

Paediatric Pearls

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Want to know what young people really think about their GP? - find out in this (short) video which will give you valuable insights into how you can make your practice more young person friendly and encourage them to open up about what is really worrying them. With thanks to the Named GP for Safeguarding Children in Somerset. A few months ago she met with the local Youth Forum and asked them to help her develop a training tool for GPs. She really wanted to get young people's voices heard and help practices think about how young people feel about them. Although the discussion started being about safeguarding and whether they would feel comfortable talking to their GP about such issues, it quickly became more about access to GPs and how they feel during the consultation. This short video allows them to tell us in their own words what they think. She hopes that you will find it helpful to consider how you and your teams come across and what you might do to make your surgery more young person friendly. Maybe talk to your youth forum too. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACMIWQCGyJI&feature=youtu.be>

Safeguarding CPD for your appraisal portfolio: voice of the child videos. What children are also saying:



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x14_2chx3IE

ARE YOU LISTENING?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_Ny_aOWI-k



Mind has recently released a new report 'Not making the grade' that shows that young people aren't getting the mental health support they need in secondary school. To read the full report visit; <https://www.mind.org.uk/media/8852/not-making-the-grade.pdf>

Sibling sexual abuse: a knowledge and practice overview

Sexual abuse involving child siblings is thought to be the most common form of intra-familial child sexual abuse.

Combining an overview of the current research and practice knowledge, this report was prepared by Stuart Allardyce, Director at Lucy Faithfull Foundation and Dr Peter Yates, lecturer and Programme Lead in Social Work at Edinburgh Napier University.

The report focuses on supporting practice, providing an accessible resource to help professionals understand the issues and challenges raised by sibling sexual abuse. To read in full please visit <https://www.csacentre.org.uk/knowledge-in-practice/practice-improvement/sibling-sexual-abuse/>.



Fearless is a site where you access non-judgemental information and advice about crime and criminality and enables children to report crimes anonymously. <https://www.fearless.org>

The Slang Dictionary – The Children's Society

Below are some common slang terms in relation to county lines and some research. As Covid saw a reduction of children being able to be on the streets and as more people were at home, the cuckooing cases reduced so another new term appeared which is **Trippers** as children are/were just doing local trips to pass on the drugs. More children are/were being reached by gaming chats whilst they are online playing games but now schools have reopened fully again children are going county again.

Cuckooing is when drug gangs take over the home of a vulnerable person through violence and intimidation, using it as their base for selling/manufacturing drugs.

Going County / OT / Going Cunch is the most popular term that describes county lines activity. It can also mean the act of travelling to another city/town to deliver drugs or money.

Trapping is the act of selling drugs. Trapping can refer to the act of moving drugs from one town to another or the act of selling drugs in one.

Trap House or Bando is a building used as a base from where drugs are sold (or sometimes manufactured). These houses usually are occupied by someone (usually adult drug users but sometimes young people are forced to stay in trap houses).

Trap Line refers to when someone owns a mobile phone specifically for the purpose of running and selling drugs.

OBS / OPPO refers to opposition as in a rivaling neighbourhood gang.

Plugging is where things have been concealed for transporting usually inserted into the rectum or vagina. <https://healthyschoolscp.org.uk/resources/the-childrens-society-slang-dictionary/>

Shotter

A drug dealer

"Q"

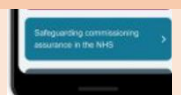
A quarter of an ounce of drugs

"G"

A gram of illegal drugs



NHS Safeguarding App



This is a comprehensive resource for healthcare professionals, carers and citizens. It provides 24-hour, mobile access on up to date legislation and guidance <https://www.myguideapps.com/projects/safeguarding/default/>

NSPCC Learning Podcast

NSPCC Podcast: "In this episode, we discuss the complexities of domestic abuse and why it is a safeguarding and child protection issue. We talk about the main themes that emerged from our learning from case reviews briefing on domestic abuse and share what we see in practice." To listen please visit <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2021/july/podcast-domestic-abuse-child-protection-issue>

The Domestic Abuse Bill has received Royal Assent and been signed into law. The Domestic Abuse Act will provide protections to the millions of people who experience domestic abuse and strengthen measures to tackle perpetrators. This includes: **explicitly recognise children as victims if they see, hear or experience the effects of abuse**; placing a duty on local authorities in England to provide support to victims of domestic abuse and their children in refuges and other accommodation etc.

The Domestic Abuse Bill "Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over, who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality" constitutes domestic abuse.

NHS information sheet <https://suffolksp.org.uk/assets/DA-brief-for-NHS-2021-DA-Bill.pdf>