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1. NSPCC - Child mental health provision

The NSPCC has published findings from an FOI request into child mental health provision in England. In the 35 mental health trusts that responded: of 186,453 cases referred by GPs and other professionals, 39,652 children did not receive help. In the 6 mental health trusts that provided a breakdown of outcomes for children with problems associated with abuse or neglect, 305 of the 1,843 cases referred to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) were rejected.

Link: <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/fighting-for-childhood/news-opinion/1-in-five-5-children-referred-to-local-mental-health-services-are-rejected-for-treatment/>

2. GMC - Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

In a blog for the General Medical Council (GMC), John Cameron, NSPCC head of helplines, advises professionals on what to do and where to turn for information and support if they suspect a young patient is at risk of female genital mutilation (FGM).

Link: <https://gmcuk.wordpress.com/2015/10/06/tough-call-raising-concerns-about-fgm-risk/>

FGM at a glance

Link: <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/female-genital-mutilation-fgm/>

3. Legal - FGM

The organisation, Rights of Women, has published a briefing on female genital mutilation and the law

Link: <http://rightsofwomen.org.uk/get-information/violence-against-women-and-international-law/female-genital-mutilation-and-the-law/>

4. OFSTED - Safeguarding briefing

The NSPCC Information Service has written a briefing on Ofsted requirements for safeguarding in schools in England

Link: <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/safeguarding/schools-protecting-children-abuse-neglect/>

Further information: Ofsted safeguarding requirements for schools in England (PDF)

Link: <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/information-service/ofsted-requirements-for-safeguarding-in-schools-in-england.pdf>

5. ATL - Self harming

A survey by the Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL) has found that 44% of education staff believe young people self-harm as a result of pressure and stress in their life. 65% of respondents believe the leading cause of this stress is exam pressure.

Link: <http://www.atl.org.uk/media-office/2015/atl-pupil-pressure-and-stress-survey.asp>

6. NSPCC - Child neglect

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Over the next month, NSPCC is putting child neglect in the spotlight and sharing our learning from new reports and service evaluations of what works in tackling neglect. One of our neglect services is Safe Care, a home-based parenting programme. We have published two reports summarising qualitative and quantitative evidence from this service of what works to promote better parenting and protect young children.

Link: <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/tacklingneglect>

Further information:

SafeCare: evidence from a home-based parenting programme for neglect

Link: <http://www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources/research-and-resources/safecare-evidence-evaluation-report/>

7. Government - Anti-slavery

The UK anti-slavery commissioner has set out his first plan of action for tackling modern slavery. Measures include: helping victims feel safe and able to disclose; making sure police know how to respond to victims and record and investigate criminal activities; raising awareness of slavery with staff in hospitals, schools and councils

Link: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-34546344>

Further information:

Independent anti-slavery commissioner: strategic plan 2015-2017 (PDF)

Link: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/468729/IASC_StrategicPlan_2015.pdf

Modern slavery helpline

Link: <https://modernslavery.co.uk/contact.html>

8. Government - Counter-extremism Strategy

The government has launched a counter-extremism strategy which includes measures to automatically bar convicted terrorists from working with children; and enabling parents concerned their 16 and 17-year-old children are at risk of travelling abroad under the influence of extremists to apply to have their passports removed

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-new-counter-extremism-strategy-is-a-clear-signal-of-the-choice-we-make-today>

Further information:

Counter-extremism strategy

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counter-extremism-strategy>