

Safeguarding Newsletter

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WELCOME

to the third issue of Tapton School's Safeguarding Newsletter.

In this issue we have information and advice about the issue of forced marriage and some excellent resources to help us all stay safe online.

Kath Tabari

Email Scams

We've all been sent those emails that say they are from overseas and you have miraculously been chosen as the recipient of millions of pounds. They're pretty easy to recognise as scams and you're too clever to fall for that. But each year in the UK more than three million people lose hundreds, or thousands, of pounds when they become victims of scams. Read this [helpful advice from the consumer group Which?](#) and avoid becoming a victim.

PARENT INFO

<https://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides/lgfl.net>

Excellent resources for parents. All you need to know about the latest apps, games and online services your children use.

Parents: 3 reasons why it's worth having 'that online-safety chat'

- 73% of pupils trust parents on online safety, but only 56% talk about it more than once a year
- 2 in 5 pupils have never told anyone about the worst thing that has happened to them online
- But of those who did, 71% chose to tell a parent or carer

LGfL DigiSafe

County Lines Update

New research from the Government was published last month.

Read more [here](#)

Reporting harmful online content

The UK Safer Internet Centre is a partnership of three leading organisations with one mission - to promote the safe and responsible use of technology for young people. The partnership was appointed by the European Commission as the Safer Internet Centre for the UK in January 2011 and is one of 31 Safer Internet Centres in the Insafe network. They have created a new service that makes it easier to report harmful online content. They say "This service has been designed to;

- Provide information on community standards
- Give advice on how to report problems
- Mediate where appropriate or explain why content hasn't been removed
- Provide assistance in removing harmful content from platforms."

You can get more information [here](#)

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FORCED MARRIAGE

A recent investigation by Guardian journalist Hannah Summers found that more than 3,500 reports of forced marriage were made to police over a three-year period. They point to the fact that a guilty verdict in May this year against a mother who trafficked her daughter to be married in Pakistan was the first of its kind in the country despite the large number of reported offences.

[Karma Nirvana](#) (an award-winning National charity supporting victims of honour-based abuse and forced marriage), said the case was typical of reports it heard every week from those suffering domestic and sexual servitude within forced marriages.

Its director, Jasvinder Sanghera, said: “We know there are thousands of women and girls in Britain – but men, too – living behind closed doors in forced marriages, yet the crime is woefully under-reported.

Treated as slaves and subjected to threats and violence, victims endure the added burden of their own families pressuring them to stay in these marriages to avoid bringing them shame.”

The majority of callers to the charity’s helpline are British citizens. Others have been brought to the UK by a British spouse before being exploited. Threatened with deportation, often unable to speak English and without access to public funds, they find themselves in a cycle of abuse.

The [Forced Marriage Unit \(FMU\)](#) is a joint Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Home Office unit which leads on the government’s forced marriage policy, outreach and casework.

It operates both inside the UK (where support is provided to any individual) and overseas (where consular assistance is provided to British nationals, including dual nationals).

The FMU operates a public helpline to provide advice and support to victims of forced marriage as well as to professionals dealing with cases. The assistance provided ranges from safety advice, through to helping a forced marriage victim prevent their unwanted spouse moving to the UK (‘reluctant sponsor’ cases).

In extreme circumstances the FMU will assist with rescues of victims held against their will overseas.

Contact

- **telephone: +44 (0) 20 7008 0151**
- **email: fmu@fco.gov.uk**

RESOURCES

The FMU has also developed [free forced marriage e-learning](#) for professionals. The modules aim to enable professionals to recognise the warning signs and ensure that appropriate action is taken to help protect and support all those at risk.

‘RIGHT TO CHOOSE’ CAMPAIGN VIDEOS

The Forced Marriage Unit (FMU) developed [this short film](#) aimed at deterring potential forced marriage perpetrators.

The film highlights the devastating impact forced marriage can have on victims and their families, and signposts victims and highlights where victims can turn to sources for further support.

