

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the SAFEcic October/November 2023 newsletter, packed with recent headlines, useful resources and guidance.

Newsletter Highlights

There has been an important update to the guidance published for the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and if you or your organisation recruit personnel, you need to be aware of the [impact on DBS checks](#) and the information disclosed, in order to remain compliant.

Included in this issue is the long-awaited and newly ratified [Online Safety Act 2023](#), heralding a new era in internet safety. Also included is a section on identifying and managing harmful gambling, plus we have the latest news on the banning of mobile phone usage in schools and a somewhat sobering insight on the negative impact of AI (Artificial Intelligence) on the imagery of real child victims.

Phishing scams are becoming increasingly sophisticated and following the release of the government's statistics on cyber security breaches, phishing scams were the most prolific cyber security threat in 2022. We take a look at the best ways of avoiding becoming a victim of these scams.

Finally, there is a look ahead to Safeguarding Adults Week 2023, running from 20 - 24 November. We signpost a variety of resources to help you and your organisation take part.

Please read on....

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Safeguarding News Round Up October/November 2023

Legislation

UK

1. UK children and adults to be safer online as world-leading bill becomes the Online Safety Act 2023. [Read more...](#)

England and Wales

2. Jade's Law to be introduced to better protect children [Read more...](#)
3. An update of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 [Read more...](#)

Statutory Guidance

England and Wales

Updated Guidance published for the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 changes and amendments which came into force from 28 October 2023. [Read more...](#)

Good Practice Guidance

England and Wales

New NICE draft guidance on identifying, assessing and managing harmful gambling published and out for consultation. [Read more...](#)

Online Safety

1. Mobile phone use to be banned in schools in England to improve behaviour, the Education Secretary Gillian Keegan has announced. [Read more...](#)
2. OnlyFans has entered a “groundbreaking” new partnership with the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) which will help “light the way” to keeping the internet free of criminal imagery. [Read more...](#)

Online Abuse

1. IWF analysts report rise in sexual extortion cases of boys. [Read more...](#)
2. Worst nightmares come true as predators are able to make thousands of new AI images of real child victims. [Read more...](#)

Scams

Protecting Yourself from Phishing Scams Online. [Read more...](#)

Worthy of Note

1. Woman convicted of aiding FGM of young girl abroad in legal first. [Read more...](#)
2. A year on the front line: reflections on the first 12 months of our project to tackle harmful sexual behaviour in schools. [Read more...](#)
3. County lines gangs smashed in national police blitz. [Read more...](#)

The Reasons to Remain Vigilant

1. Manchester man jailed after planning abuse of baby. [Read more...](#)
2. Registered sex offender jailed for assaulting boy he groomed online. [Read more...](#)
3. Upskirtter caught by plain clothed police. [Read more...](#)
4. Registered sex offender packed sweets and toys for girls he intended to abuse in hotel room. [Read more...](#)