



# Safeguarding Update

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## Child Exploitation: Live streaming an 'urgent' threat

Police have warned that sex offenders are increasingly using live online streaming platforms to exploit children. Children need to be educated on the risks associated with streaming sites, the National Crime Agency said.

It reported that offenders were learning how young people communicated online and "using this knowledge to abuse them". In one week, authorities identified 345 vulnerable children and arrested 192 people, 30% involving streaming, blackmail and grooming.

Social media channels such as YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat all allow some form of live capability, while there are also many pure live streaming services, including Periscope, Omegle, Liveme and Lively.

Police say abusers thrive on the immediacy these live platforms offer - targeting children with tricks, dares and threats to manipulate them into nudity or sexual acts. They called for help from parents and internet companies to help manage the evolving threat children face online.

An NCA survey found that while 84% of the 927 people who responded said they were alert to the potential dangers their children faced online, more than 30% had not spoken to their children about online safety in the last month. Almost 58% were not sure if they had adequate online security.

## Reducing the Need for Restraint and Restrictive Intervention (Consultation)

The Department of Health and Department of Education are consulting on draft guidance on reducing the need for restraint and restrictive intervention for children and young people with learning disabilities, ASD and mental health needs. The consultation ends on 24th Jan 2018. Read the document here:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/663453/Reducing\\_the\\_Need\\_for\\_Restraint\\_and\\_Restrictive\\_Intervention.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/663453/Reducing_the_Need_for_Restraint_and_Restrictive_Intervention.pdf)

## Coping with a Sudden Death

Sadly, there is always news of sudden and tragic deaths of children and/or parents. These children would have attended schools; there will be shocked teachers and children dealing with this loss. Here are some resources to help deal with sudden deaths.

Managing a sudden death in the school community (LGfL)

<http://bereavement.lgfl.org.uk/>

Talking about death with your little one (CBeebies)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/our-family-talking-about-death-with-your-little-one>

How to support a bereaved child (Video, Child Bereavement UK)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aix0ted9NKK>

What helps grieving children and young people

<https://childbereavementuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/1.4-What-helps-grieving-children-and-young-people-1.pdf>

## Benny's Hat by Juliet Clare Bell and Dave Gray

Benny's Hat tells the story of Benny's illness and death, from the point of view of little sister Friz, in an honest but gentle way. See the trailer video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7gCXYA0N5k>

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## Online-safety books for Early Years and Primary Schools (London Grid for Learning)

Children are exposed to the internet from a very young age and online safety messages can be found in a range of picture books.

Amongst the LGfL's many resources is a list of online safety selected by Liverpool senior school improvement officer, Paul Bradshaw.

Read about the books here:

<http://safeblog.lgfl.net/2017/10/online-safety-books-for-staff-and-pupils/>