

Welcome to this Summer edition of ICYMI from the BSCP. In this newsletter you will find:

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Police Powers & Children

The **Children's Commissioner** has published a report on the use of police powers in England & Wales to strip search children & the use of force on children who are searched. The report is based on data from 44 police forces & examines the number of strip searches carried out & the use of force by police. Key findings include:

- there were 3,370 strip searches of children between January 2018 and June 2024
- Black children were more likely to be strip searched than White children
- some searches were conducted in public view and without an appropriate adult present.

The Commissioner highlights the need to ensure: children are only strip searched if there is an immediate risk of significant harm & a safeguarding referral should always be made; & if a young person claims to be under 18, they should always be treated as such unless there is clear evidence to the contrary.

Read the report here.



A new independent website for the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel

The **CSPR Panel** has launched a new independent website, designed to support safeguarding practitioners working with children & families across England.

The website brings together learning from safeguarding reviews & accessible, practical resources in one place & has been built with input from practitioners across health, policing, education, social care, youth justice & the voluntary sector. **It is free to access with no login required.**

The website features a learning hub with content on 4 themes at launch: Black, Asian & Mixed Heritage children, CSA, neglect, & vulnerable babies, each offering a rich range of resources to support stronger practice. The hub launches with these themes with future topics planned to be added on a regular basis.

Click on the pic to read.





Learning Opportunities in June

- 2nd Incels - A deep dive into extreme misogyny 09:30 - 10:30
- 3rd Spiritual and ritual abuse (SARA) 10:00 - 11:00
- 5th Professional curiosity - the CURIOUS framework 10:00 - 11:00
- 9th Introduction to trauma-informed practice 12:00 - 13:00
- 10th Working with parents and carers who are neurodivergent 10:00 - 11:00
- 11th Manosphere & Misogyny 09:30 - 10:30
- 12th An overview of generative AI and young people 09:30 - 10:30
- 15th Beyond the screen - belief, influence, and hidden safeguarding risk 12:00 - 14:00
- 16th Using Safe Plans & solution-focused conversations in suicidal crisis 12:00 - 14:00
- 17th Reflective practice clinic 12:00 - 14:00
- 17th Tackling racism & inequalities in safeguarding children & YP 09:30 - 10:30
- 23rd Online image sharing & safeguarding children 10:00 - 11:00
- 30th Information sharing guidance - safeguarding children 10:00 - 12:00

Details of all our training courses can be viewed in our Training Programme. All training sessions for the 2026 period, with booking details, can be found in our updated Training Programme on our website. www.bromleysafeguarding.org.



Southport Inquiry Briefing

NSPCC Learning has published a CASPAR briefing summarising the phase 1 report of the inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the Southport attack by 17-year-old Axel Rudakubana at a children's dance club in Southport on 29th July 2024. The briefing focuses on the fundamental problems around how agencies understood & managed risk in the lead up to the attack.

These fundamental problems include:

- the failure of any organisation or multi-agency arrangement to take ownership of the risk
- poor information management & information sharing
- limited oversight and intervention around online behaviour.

Click here to read.

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Next steps for reform of the children's social care system in England

The **DfE** has published an implementation plan for local partners that sets out the next steps for reform of the children's social care system in England. Following the passage of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026, the plan outlines how local partners can: deliver improved early help, strengthen support for family networks & ensure stable, high quality placements for children in care.

Under the plans: every local authority will deliver a single Family Help service; multi-agency child protection teams will be established by local safeguarding partners; support for kinship carers will be strengthened; foster care capacity will be increased; and care leavers will receive strengthened support.

Read the DfE report here.



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Learning from Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews

There is valuable learning to be had from other LSCPs in the country who have independently reviewed & analysed their systems following a child death or a serious safeguarding incident where there are concerns about how agencies worked together. Here are some recent publications:

- **Baby A** (Hillingdon) - Death of a newborn baby in January 2022. Baby A's body was discovered by Ms. A's family whilst they were cleaning her property. Learning themes include: unregistered pregnancies; multiagency response to prebirth safeguarding concerns; & professionals' ability to identify risk in cases of limited parental engagement & transient movement.
- **Molly** (Kent) - Death of a 14-year-old girl in 2024 after ingesting medication at home. Molly had been registered as a young carer from 9-years-old & was home educated at the time of her death. Learning themes include: the need for a greater focus on young carers & young carers in transition & the need for better information sharing across all services about young carers, the person they care for and their families.

Child Drowning Deaths

The following summary report, from the **National Child Mortality Database**, aims to describe the number & characteristics of child drowning deaths notified to Child Death Overview Panels in England, based on the latest available data from the NCMD.

It builds on the findings of the NCMD thematic report: Deaths of children and young people due to traumatic incidents, and reinforces the recommendations made.

Read the briefing here.



Thematic Analysis Child Neglect - CSPR Panel

Neglect is the most common form of child maltreatment in England, yet it remains persistently under-recognised and too often goes unnamed. In this video, **Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel** Member Ian Critchley introduces the key themes from the Panel's new thematic analysis on child neglect, "Why did it take so long to respond?"



Information on Child Safety Week 1st-7th June 2026

Child Safety Week is the **Child Accident Prevention Trust's** annual community education campaign, acting as a catalyst for thousands of safety conversations and activities UK-wide. This year, the aim is building capacity for safety behaviour. That's why CATP's theme is Making Prevention Possible. Empowering families to make simple changes without feeling overwhelmed. For more information on accident prevention, find everything you need **in one place**.

