study looking at the impact of the coronavirus pandemic and racial discrimination on children and families from Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic (BAME) communities in England and Wales. **Read the report:** [The consortium on practices of wellbeing and resilience in BAME families and communities: children, young people and their families](#) **NSPCC Learning** [Safeguarding children who come from Black, Asian and minoritised ethnic communities](#)
- **Youth custody:** The Chief Inspector of Prisons has published an annual report on prisons in England and Wales which looks at children in custody. **Read the report:** [Annual report 2022-23](#)
- **Youth custody:** The UK government has published a framework on youth custody which sets out the duties, rules and general guidance for staff who work with children and young people in custody in England and Wales. **Read the guidance:** [Safeguarding and child protection in the children and young people secure estate policy framework](#)
- **Early years:** The Department for Education (DfE) has updated its Early Years foundation stage statutory framework for school and childcare providers in England. **Read the guidance:** [Early years foundation stage \(EYFS\) statutory framework](#)
- **Body image and eating problems:** The NSPCC has published a news story on counselling sessions with Childline about body image and eating disorders. **Read the news story:** [40% of](#)

[Childline contacts around body image and eating problems take place during the summer](#)

- **Child criminal and sexual exploitation:** The Commission on Young Lives and Manchester Metropolitan University have published a report on girls at risk of child criminal and sexual exploitation. **Read the report:** [Keeping girls and young women safe: protecting and supporting the girls and young women at risk of exploitation, violence, gangs and harm](#) (PDF). **NSPCC Learning** [Protecting children from county lines](#)
- **Child sexual abuse:** The National Crime Agency (NCA) has published its National strategic assessment of serious and organised crime for 2023. **Read the report:** [National strategic assessment 2023 for serious and organised crime](#). **NSPCC Learning** [Protecting children from sexual abuse](#)
- **Domestic abuse:** The Domestic Abuse Commissioner for England and Wales has published a report on protecting children in the Family Courts. **Read the report:** [Domestic Abuse Commissioner calls for wide reaching reforms to ensure safety of children in the Family Courts and accelerate government plans](#). **NSPCC Learning** [Protecting children from domestic abuse](#)
- **Young carers:** The Carers Trust and Action for Children have published new research highlighting feelings of stress and worry among young carers in the UK. Findings from a survey of young carers aged 11-18 show 82% feel lonely during the summer holidays. **Read the news story:** [More than eight out of ten young carers feel lonely during summer holidays](#). **NSPCC Learning** [Child mental health](#)
- **Why language matters: equal protection from physical assault:** NSPCC Learning has published a new blog post as part of its Why Language Matters series looking at why it's important to talk about the need for children to have equal protection from physical assault, rather than calling for a 'smacking ban'. **Read the blog:** [Why language matters: talking about 'equal protection from physical assault' rather than calling for a 'smacking ban'](#)
- **Summer holidays:** The NSPCC has published a news story on leaving children at home alone over the summer holidays. **Read the news story:** [Our Helpline sees a large increase in parents seeking advice about leaving children home alone over summer holidays](#)
- **Childcare and early years:** The House of Commons Education Committee has published a report on support for childcare and the early years in England. **Download the report:** [Support for childcare and the early years - Education Committee \(parliament.uk\)](#).
- **Parental mental health:** The Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health (ACAMH) has published a podcast looking at the impact of paternal perinatal stress on children's emotional wellbeing. **Listen to the podcast:** [Paternal perinatal stress and its impact on infants and children](#). **NSPCC Learning** [Parental mental health problems](#).
- **Children's wellbeing and technology:** UNESCO has published its Global Education Monitoring report on technology in education

around the world. **Read the report:** [Technology in education](#).

**NSPCC Learning** [Protecting children from online abuse](#)

- **Mental health and wellbeing:** The McPin Foundation has published a report calling on the Government to reinstate the 10-year mental health strategy. **Download the report:** [The major conditions strategy – a 10 year failure for mental health](#) (PDF). **NSPCC Learning** [Child mental health](#)
- **Homelessness:** The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLHUC) has published official statistics showing that on 31 March this year almost 105,000 households were in temporary accommodation, including more than 131,000 children. **Read the statistics:** [Statutory homelessness in England: January to March 2023](#) **Read the BBC news story:** [Read the news story: record number of children homeless in England](#)
- **Deprivation of liberty:** The Nuffield Family Justice Observatory have published a report on findings from an analysis of applications to the national deprivation of liberty (DoL) court and a review of the outcome of DoL applications in England and Wales. **Download the report:** [Legal outcomes of cases at the national deprivation of liberty court](#) **NSPCC Learning** [Children and the law](#).
- **Domestic abuse:** NSPCC Learning has published a podcast episode on domestic abuse and how support in the workplace can help keep children safe. **Listen to the podcast:** [Podcast: Domestic abuse support in the workplace](#); **Visit the YouTube:** [Domestic abuse support in the workplace](#).
- **Coercive control:** NSPCC Learning has published a Helplines insight briefing on coercive control highlighting its impact on the safety, behaviour, and wellbeing of children. **Read the insight briefing:** [The impact of coercive control on children and young people](#) **NSPCC Learning** [Protecting children from domestic abuse](#).
- **School non-attendance:** Foundations, the new What Works Centre for Children and Families, has published a literature review on school non-attendance of children with a social worker in the UK. The review examines extent, risk factors and interventions. **Download the report:** [School non-attendance by children with a social worker in the UK: a rapid review of extent, risk factors and interventions](#) **NSPCC Learning** [Safeguarding and child protection in schools](#)