

Safeguarding Bulletin

ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Whilst Christmas can be a festive and happy time for some and hopefully for all of you—it can also be a very challenging time of the year for others. Over the Christmas period there is an increase in reports of Abuse and Neglect.

The NSPCC in 2016 published “There is a significant increase in the number of people who get in touch about child abuse and neglect over the Christmas period. In December 2015, our helpline received 1,129 calls from people reporting cases of neglect 47% increase in calls on physical abuse. 44% increase in calls about emotional abuse”

These NSPCC statistics relate directly to Children but there is also an increase in abuse experienced by all ages during this period.

Below are some behaviours (although not an exhaustive list it highlights the most recognised)

Recognised types of abuse:

- ◇ Bullying/cyberbullying
- ◇ Child sexual exploitation/trafficking
- ◇ Domestic abuse
- ◇ Emotional abuse
- ◇ Grooming
- ◇ Historical abuse
- ◇ Online abuse
- ◇ Physical abuse
- ◇ Sexual abuse

Recognised types of neglect:

- ◇ Physical neglect
- ◇ Educational neglect
- ◇ Emotional neglect
- ◇ Medical neglect

In 2018 the Children’s Society posted the following facts in relation to neglect:

- ◇ 11% of 10-17 year olds experiencing emotional neglect also do not have their own bed (either sharing a bed or did not have a bed at all)
- ◇ 21% of 10-17 year olds experiencing neglect had also been homeless in the last 5 years
- ◇ 20% of 10-17 year olds experiencing emotional neglect also lived in a household that had used a food bank in the last 5 years

WHAT TO EXPECT IN FUTURE EDITIONS

In these termly bulletins we will be sharing a variety of safeguarding information.

The topics are just some of the information included in our whole school safeguarding training to staff and in more depth for the Designated Safeguarding Lead Training.

We will also be keeping you up to date with any statutory changes.

ABUSE AND NEGLECT—USEFUL CONTACTS

If you have concerns about anyone who may be experiencing any behaviours shared in our article, within your community, family/friends or if you need to self-refer, then do not hesitate to contact Social services for advice and support.

In Solihull the Children;s team can be contacted on 0121 788 4300 (office hrs) and 0121 605 6060 (out of hrs). The adult team is 0121 704 8007 (office hrs) and 0121 605 6060 (out of hrs)

In the event of needing the Police please call 101 (or 999 for an emergency)
NSPCC Child protection helpline:0800 8005000
Childline: 0800 1111
The Elder Abuse helpline: 0808 8088141
National Domestic Violence helpline: 0808 2000247
For men’s Domestic Violence helpline: 0808 8010327

Finally—a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all . Our next bulletin will be February 2020



Remember you can always talk to a DSL