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Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to April's edition of the Showcase Newsletter! The purpose of this newsletter is provide our readers with up to date news articles and stories to widen their understanding of the world around them. Additionally, it will provide key updates in legislation and insight in to Government policies.

We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and find it interesting and informative!

Message From The Editor

Thank you for joining us for another edition of the Showcase Newsletter! In this edition, we are exploring important updates and stories regarding digital safety laws. Additionally, we offer insights into essential safeguarding and child protection news.

This month has been a busy and exciting month for Showcase as we introduced the new Level 3 Early Years Educator Standard, featuring a fresh curriculum and delivery approach. We are excited to share this update with you!

There are numerous important awareness days and months over the next month. Notably, Mental Health Awareness Week takes place between the 9th and 13th of May, providing a crucial opportunity to raise awareness about mental health issues. We strongly encourage you to participate in activities and discussions during this week to promote mental well-being and reduce stigma surrounding mental health. We also encourage you to take a glance at our calendar on page 9 to stay informed about upcoming events.


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Safeguarding

Protect children from smacking in England and Northern Ireland, say doctors

Doctors in England and Northern Ireland are calling for a ban on smacking children, criticising current laws as unfair and unclear. Their report highlights the harmful effects of hitting children at home, both mentally and physically. While striking children is already illegal in Scotland and Wales, and in many countries globally, the government in England and Northern Ireland believes parents should discipline their children responsibly. The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) argues that England and Northern Ireland should adopt laws similar to Scotland and Wales to protect children from physical punishment.

Currently, parents in England and Northern Ireland can argue that hitting a child is "reasonable punishment." However, studies reviewed by the RCPCH show that smacking can lead to behavioural issues, poor mental health, and difficulties in relationships with family. Although Scotland and Wales recently outlawed corporal punishment, it is unclear if this has reduced physical punishment rates. However, other countries like Germany, Romania, and Sweden saw decreases after changing their laws.

While the UK government currently has no plans to change the law, it plans to monitor the impact of changes in Scotland and Wales on smacking. In the meantime, the government emphasises the importance of safeguarding children and supporting professionals to identify signs of abuse or neglect promptly.

Read more here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-68827782>



Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews

In the realm of child protection, safeguarding practices play a pivotal role in ensuring the well-being and safety of children. Among the arsenal of tools available to scrutinise and improve these practices, one stands out: Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews. Formerly known as Serious Case Reviews, these reviews delve into the circumstances surrounding cases where children have been harmed or put at risk of harm. They aim not to assign blame, but rather to understand what happened, why, and how similar incidents can be prevented in the future.

The shift from the term "serious case reviews" to "child safeguarding practice reviews" reflects a broader understanding of the purpose and scope of these inquiries. While the former term might have implied a focus solely on the severity of the case, the latter emphasises the holistic examination of safeguarding practices involved. This change underscores the proactive nature of these reviews, emphasising learning and improvement rather than just reacting to tragic events.

Read our blog here: <https://showcasetraining.co.uk/2024/04/04/child-safeguarding-practice-reviews/>

Local Safeguarding News

Seven more areas in England have been selected to trial a programme to improve child protection.

In 2023, The Families First for Children (FFC) scheme was launched in three areas after a major child care review in 2022. This also followed the murders of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes and Star Hobson in 2020. The £45m programme aims to ensure targeted early help is available for families experiencing domestic abuse, addiction, or poor mental health before issues worsened.

The programme introduces a new way of working which involves the wider family in decision making at an earlier stage. Additionally, it introduces stronger multi-agency safeguarding arrangements at the beginning. The scheme will aim to support and keep families together and children out of care where appropriate. Following initial testing in Dorset, Lincolnshire, and Wolverhampton, the scheme will be implemented in areas Luton in Bedfordshire, Redbridge and Lewisham in Greater London, Warrington in Cheshire, Walsall in the West Midlands, Warwickshire and The Wirral later this year.

Children, Families and Wellbeing Minister David Johnston said: "Every child deserves a safe and loving environment, where they are protected and can thrive."

Read more here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c6py3vzp0ywo>

Isle of Wight Teenager Sentenced for Planning Terror Attack

A 16-year-old boy from Cowes on the Isle of Wight was sentenced to seven years in prison at Kingston Crown Court after he was found guilty of plotting a terrorist attack and related offenses. The teenager was arrested in July 2022 after authorities discovered he planned to attack those he believed had insulted Islam. He possessed a knife and notes detailing his plan at the time of his arrest. Counter Terrorism Policing South East investigated the case and the boy faced multiple charges including preparing a terrorist act, sharing terrorist publications, and carrying a bladed article in public.

Law enforcement officials highlighted the dangers of extremist propaganda and the importance of early intervention. Superintendent Rob Mitchell, Area Commander for the Isle of Wight at Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary, expressed concern about the vulnerability of young people to extremist ideologies. He commended the collaboration between agencies in identifying and protecting potential threats.

Read more here: <https://www.counterterrorism.police.uk/teenager-found-guilty-of-planning-terrorist-attack-isle-of-wight/>

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Children: 0845 671
0271
Adults: 02392 688
613

Southampton

Children: 02380 833
336
Adults: 02380 833
003

Isle of Wight

Children: 01983 814
545
Adults: 01983 814
980

Hampshire

Children: 0300 555
1384
Adults: 0300 555
1386

Wiltshire

MASH Hub: 0300 456
0108

Dorset

Children: 01305
228866
Adults: 01305 221016

Berkshire

01635 503090

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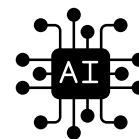
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Digital Safety

Deep-Faking



With the recent advancements in artificial intelligence (AI), 'deep-faking' has become a growing issue. Deep-faking refers to fake videos or images created using AI which replace a person's likeness with another person's in a way that seems real.

A recent news story has highlighted the issues surrounding deep-faking. In 2021, a woman was sent a link to a porn website from an anonymous email account. Here, she was shocked to find explicit images and a video of what appeared to be her. The woman's face had been digitally added onto another woman's body. After some investigation, she discovered that her best friend had been sharing pictures of her in exchange for them being turned into deepfakes. The man was convicted of taking images of 15 women from social media and uploading them to pornographic websites. He was given a 20-week prison sentence and ordered to pay each of his victims £100 in compensation. This story emphasises the common occurrence of victims of crime knowing the perpetrator personally.

Read more here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-68673390>

This month, the government has announced a new law making it a crime to create deepfakes of a sexual nature without someone's consent. This applies to adults and carries a potential criminal record and an unlimited fine. This new law builds on the Online Safety Act passed last year, which outlawed the sharing of deepfakes.

Why language matters: how referring to online 'friends' can mask safeguarding concerns

An analysis of Childline counselling sessions showed how children are often referring to individuals they have met online as their 'friends'. Children are increasingly using the internet to form and maintain friendships. However, children are often unaware of the risks of meeting and connecting with others online. Groomers often seek to befriend and gain the trust of children online as part of the grooming process. In particular, children with mental health issues or trauma, may be vulnerable and seek comfort through online relationships.

As a result, the NSPCC are calling for professionals to question children's online relationships as the term 'friend' could be masking safeguarding concerns and imbalances of power. Imbalances of power, such as differences in age, gender, cognitive ability or developmental stage, can be harder to detect online, where a person can more easily pose as someone they are not.

The term 'friend' may cause professionals to assume that the child's relationship with this person is healthy and be less concerned about the risks posed by the relationship. Therefore, it is important that professionals stay curious when children talk about 'friends' they have met online. They should explore further as to why the child is using that word and the dynamics of the relationship.

Read more here: <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/why-language-matters/online-friends-can-mask-safeguarding-c>



Extremism and Radicalisation

Extreme Right-wing terrorist group Terrorgram to be banned in UK

Terrorgram, an extreme Right-wing terrorist group, is set to become the first online organisation to be banned in the UK. This means that support for the group would be illegal, with punishments of up to 14 years in prison or an unlimited fine. Terrorgram will become the sixth extreme Right-wing terrorist group to be banned in the UK. The Terrorgram collective is a neo-fascist organisation that actively encourages and promotes terrorist activity.

James Cleverly, the Home Secretary, said: "The Terrorgram collective spreads vile propaganda and aims to radicalise young people to conduct heinous terrorist acts. The aim of this is to deter and limit the reach of hateful and terrorist ideologies, and to protect the most vulnerable in our society".

Terrorgram propaganda is designed to incite others to commit violence. Notably, it was credited by an attacker who killed two people in an LGBTQ+ nightclub shooting in Slovakia in 2022.

Read more here: <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2024/04/22/extreme-right-wing-terrorist-group-terrorgram-ban/>

Key Contacts

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0800 789 321
Crime Stoppers:
0800 555 111
See It. Say It. Sorted.
0800 40 50 40 or
Text 61016
<https://actearly.uk/>

If in doubt, dial 101 or 999

Champions League Security Threat

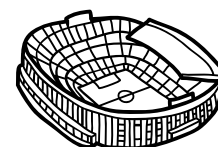
This month, security measures were heightened for Champions League matches following a security threat. After a media outlet supporting the Islamic State group published threats against several venues, security has been stepped up at Champions League games. The threat was published by a pro-IS media channel, which shared images of stadiums hosting quarter-final ties.

Both France and Spain confirmed enhanced security measures in response to the threats. In Spain, the sports minister announced the deployment of over 2,000 police and civil guard officers for the quarter-final matches in Madrid.

Despite the threats, UEFA has stated that matches in Madrid, Paris, and London will proceed as scheduled with appropriate security arrangements in place. The situation is being closely monitored by European football's governing body, which is coordinating with local authorities to ensure safety during the matches.

The terrorism threat level in the UK remains 'substantial', indicating a likelihood of an attack. Home Secretary James Cleverly said the government was "working closely with security and policing partners in response to despicable propaganda related to the Champions League, to ensure secure and enjoyable events for everyone".

Read more here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-68769669>



Equality and Diversity

Making Football Inclusive for Everyone



Newcastle's "Unsilence The Crowd" campaign is an initiative aimed at making the matchday experience at St. James' Park more inclusive for deaf fans. Launched in collaboration with their shirt sponsor SELA and the Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID), it broke new ground with the use of haptic technology. The national charity for hearing loss was established in 1911 and assists 12 million individuals in the UK affected by deafness, hearing loss, or tinnitus.

The goal of the campaign is to provide an immersive and inclusive atmosphere for deaf fans at Newcastle United matches. It also aims to pave the way for a more inclusive experience for deaf fans across football. Haptic shirts translate crowd noise into real-time vibrations, allowing deaf fans to feel the energy of the stadium.

Several footballers from the UK, including Declan Rice, Rachel Corsie, Bukayo Saka, and Harry Kane, recently teamed up with EE to create a campaign promoting BSL. This campaign aims to encourage fans to learn basic BSL signs so that deaf and hard of hearing people can feel more included in the football conversation. Some footballers have also taken to signing messages directly to their deaf fans. For example, Chelsea footballer Jorginho used BSL to thank his fans for their support in a video posted to his Instagram account.

These efforts are important for helping to create a more inclusive environment for deaf and hard of hearing football fans. By raising awareness of BSL and providing more opportunities for deaf people to access football content, these initiatives can help to ensure that everyone can enjoy the beautiful game.

Read more here: <https://www.theguardian.com/football/2024/apr/11/unsilence-the-crowd-newcastle-shirts-to-enhance-experience-of-deaf-fans>

UK's first black female Michelin-starred chef



Last month, Adejoké Bakare, became the UK's first black female chef to win a Michelin star. Originally from a fish and chip stall in Nigeria, Adejoké Bakare hopes she might inspire a new generation of chefs from diverse backgrounds. Her restaurant based in London, Chishuru, specialises in home-styled and modern west African cuisine and culinary styles typical of Nigeria's Hausa, Yoruba and Igbo ethnic groups.

She says: "Representation matters so it's nice to think my star might encourage other black female chefs in the UK. The industry is changing, gradually, but it's not just about employers – it's the landlords and critics and investors who need to broaden their horizons beyond the most familiar cuisines."

Read more here: <https://www.positive.news/society/uk-first-black-female-michelin-starred-chef/>

Mental Health

Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health Awareness Week, which takes place between the 13th and 19th of May, is an annual event that aims to raise awareness about mental health issues, reduce stigma, and promote mental well-being. This year's theme is the theme of "Movement: Moving more for our mental health".

The week typically involves various activities, campaigns, and discussions focused on mental health topics. It encourages open conversations about mental health which can help reduce stigma and make it easier for individuals to seek help when needed.

Mental Health Awareness Week is crucial in promoting understanding and support for mental health issues and in encouraging individuals to prioritise their mental well-being. It serves as a platform for starting conversations, challenging misconceptions, and advocating for better mental health services and policies.

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Physical activity is essential for our mental well-being. However, many of us find it challenging to incorporate enough movement into our daily lives. Whether it's taking a stroll around your neighbourhood, enjoying your favourite music and dancing in your living room, or doing chair exercises while watching television – every bit of movement matters!



Move for Mental Health Campaign

Footballer, Harry Kane and Mental Health Charity, Shout have launched the 'Move for Mental Health' campaign, encouraging individuals to engage in physical activity during Mental Health Awareness Week under the theme 'Movement: Moving more for our mental health'.

The campaign, supported by The Harry Kane Foundation, aims to promote the connection between exercise and mental well-being. Participants are urged to commit to an exercise routine they enjoy, such as walking, dancing, running, playing sports, or other activities, to benefit their mental health while raising funds for Shout. Shout is a confidential 24/7 text messaging service that handles around 2,000 conversations daily with individuals struggling to cope.

Harry Kane emphasised the importance of regular physical activity for mental health, encouraging participants to find activities that make them feel good and contribute to their well-being. Victoria Hornby OBE, CEO of Mental Health Innovations (the charity behind Shout), emphasised the value of physical exercise in building confidence and coping with mental health challenges based on Shout's data.

Participating in the 'Move for Mental Health' challenge during May can contribute to improving overall well-being and supporting Shout's vital services. Individuals can join the challenge at giveusashout.org/move or donate to the fundraising team on JustGiving.

Read more here: <https://www.charitytoday.co.uk/harry-kane-and-shout-launch-move-for-mental-health-campaign/>



Functional Skills Maths

1) At last week's market, Lucy's sweet stall made a profit of £672.00. This week, Lucy's profit has increased by £252.00. Write last week's profit as a fraction of this week's profit. Give your answer in its simplest form.

2) What is 81 as a fraction of 450? Give your answer in its simplest form.

3) What is 720 as a fraction of 150? Give your answer in its simplest form.



How do I simplify a fraction?

Find out more...

<https://www.mathsisfun.com/simplifying-fractions.html>

Simplifying Fractions

Simplifying (or reducing) fractions means to make the fraction as simple as possible.

Why say four-eighths ($\frac{4}{8}$) when we really mean half ($\frac{1}{2}$)?

$$\frac{4}{8} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

(Four-Eighths) (Two-Quarters) (One-Half)

Question 3 Answer = $24/5$

Question 2 Answer = $9/50$

Question 1 Answer = $8/11$
 $\text{£}672 + \text{£}252 = \text{£}924$
 $672/924 = 8/11$

Upcoming Events

National Walking Month

Action on Stroke Month

1st May - May Day

4th May - International Firefighter's Day

6th - 12th May - Deaf Awareness Week

6th - 12th May - Screen-Free Week

6th May - Early May Bank Holiday

7th May - World Asthma Day

9th May - Europe Day

11th May - World Fair Trade Day

12th May - National Children's Day

13th - 19th May - Mental Health Awareness Week

20th - 24th May - Walk to School Week

22nd May - National Numeracy Day

25th May - Africa Day

27th May - Spring Bank Holiday

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