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Child Safeguarding

- Definitions:
- Child: Anyone under the age of 18yr (Childrens Act) 2004
- Safeguarding: Action taken to promote welfare of all children, protecting them from harm.
- Child Protection: Activity to protect children who are at risk or potential of suffering significant harm.



General Practice

- Majority of children are registered with GP
- Usually first point of contact for health issues
- 20% consultations are children.
- Usually attend with parents.
- Key in –
  - Identifying families at risk
  - Supporting those experiencing maltreatment
  - Providing ongoing care for family



RCGP video

- https://www.rcgp.org.uk/Blog/Good-practice-safeguarding-in-general-practice

Types of child abuse

- Physical
- Emotional
- Sexual
- Neglect
- Fabricated/induced illness
- Exploitation (criminal Sexual) / county lines
- Trafficking
- Female genital mutilation
- Radicalisation and extremism



RCGP Safeguarding toolkit: Types of child abuse and neglect | RCGP Learning

Case Management Reviews

- Safeguarding Board of Northern Ireland statutory role
- Review cases of children who have come to significant harm or death who have been on Child protection register or sibling has.
- Retrospect scope
- Details analysis of events and interactions between agencies
- Learning and good practice identified
- Experienced Social worker or police detective with a panel
  - Consultant
  - Social workers
  - NSPCC

Child Sexual Exploitation

Children in exploitative situations and relationships receive something such as gifts, money or affection as a result of performing sexual activities or others performing sexual activities on them

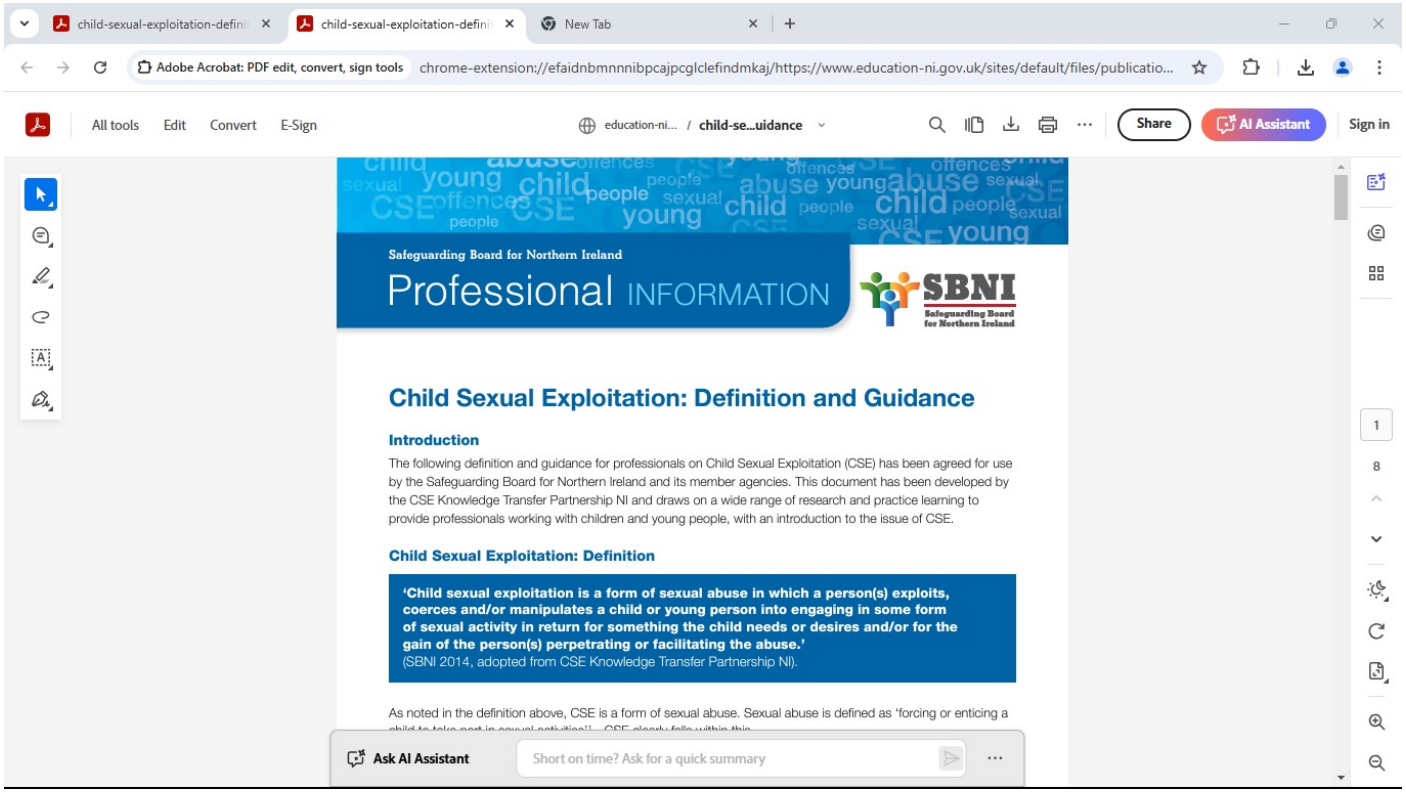
- Trafficking
- Gangs
- Often vulnerable children
- Age 10+
- Online
- Go missing from home/school

- Involved in petty crime
- Antisocial behaviour- gangs
- Older partners
- Change in appearance
- Change in behaviour and mood

Documentary

- https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m002520t/teen-predatoronline-killer





https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/de/child-sexual-exploitation-definition-and-guidance.pdf

Case antenatal booking and carer health

- Baby R. Died age 7 months.
- Mum R- DOB 1990
  - 2007 - Father RIP suicide,
  - 2008 First child RIP
  - 2010 and 2014 Alcohol and drug issues attended GP
  - 2015 Pregnant, a&e stabbing by partner
  - 2016 miscarriage and other concerns re DV and alcohol misuse
  - Feb 2018 – late antenatal booking at 27+5/40.

Feb 2018	• Mum presented late for antenatal care • MW spoke with gateway no immediate concerns
May 2018	• Baby R born. No complications • MW and HV postnatal visit appropriate
25th Sept 2018	• Baby R presented to a&e with maternal Grandmother • Alcohol on breath of granny and her partner

17th October '18

- Mother and partner arrested – assault drugs and alcohol
- MGM expressed concern re her daughter
- Verbal safety plan- kids to stay with MGM- no unsupervised contact with mum

29th October '18

- PSNI received info that mum was in relationship with ex- partner again
- Concern re alcohol and drugs
- Went missing for a week

7th November '18

- Considered child protection concern.
- Case conference convened but delayed and not all invites sent

November ‘18

- Several concerns raised
- MGM reported to be intoxicated
- GP advised mum had attended 18th October re MH
- Medication was increased

Dec 5th

- Case conference
- R’s father and paternal GF raised concerns re mothers lifestyle
- GP and Nursery teacher- no concerns
- PSNI not able to attend- receive notification the day before

December ‘18

- Minutes of child protection meeting were not sent in correct time frame
- GP and PSNI were not informed of status-

December '18	• 9th- police info that mum had been supplied drugs – action March 19 • Safety plan and unannounced visits- no concerns
29th December 2018	• Maternal granny called 999 reporting death of baby R. - • No point in trying to resuscitate
Findings	• Sudden Infant Death- likely cosleeping

Recommendations

- Written safety plans and robustly reviewed
- Case conferences should be on time and invites sent out timely
- All members in the safety plan to be prioritising the child
- Police to actively look if children are on the CPR

- Guidance on mums – to – be who book late
- GPs to record contacts with SW
- Encouraged to attend case conferences and if not, to send apologies and written report.

Recommendations

- There is guidance for HCW when managing mums to be who are booking late

https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/2023-10/Late%20Antenatal%20Guidance.pdf

Case conferences

- There is a fee claimable for attending these.
- Report template

CO-Sleeping – Risk factors

- Very tired
- Alcohol
- Drugs
- Smoking
- Sofa





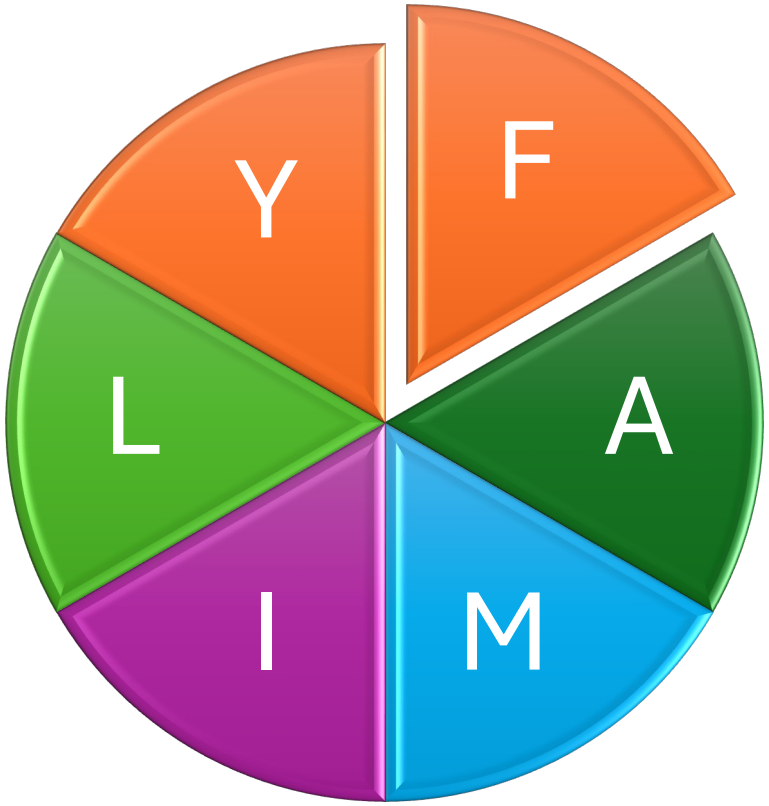


Case Conference participation

GMC:

If you are asked to take part in child protection procedures, you must cooperate fully. This should include going to child protection conferences, strategy meetings and case reviews to provide information and give your opinion. You may be able to make a contribution, even if you have no specific concerns (for example, general practitioners are sometimes able to share unique insights into a child's or young person's family).

Protecting Children and Young People: Doctors responsibility GMC Guidance



Confidentiality

When asked to share information the following needs to be clear

- Identity of the person / organisation making the request
- Purpose for which the information is required
- Consent as appropriate
- Share only on a “Needs to Know” basis- (Relevant, Necessary, adequate and of good integrity)
- Proportionality –just the information needed
- Keep a record in the relevant medical record

Quiz

Does a mother automatically have parental responsibility when gives birth? Yes- No-

Does the father have parental responsibility at the birth? Y/N

What age could a young person be considered ‘Competent’? A- 12 B- 16 C- 18

What age is it considered illegal for a person in a position of ‘trust’ to have sexual activity with someone under age 18? A- 18 B -21 C- 24

what % of children under 12 have a mobile phone ? A- 40 B- 65 C 90%

RCGP Toolkit

New safeguarding toolkit

Child and adult

4 nations

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CPD Appraisal requirements

- Learning activity/update
- Multidisciplinary meeting/event
- In practice case discussions /reflections on cases
- Used to be 12 hrs in 3 yr cycle, now competency based

Annually:

- Level 3 safeguarding update.
- Completion of the Safeguarding Structured Reflective Template to demonstrate reflection and learning across the breadth of all the five areas of safeguarding knowledge and capabilities. This must include both child and adult safeguarding issues, even if a practitioner only works with adults

5 main domains

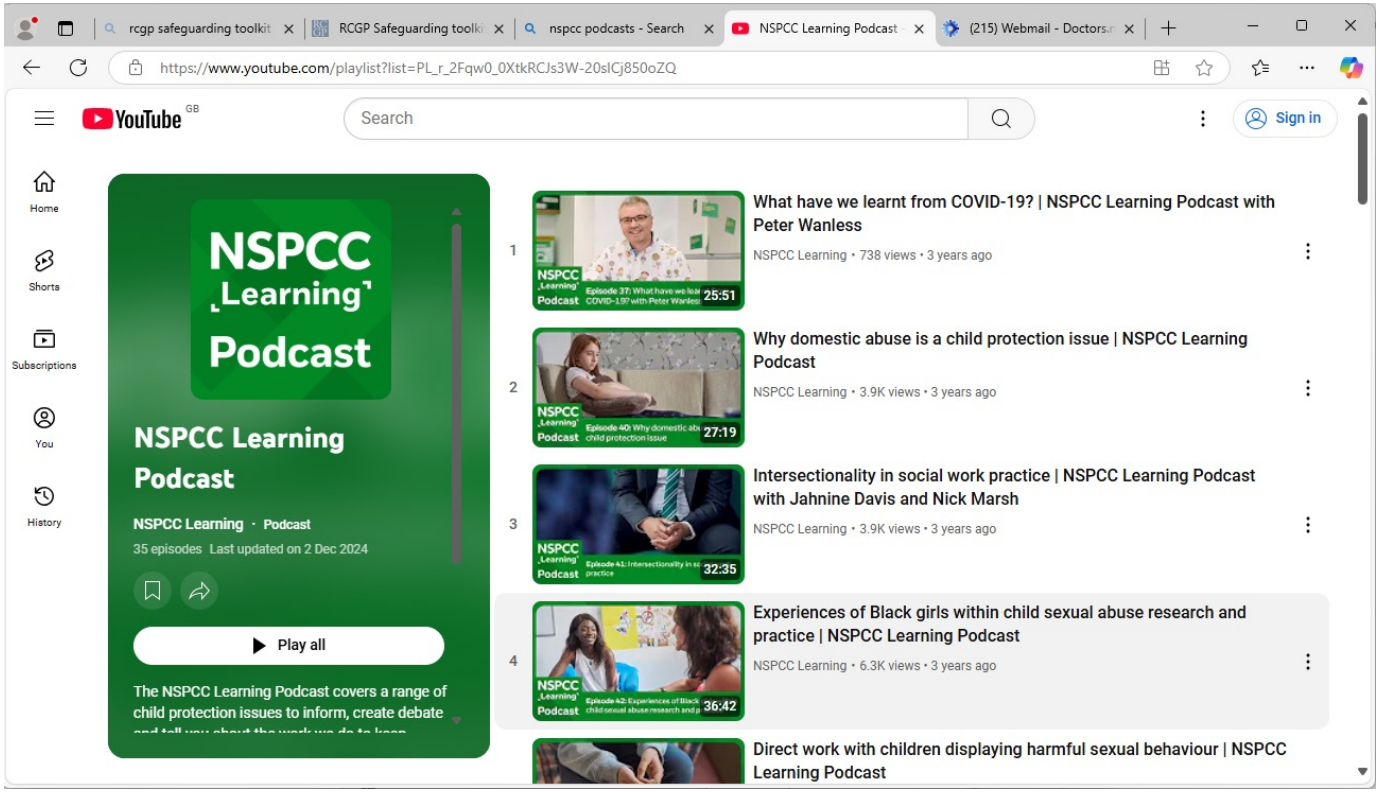
- **Professional safeguarding responsibilities**
- **Identification of abuse and neglect**
- **Responding to abuse and neglect**
- **Documenting safeguarding concerns and information**
- **Information sharing and multiagency working**

Reflections/ documenting learning

- Name
- Date
- Date of case
- ?identifier of patient/case
- Summary of case
- What went well
- Would you do anything differently
- Actions/learning identified

- Name and date
- Describe how safeguarding works in your place of work
- Describe your role in this . Has it changed in last year?
- Describe your safeguarding CPD
- Did you fulfil any PDP from last yr?
- What went well re safeguarding
- Are there any barriers?
- PDP for next year

Podcasts


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Direct work with children displaying harmful sexual behaviour | NSPCC Learning Podcast

Adverse Childhood experiences video and information SBNI

https://www.safeguardingni.org/trauma-informed-approaches/what-are-aces

Trauma infirmed care video

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLoah1C2mck&t=2s

What has been covered today

Professional safeguarding responsibilities	• Understanding statutory, legal, professional safeguarding responsibilities
Identification of abuse and neglect	• Signs, at risk, principles of consent and confidentiality
Responding to abuse and neglect	• acting when concern, local referral and escalation pathways
Documenting	• Unocini, reports, contemporaneous
Info sharing	• multiagency, sharing info, learning from CMR

Take time

