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The VKPP - Coordinating and improving and the police service response to vulnerability.

Welcome to the November edition of The Stakeholder Bulletin from the VKPP – designed to keep stakeholders and partners updated with our work.



Voice of the Child – Practice Briefing just launched

The VKPP Research and Review team have published a new practice briefing on Voice of the Child.

The briefing outlines the responsibilities that police have when engaging with children and young people. It includes several strategies and tools to help build personnel confidence, supporting police to engage with children in the most appropriate way and to hear their voice and experience.

This briefing has the support of National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) leads and the College of Policing.

To read more please visit our website <u>Voice of the Child Practice Briefing is published</u> <u>Vulnerability Knowledge and Practice Programme (vkpp.org.uk)</u>

To read the briefing in full and to see our other publications please visit www.vkpp.org.uk/publications/publications-and-reports/

VAWG Tech Abuse Roundtable

The VKPP Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) analytical team also hosted a tech abuse roundtable in conjunction with colleagues from University College London (UCL) on 19th of October. The roundtable attracted attendees from academia and the VAWG sector and to discuss the challenges with identifying and preventing tech enabled VAWG. Feedback about the event from academic colleagues was positive and key insight was gleaned about current and future threats in tech which will impact on policing's ability to respond to tech enabled VAWG, this will be crucial for the development of the Strategic Threat Risk Assessment (STRA)



Publications, reports and reviews

VKPP Horizon Scanning Report July-Oct 2022

The VKPP Research and Review workstream scan literature on a quarterly basis to identify key academic journal articles, reports, policy documents, blogs/ podcasts, news articles and other materials relevant to victims, victim engagement, victim voice, policing and the criminal justice system. The team collate these thematically and include the most recently published material, although older pieces may be included where relevant.

Read in full by visiting the publications section of our website

Latest Literature - Horizon Scanning Report July-Oct 2022 out now | Vulnerability Knowledge and Practice Programme (vkpp.org.uk)

The Report of the Independent Inquiry into Sexual Abuse - 20 October 2022

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse published its final statutory Report. In accordance with the Inquiry's Terms of Reference, the Report sets out the main findings about the extent to which state and non-state institutions failed in their duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation and makes recommendations for reform.

To read in full - <u>The Report of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse | IICSA</u> <u>Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse</u> National Police Chiefs' Council lead for Child Protection, Deputy Chief Constable Ian Critchley, reflects on its significance and what this means for policing. Read the statement in full by visiting NPCC website by following this link NPCC responds to Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse report -

Safeguarding children with disabilities and complex needs in residential settings report - Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel - 26 October 2022

The Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel has published their fourth national review phase 1; review into safeguarding children with disabilities and complex health needs in residential settings.

To read in full please visit Safeguarding children with disabilities and complex health needs in residential settings - Phase 1 report (publishing.service.gov.uk)

Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel guidance for safeguarding partners (publishing.service.gov.uk) - September 2022

Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel guidance for safeguarding partners has been updated and provides important insight about learning reviews as well as the responsibilities for annual reporting by local partnerships.

VKPP Annual Conference 2023- 15 March 2023

Springing forward, the VKPP will be holding their remote annual conference on Wednesday 15 March 2023. So - plenty of time to save the date! More details to follow soon.



Safer Young Lives Webinar – Do legally established ages of consent to sexual activity protect or penalise children? 14 December 2022

Taking place between 13:00-14:00 this webinar will discuss the contradictions and complexities about legally established minimum ages of consent to sexual activity as experienced by young people. .Presentations by Professor Jenny Pearce (Safer Lives Research Centre), Dr Mark Kavenagh (Evident Consulting) and Vidya Reddy (Tulir, Centre for Prevention and Healing of Child Sexual Abuse) To register please visit

Government 'Enough' Campaign' – part two launched October 2022

The government have launched the second part of their 'Enough' campaign to tackle Violence Against Women and Girls. The campaign aims to provide bystanders with a range of safe ways to intervene if they witness an incident of violence. To see more please visit <u>www.enough.campaign.gov.uk/</u> -



VKPP vacancies and new team members

If you are interested in finding out more about opportunities to work for the VKPP now or in the future please email <u>vkpp@norfolk.police.uk</u> Not only are we a great, committed and supportive team, joining us comes with a range of benefits. For details please visit the Join Us section of our website <u>www.vkpp.org.uk/about-us/join-us/</u>



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