

Welcome to the latest newsletter for Yorkshire and the Humber, providing updates from the Safeguarding team.

We would love to hear from you. If you have any comments, suggestions, feedback or general queries, please contact jacquelyn.hughes@nhs.net

Safeguarding Training

Completion of safeguarding training is normally an essential requirement for optometrists to be able join the NHS performers list and has previously only been available to fully qualified optometrists through [DOCET](#) post qualification. This has caused many newly qualified optometrists a delay in their being able to practice unsupervised, unless their employer or local area has been able to provide suitable training.

Please note optometrists require level 2 2 children and vulnerable adult safeguarding to get on the Ophthalmic Performers List (OPL).

The College of Optometrists are providing safeguarding training free to all pre-registration trainees which can be accessed via the College website [access safeguarding training](#)



We have produced the below guides for health professionals showing the broad range of safeguarding training courses available in each area in Yorkshire and the Humber.



North Yorks & Humber.doc



South Yorks & Bassetlaw.doc



West Yorkshire.doc

Don't Ignore a 'Black Eye'

If you suspect domestic violence, you need to do something about it. Abuse is often hidden in our society and can be overlooked. Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults therefore is an overriding professional duty for registered optical practitioners and practices, in the same way as for all other health and social care practitioners and providers.

To download the Optical Confederation Guidance on Safeguarding, Mental Capacity and the Prevent Strategy

Protecting Children and Vulnerable Adults, Updated December 2015, please follow the link provided:

<http://guidance.college-optometrists.org/guidance-contents/safety-and-quality-domain/safeguarding-children-and-vulnerable-adults/>

Also for your information you may wish to download the Mental Capacity Act Code of Practice – Updated 12th January 2016 by following the link below

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/497253/Mental-capacity-act-code-of-practice.pdf

Information from Safeguarding Boards across the region

North Yorkshire



The North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board has launched their [“Seen it? Heard it? Report it” campaign](#) aimed at ensuring adults with care and support needs in North Yorkshire get the help and support they need and deserve. Please [download and print these posters](#) and display them in your practice. If you would like printed copies, please complete this [awareness posters request form \[168kb\] \[word\]](#) : and email it to has.communications@northyorks.gov.uk.

South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw

The Board in South Yorkshire is sharing the [South Yorkshire Safeguarding Adult Procedures](#) for your information.

West Yorkshire

In May 2016 the [West Yorkshire Consortium Safeguarding Procedures](#) were updated.

Forced Marriage

The Home Office launches 'Right To Choose' forced marriage campaign



Find out more about the campaign by visiting the Home Office Forced Marriage unit website – www.gov.uk/forced-marriage

The UK Government's Forced Marriage Unit (FMU) video intends to highlight the devastating impact of forced on both victims and families. To view the video visit <https://youtu.be/pSPxOa9tCOI>

Spotting the signs of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) in the community



Health Education England, in association with the Department of Health, and with the support and help of healthcare staff and professional membership organisations has produced a video that provides advice on identifying the signs of child sexual exploitation in vulnerable young people. <https://hee.nhs.uk/our-work/developing-our-workforce/spotting-signs-child-sexual-exploitation>

Prevent as part of safeguarding

Prevent is part of the Government's work to deter people from being drawn into terrorism. In the NHS, Prevent is embedded within safeguarding and healthcare professionals have a key role to play.

Prevent focuses on working with vulnerable individuals who may be at risk of being exploited by radicalisers and subsequently drawn into terrorist-related activity.

Prevent does not require you to do anything in addition to your normal duties, but what is important is that if you are concerned that a vulnerable individual is being exploited in this way you can raise these concerns in accordance with your organisation's policies and procedures (as you would do with any safeguarding issue). For more information visit: <http://www.preventtragedies.co.uk/info-and-advice>

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Raising Prevent concerns about patients

Every healthcare organisation will have in place existing arrangements for reporting concerns which comply with good governance and safeguarding practices. *If you find that you need to raise concerns, you should use your own organisation's policies and procedures that reflect the process. If you are uncertain about what to do speak with your safeguarding lead, Prevent lead or manager.*

For more information visit www.itai.info

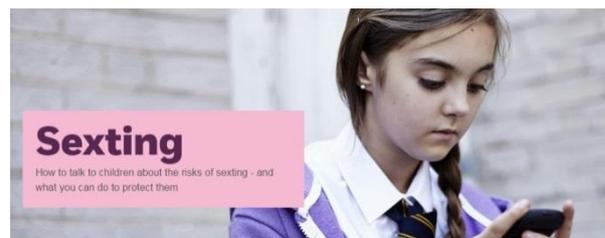
Child radicalisation: NSPCC to advise concerned parents
Khadijah Kamara has described the signs she noticed when her son was becoming radicalised
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-36897596>

- **NSPCC campaign: keeping children safe online**



The NSPCC has launched Pokémon Go: a parent's guide to provide tips and advice for keeping children safe on Pokémon Go. For more information please click on the following link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/pokemon-go-parents-guide/>



The NSPCC have also developed a guide about how to talk to children about the risks of sexting. For more information please visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/sexting/>

The National Trading Standards Scam Team Launch



Friends Against Scams is a National Trading Standards (NTS) Scams Team initiative, which aims to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams by empowering communities to "Take a Stand Against Scams". For more information visit www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk

Any suggestions for future items/topics in this newsletter can be sent to: jacquelyn.hughes@nhs.net