



Child Protection Bulletin for CALA



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Welcome to the 4th edition of the Child Protection Bulletin. This is designed to give you some of the recent information and updates in one handy place. Please let us know how useful this is to you and if there is anything you would like more information about. Contact Marion at m.laidlaw@calachildcare.co.uk. We really do want to know your views and any ideas how we can improve.

Child Protection Concern?

Ensure you know and follow the policy and procedure of your setting including contact and availability for your CP designated officer. Remember out of hours contact: Police Scotland (101), Highland Social Work (0845 769 7284), Moray Social Work (03457 565656)

If you have a concern and are seeking further advice or will refer to SW, it will be useful to remember these 5 key questions to ensure you have the right information:

- *What is getting in the way of this child's well-being?*
- *Do I have all the information I need to help this child?*
- *What can I do now to help this child?*
- *What can my agency do to help this child?*
- *What additional help, if any, may be needed from other agencies?*

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

In March 2019 the UK had the first ever conviction and sentencing for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) after a woman was found guilty of cutting her 3 year old daughter, the woman was sentenced to 11 years imprisonment.

FGM is more widespread than many think, with one in twenty woman affected worldwide, and Scottish hospitals dealing with over 230 cases in the past two years.

HCPC have produced specific guidance in relation to FGM which can be accessed here -

<http://hcpc.scot/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Responding-to-Female-Genital-Mutilation-Highland-Oct-16.pdf>



HIGHLAND CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

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USEFUL WEBSITES

Highland Child Protection Committee – Highland policy, procedures and training

<http://hcpc.scot/>

Moray Child Protection Committee – Moray policy, procedures and training

http://www.moray.gov.uk/moray_standard/page_88801.html

Care and Learning Alliance – Relevant information and links for Keeping Children Safe

<https://www.careandlearningalliance.co.uk/guidance-support/child-protection/>

Care and Learning Alliance E Learning Zone – Offering a range of online childcare courses. Learn in your own time, at your own pace

<https://calaelearning.co.uk/>



Jessie & Friends: online safety education for 4-7 year olds

The following information comes from [CEOP](#) (Child Exploitation and Online Protection), part of The National Crime Agency.



We are delighted to announce the launch of Jessie & Friends, our new online safety education resource for 4-7 year olds.

Based on a series of three fun, age-appropriate animations, Jessie & Friends follows Jessie, Mo and Tia as they view, share and game their way towards a safer future online.

The animations are accompanied by:

- a catchy song, storybooks and posters
- a detailed resource pack with engaging learning activities on key topics including trust, consent, and healthy and unhealthy online behaviours, plus guidance on safe and effective delivery of Jessie & Friends
- advice for parents and carers on using Jessie & Friends to start a positive, age-appropriate online safety conversation with their child

We are delighted that Jessie & Friends has been awarded the PSHE Association Quality Mark in recognition of the high-quality, safe learning opportunities it provides.

All Jessie & Friends resources for professionals [can be downloaded here](#), and you'll find content for parents and carers here.

Look out for Jessie, Tia and Mo in the media today! Please search for #JessieAndFriends and add your voice to help us get the word out to more parents and carers and professionals who work with children.

We hope you like the new resources and look forward to your feedback, and that of the children you work with.

[Click here to learn more](#)

CHILD PROTECTION GUIDANCE FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

The 'Child Protection Toolkit and Guidance for Third Sector Organisations' has been produced by the Highland Child Protection Committee. The toolkit provides tools to help support recruitment of staff and volunteers, as well as more detailed guidance on child protection issues. [You can download the toolkit from the HCPC website by clicking here.](#)



Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Report

Barnardo's Scotland recently published report – 'Public Understanding of Child Sexual Exploitation' was launched by Maree Todd, MSP, Minister for Children & Young People on CSE Awareness Day, 18th March 2019 in Inverness.

The Barnardo's report found that:

- Public understanding of child sexual exploitation is complex – different concepts appear salient in different contexts, sometimes in contradictory ways;
- Men appear less engaged with the topic of child sexual exploitation than women;
- While people acknowledge in general that child sexual exploitation is an issue, people are less likely to think that it is an issue in their local area – most likely reflecting a public narrative of child sexual exploitation as 'other' rather than something we can all play a role in preventing;
- There are particular messages about child sexual exploitation that do not appear well embedded in public understanding, including that older children (16/17 year olds) can be affected, and that children may carry out exploitation.

(Barnardo's, 2019)

The report found that many people accepted that CSE does happen, but struggled to believe that it occurred in their local area. Barnardo's survey showed that less than 50% of those who replied saw child sexual exploitation as a very or fairly significant issue in their local area, with people from the Highlands and Islands considerably more likely than any other area to say that child sexual exploitation was not a major issue in their local area.

When launching the report on Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day Maree Todd, Minister for Children & Young People, said:

“Child sexual exploitation is everyone's responsibility. For it to be preventable, it requires everyone to play a part in acknowledging that it isn't only an urban issue, and that sadly it can happen anywhere.”

The full report can be found here - https://www.barnardos.org.uk/barnardo_s_scotland_-_public_understanding_of_cse_in_scotland_2019.pdf

FURTHER LEARNING

Remember in Highland we have developed a CSE e-module that can be accessed via the CALA e-Learning zone. This module is free for all to access and can be found here -

<https://calaelearning.co.uk/product/introduction-to-child-sexual-exploitation/>

The module is very easy to follow and complete, and will provide a sound understanding of the complexities and prevalence of CSE for all – feel free to promote the module widely across your networks.