

# EA Child Protection Support Service NEWSLETTER



MAY 2026



## Welcome

With the arrival of May and the improvement in weather, spring offers renewed opportunities to spend time outdoors and support overall wellbeing.

As you continue to strengthen pupils' safety and resilience, we are pleased to share a selection of updates and resources that may be of interest.

**NSPCC**  
Learning



Last month we sent updated information regarding NSPCC 'Talk relationships' programme. Following on from this we are delighted to share Talk Relationships short film, featuring two local schools – Our lady & St Partick's Knock & Priory Integrated College. **Talk Relationships Northern Ireland – supporting effective RSE in Post Primary Schools**



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## NSPCC Learning

**NSPCC Learning** has also published a new series of **Talk PANTS** videos. Talk PANTS is an NSPCC campaign to keep children safe from sexual abuse and includes a range of resources to help teachers, schools and early years settings deliver age-appropriate sessions with children.

**The new videos** are funded by **The Executive Office in Northern Ireland** and include an introduction to what Talk PANTS is. They also feature videos for use with children aged between 3- to five-years-old, 5-to 7-years-old, and 7-to 11-years-old, as well as children who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and additional support needs (ASN) aged 4- to 11-years-old to help them understand Talk PANTS.

## NSPCC Learning

**NSPCC DART – Domestic Abuse and Recovery Together Programme.**



Domestic abuse can both directly and indirectly disrupt the relationship between a parent and their child. The **DART** programme is based on the 'Talking to My Mum' research undertaken by the University of Warwick which shows that outcomes for children are improved if the non-abusive parent is supported to an active part in the child's recovery. **DART** is a 10-week programme that helps mothers and children (aged 7 – 14) explore their feelings within a safe and friendly environment and recover from domestic abuse. Referral criteria include that one child in the family is aged 7 to 14 years, lived with DA experience and experienced harm, perpetrator is no longer part of the household, abuse occurred towards the female (mother), and willingness to travel to Belfast.

If you wish to make a referral, **call 028 2044 1650**, or request an **NSPCC Referral Form** via email (**to: nihubadmin@nspcc.org.uk**).



# Nexus

Breaking the Cycle of Sexual Abuse  
and Abusive Relationships

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NEXUS has an enhanced psychoeducational Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWAG) training programme, **“Step Up, Step In”** and are running free healthy relationships workshops across Northern Ireland.

These fully funded, interactive, and engaging workshops are designed to empower young people to play an active role in ending violence against women and girls.

The learning objectives of this session include:

- Understanding the four cornerstones of healthy and respectful relationships
- Recognising misogyny as a root cause of VAWG
- Exploring the importance of consent
- Learning how to challenge harmful attitudes and behaviours by becoming active bystanders



White Ribbon NI

White Ribbon NI is an organisation which seeks to end violence against women and girls in all its forms and supports young people to identify the attitudes and behaviours that lead to gender inequality.

They support schools Province wide and provide workshops to teacher and for students. For more information contact

**[enquiries@whiteribbonni.org](mailto:enquiries@whiteribbonni.org)**.



The Department for Education (DfE) has published findings from an independent report reviewing evidence on the effects of screen use by children under 5-years-old. The Early Years Screen Time Advisory Group report draws on a review of scientific literature and discussions with parents, carers, children and professionals. **[Report and guidance accessible here.](#)**



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# OFCOM



OFCOM are consulting on updates to its codes of practice and guidance to reflect the Government's recent creation of new priority offences under the UK's Online Safety Act.

This is to protect people in the UK from illegal self-harm material and unsolicited nude images. [\*\*Further information accessible here.\*\*](#)



Department for  
Science, Innovation  
& Technology

The Department for Science, Innovation and Technology has launched a consultation on measures to prepare children for the future in an age of rapid technological change. The government is seeking views from everyone, including children and young people.

The consultation will consider how children use digital technology as well as views on measures including: potential age restrictions on social media and other services; restrictions on design features that encourage excessive use, such as infinite scrolling and autoplay; the digital age of consent; and better supports for parents and families.

The consultation will close on the 26th May 2026. DSIT has shared the attached partner toolkits, including one aimed at MPs and other politicians to help raise awareness. [\*\*Further information on how to take part accessible here.\*\*](#)





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**NSPCC Learning** has recently published an article exploring how Generative (Gen) Artificial Intelligence (AI) is impacting children's safety and wellbeing online and offline.

Findings and recommendations in the initial report were drawn from a range of sources, including an analysis of research on Gen AI commissioned by the NSPCC and conducted by legal technology consultancy AWO.

A new report is now available to download in full on NSPCC Learning which presents the findings from the AWO research in more detail, focusing primarily on the mitigations identified by experts from a variety of sectors such as child safety, Gen AI developers and policymakers.



**INEQE have a new line-up** of webinars around prevalent topics arising in the digital space and include Artificial Intelligence in Education, Multi Agency Approaches to tackling S3xtortion and Masculinity, Media and Misogyny. These are free to attend for those signed up to the **Safer Schools App** [and accessible here](#).



## Viewing Generative AI and children's safety in the round

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**As always the CPSS Helpline 02895 985590 is operational Monday to Friday (09:00 am until 4:30 pm) (except the statutory holidays).**

We trust you will find these resources helpful.

Thank you once again for your continued commitment to ensuring that your school remains a safe and supportive environment. We look forward to continuing to work with you in this term.

**Kind regards  
The Child Protection Support Service**

