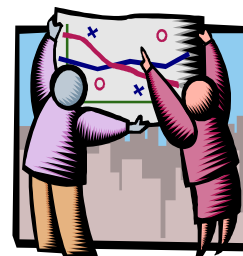


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"When To Suspect Child Maltreatment" NICE Clinical Guideline 89

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This is a quick reference guide that summarises the recommendations NICE has made with regard to child maltreatment. It is intended for all healthcare professionals working in the NHS who work with children and young people.

The guide has already been circulated to most clinicians working within health services in Leeds but if you have not yet received a copy then please contact your Safeguarding Children Lead or the Safeguarding Children Professionals named over the page. Alternatively, the guide can be downloaded from the NICE website:

<http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/index.jsp?action=byType&type=2&status=3>

The guidance was developed by the National Collaborating Centre for Women's and Children's Health, which is linked with the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. The Collaborating Centre worked with a group of healthcare professionals (including paediatricians, GPs and child mental health

professionals), people affected by maltreatment, and technical staff.

The guidelines list the signs and indicators of abuse as 'Alerting Features' under the four headings of Physical, Sexual, Neglect and Emotional. The alerting features in this guidance have been divided into two categories, according to the level of concern, with recommendations to either 'consider' or 'suspect' maltreatment. Page 3 illustrates these;

The document offers clear guidance to

Consider - means maltreatment is one possible explanation for the alerting feature

Suspect - means a serious level of concern about the possibility of child maltreatment,

practitioners who have given feedback stating that the guidance is extremely helpful and informative.

(Alerting Feature = Signs & Indicators)

West Yorkshire Consortium Procedures Manual (electronic)

When accessing information in the manual it is essential to remember that if you choose to download material, you may not be using the most up to date copy in the future. The contents of the manual are managed by 'tri.ex' who periodically update the site.

<http://www.procedures.leedslscb.org.uk/>

Leeds Safeguarding Children Board Website

Useful information and resources are accessible on the LSCB website;

- ⇒ West Yorkshire Consortium Procedures
 - ⇒ Local Protocols e.g. DV, Burns & Scalds
 - ⇒ Training Calendar (for LSCB Courses)
 - ⇒ LSCB Publications
- www.leedslscb.org.uk

Number of Safeguarding Adults Referrals increases

There were 2774 safeguarding adults referrals during 2010-11 this represents a 209% increase from 2008-9. This indicates that awareness of abuse of vulnerable adults is increasing and more people are acting on these concerns.



DoLS – Hillingdon Judgement

This case concerns the removal of a young man with autism and severe learning disabilities. He was effectively removed from his father's care from 5th January 2000 to 23rd December 2000 by Hillingdon Council and the Council unlawfully breached his right to respect for his family life.

The Judge stated that the Deprivation Of Liberty Safeguards are a **safeguard**. They should not be used as an instrument of confinement. Care / treatment should be provided effectively in a way that is least restrictive of the individual's rights and freedom of action. All front line staff should consider "what other care options there are which could prevent a Deprivation of Liberty". Staff need to have a good understanding of human rights legislation to ensure the care and treatment they provide does not violate someone's human rights.

Deprivation of Liberty (DoLS) training is available through your organisation. For advice about DoLS please contact the DoLS Coordination service on 0113 2954414.



Prevent

Prevent is the preventative arm of the governments anti-terrorist strategy (CONTEST). The strategy aims to support vulnerable people (both patients and staff) who are at risk of becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. The Prevent strategy has been re-focused and is available here: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/counter-terrorism/review-of-prevent-strategy/>



NMC Adult Safeguarding website goes live

The Nursing and Midwifery Council have recently launched their safeguarding website <http://www.nmc-uk.org/Nurses-and-midwives/safeguarding-Training-toolkit/>. The website contains a toolkit of films, factsheets, posters and publications

"Culture of Abuse" in Private Hospital

Many of you will have seen the BBC Panorama highlighting the abuse at Winterbourne View private hospital for people with learning disabilities. The CQC have published an overview of their review of Castlebeck services (the company that managed Winterbourne view). The overview found systems failings in the majority of Castlebeck's services, this included

- Lack of staff training
- Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards training was highlighted.
- Inadequate staffing levels
- Levels of patient needs were not taken into account when determining staffing levels grades of staff required.
- Staffing levels rather than patient's needs dictated the activities that could be offered.
- Staff working for 12 hours without a break as they were covering observations or were the only qualified staff on duty.
- Poor staff supervision
- Access and uptake of staff appraisal was varied
- Qualified staff not receiving supervision in line with their regulatory body's requirements.
- Poor care planning
- Lack of personalised care planning and lack of risk assessments
- Lack of patient involvement in care planning.
- Little evidence of working with patients to move them out of hospital within a reasonable timeframe.
- Failure to respond to and learn from serious incidents
- Staff "banter" with patients which was inappropriate given the perceived power imbalance between staff and patients. Staff failed to identify the boundaries of their roles.

http://www.cqc.org.uk/db/documents/20110726_Castlebeck_summaryFINAL.doc



IMCA Annual Report Published

The annual report of the Leeds Independent Mental Capacity Advocate Service has been published and is available here: <http://leedsadvocacy.co.uk/report/Report.pdf>. The report contains some interesting examples of the work of IMCAs as well as activity information and recent news.

Review & Evaluation of GP Requests for Service (RfS) to Children & Young People's Social Care

- ⇒ All RfS from GP Practices, over a given period, which didn't progress to a 'Referral', were reviewed and evaluated by the author alongside a social care manager using the information held on social care's electronic system.
- ⇒ During the given period the social care system showed 67 RfS (67 children) but when non-RfS cases were removed, this figure was 45.
- ⇒ The report has highlighted some difficulties in the way contacts with social care are recorded AND the need for practitioners to be very clear about their reasons for calling the Contact Centre. Copies of the report can be requested from Christina Fairhead – NHS Leeds christina.fairhead@nhs.net

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