

WEBINAR: Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel Annual Report 2023 to 2024

Wednesday 19th February 2025, 12.00 to 13.00

Extrafamilial harm focus

AGENDA

- 12.00 – 12.15: Welcome & introductions
- 12.15 – 12.25: Q&A
- 12.25 – 12.40: Extrafamilial harm
- 12.40 – 12.50: Q&A
- 12.50 – 13.00: Closing remarks

The Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel

The national Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel is an independent body that was set up in 2018 to identify, commission and oversee reviews of serious child safeguarding cases in England.



It brings together experts from social care, policing, health, education and the third sector to provide a multi-agency view on cases which they believe raise issues that are complex, or of national importance.

Annual Report Overview

- Fifth annual report since its inception in 2018
- The report offers insights and recommendations to enhance child safeguarding
- Report calls for better collaboration, info sharing, and removing barriers in safeguarding
- Two national reviews commissioned
- Two thematic analyses commissioned
- Briefing on Elective Home Education published
- Review provides an overview of the context & conditions affecting child safeguarding

A window on the system

330 serious incidents submitted between April 2023 to March 2024 – 18% decrease from previous years

46% of the incidents were related to the death of a child

47% were related to serious harm

7% were classed as 'other', e.g. when the child perpetrated a crime

36% of children under 1

Black/ Black British children over-represented: 10% reviews vs 6% population

Asian/Asian British children under-represented: 5% in reviews vs 12% population

Intrafamilial Non-Fatal Assault: The leading cause of serious harm at 30%

Suicide: Making up 16% of deaths. Girls had higher suicide rates than boys

A window on the system

10% of children reported to be home educated

15% children not enrolled in school

5% children not receiving any form of education

9 /10 incidents family known to CSC

41% were, or had, “child in need” status

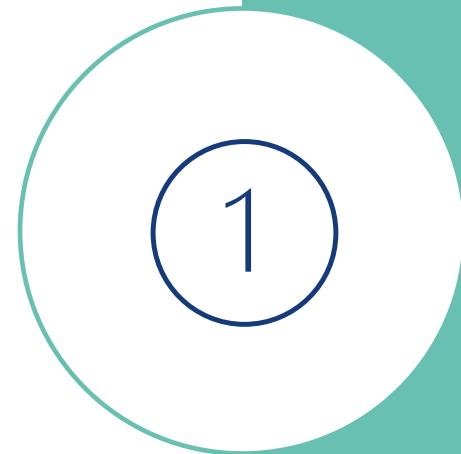
27% of children were, or had been, on a child protection plan

Spotlight Themes

This year's annual report focuses on three spotlight themes:

Safeguarding children with mental health needs

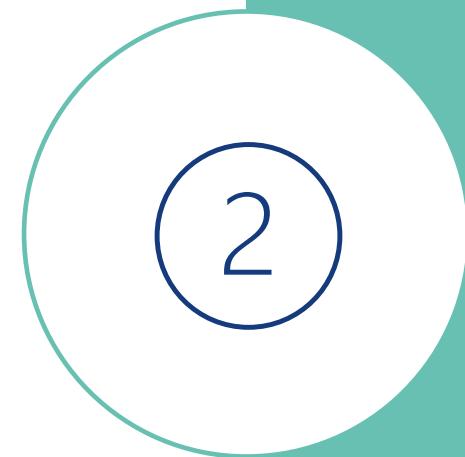
- **Practitioner Advocacy** - Effective communication and joint planning between agencies are crucial
- **Early Intervention** – Addressing emerging emotional and mental health needs early to prevent escalation
- **Voice of the Child** - Ensuring the child's voice and perspectives are central in care planning



Spotlight Themes

Safeguarding pre-school children with parents with mental health needs

- **Parental mental health** - Recognizing and assessing the impact of parental mental health on their capacity to care for their children
- **Engagement challenges** – Addressing difficulties in engaging parents with mental health needs in support services
- **Information sharing**- Effective communication between adult and child services to ensure comprehensive support



Questions?

Please submit your questions via the forum

Extrafamilial harm

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Key Stats & Figures

Here are some key statistics on **extrafamilial harm** from the Child Safeguarding Review Panel's annual report for 2023 to 2024:

78 incidents were reported, with 56% involving youth or gang-related violence, 55% involving child criminal exploitation, and 40% involving child sexual abuse or exploitation

97% of children who experienced extrafamilial harm were aged 11 to 17 years old

Black children were over-represented, making up 24% of the extrafamilial harm cases

26% of children experiencing extrafamilial harm were not enrolled at school or receiving an education, and 59% had poor school attendance

Case Study – Extra Familial Harm

Background - The case study describes a 15-year-old boy involved in gang activities and facing educational disruptions due to his neurodiversity and lack of mental health support. Despite suspensions and exclusions, his current school provided strong support with a tailored programme. The local authority noted many children not in education and created a new attendance support team to address persistent absences.

Key Aspects

- The case emphasizes the importance of tailored support and consistent commitment from schools in maintaining the education of children experiencing extrafamilial harm
- The school had significant knowledge of the local community and peer relationships, which helped in understanding and addressing the boy's needs
- The local authority education service recognized the high number of children not in education and was implementing a new attendance support team to track and reduce absences
- This case study underscores the importance of a supportive and flexible educational environment in helping children experiencing extrafamilial harm to stay in education

Cross-cutting Findings – Extra Familial Harm

Multi-agency Working

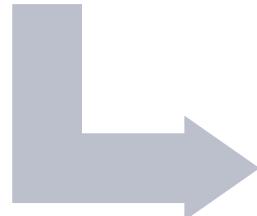
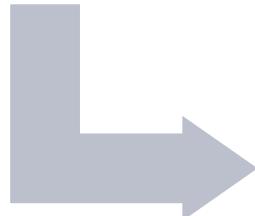
- Issues & importance
- Cross over between harm
- Clear roles & responsibilities

Education's Role

- Pivotal role
- Online activity

Voice of the Child

- At the heart of assessments and plans
- Regular Communication
- Listening & understanding



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