

The Safeguarding Children Clinical Network (SCCN) was established in 2011 and aims to systematically improve and develop safeguarding and looked after children (LAC) practice through the application of consistent standards, learning from experience, audit findings, reviews, research and policy guidance.

Each of the 5 locality teams consist of a Designated Nurse and Designated Doctor for Safeguarding, a Designated Nurse and Designated Doctor for Looked After Children, an Associate Designated Nurse, a Named GP and a Designated Paediatrician for unexpected deaths in childhood.

The SCCN enables the Designated Professionals to work collaboratively together to foster best practice in safeguarding and looked after children services across Southend, Essex and Thurrock.

The Designated Professionals are clinical experts and strategic leaders for safeguarding and as such are a vital source of advice and support to health commissioners in Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), the local Authority.

NHS England, other health professionals in provider organisations, quality surveillance groups (QSG), regulators, the local safeguarding children boards and the Health and Wellbeing Board.



Safeguarding Children Newsletter for Healthcare Staff



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In care, out of trouble:

How the life chances of children in care can be transformed by protecting them from unnecessary involvement in the criminal justice system.



This review was established to examine the reasons for, and how best to tackle, the over representation of children in care, or with experience of care, in the criminal justice system in England and Wales. The review, established by the Prison Reform Trust, calls for a coherent programme of reform, led from the very top of government, to help improve the life chances of looked after children and prevent future crime.

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Looked After infants – Mental Health



The NSPCC has been working with Croydon Council, the family courts, and South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust, to introduce the London Infant & Family Team.

Funded by the Department for Education's Innovation Programme, this is a new service based on the New Orleans Intervention Model, for under 5s in foster care, their birth parents and carers.

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The Annual Bullying Survey 2016



YOUR WORLD. PREJUDICE FREE Presents the findings of a survey of 8,850 young people aged 12-20-years-old.

Discusses reasons why young people bully others and the impact of family dynamics, stress and trauma on bullying behaviour. Explores the impact of bullying and presents case studies.

Key statistics include:

- 1.5 million young people have been bullied within the past year;
- 24 per cent of those who have been bullied go on to bully;
- and 33 per cent of those being bullied have suicidal thoughts.

Includes recommendations for schools, colleges, practitioners, parents/guardians and young people.

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The safety of children who are being educated in unregistered schools



Her Majesty's Chief Inspector, Sir Michael Wilshaw, has written an advice letter to the Secretary of State for Education outlining his concerns about the safety of children who are being educated in unregistered schools.

Issues raised include: since January 2016, Ofsted inspectors working closely with Department for Education (DfE) officials have identified more than 100 suspected unregistered schools across the country.

Findings by inspectors during some visits include:

- ♦ unsafe and unhygienic premises;
- ♦ staff and volunteers who have not been properly checked or cleared to work with children.

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Children and Social Work Bill 2016

How does it address the demands of England's Children: A manifesto?

Children England has published a first analysis of the Children and Social Work Bill 2016 in advance of its second reading.

This looks at the provisions of the Bill as they relate to the demands of England's Children: a manifesto, which was developed by Children England members in advance of the 2015 General Election.

Responses from Children England members and anyone else working with children and families are welcomed.

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Delivering the healthy child programme for young refugee and migrant children

This report explores the barriers and enablers refugee and migrant families experience in promoting the health of their young children (from pregnancy to age 5). It discusses how local authorities, in shaping their



Healthy Child Programme 0-5, are addressing the needs of these young children and their families, and what lessons can be shared across areas.

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Children at risk of becoming 'desensitised' to online porn



This survey of more than 1,000 children aged 11-16 found that at least half had been exposed to online porn. Almost all (94%) of this group have seen it by age 14.

The NSPCC joined forces with the Children's Commissioner for England to commission research by Middlesex University into the impact of online porn on young people, in the largest study of its kind.

Boys in particular wanted to copy some of the behaviour they had seen watching online porn.

More than a third (39%) of 13-14 year-olds who responded to this question – and a fifth of 11-12 of year-olds (21%) – wanted to do this.

This was despite more than three quarters of respondents agreeing that pornography did not help them understand consent. [Click to open](#)

Review of children's rights in the UK

The United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) has published the concluding observations of its review of children's rights in the UK.

Recommendations include:

- prohibit all corporal punishment in the family;
- invest in child and adolescent mental health services;
- develop and implement comprehensive multi-sectoral strategies on child exploitation and abuse, including online.

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Dangers of online grooming and sexual exploitation

Southend Local Safeguarding Children's Board has launched a short film to make children and young people aware of the dangers of online grooming and sexual exploitation.

Created by an Essex University student as part of a third year final project, the film features a teenage boy who starts chatting to what appears to be a pretty young girl online.

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Progress made in tackling human trafficking

The European Commission has published a report on the progress made in tackling human trafficking.

Findings include:

- ◆ child trafficking is reported by Member States as one of the trends that is increasing most sharply in the EU.

Recommendations include:

- ◆ adopt a child-centred approach in all actions; provide adequate support to child victims.

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Perils and Possibilities: Growing Up Online

UNICEF has published a report on young people's views on the risks they face growing up in a digital world.



Findings include:

- 36% of adolescents in the US and the UK think that children and adolescents are in danger of being sexually abused or taken advantage of online.

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NHS Safeguarding Guide App



Has been launched a free download from Apple app store or Google Play on Windows phone. for Cambridge, Norfolk, Essex and Suffolk CCG's or Google Play.

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NSPCC Mums and carers in contact with a man who poses a risk of sexual

harm to children

The NSPCC's impact and evidence series features an article by Trish O'Donnell on developing the Women as Protectors service. This supports mums and carers in contact with a man who poses a risk of sexual harm to children. Issues discussed include: how the NSPCC built on, and added value to, an existing model by developing a service that works directly with women, and their children.

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