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World Suicide Prevention Day
Monday 10 September 2018

World Mental Health Day
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**National Hate Crime
Awareness Week**
15-19 October 2018

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Warning: dangerous 'Kiki Challenge' craze

Police have criticised the foolish and dangerous Kiki Challenge after a 10-year-old girl was one of the latest people to film themselves dancing alongside a moving car. The blonde youngster was filmed jumping out of the car and dancing in a residential road in Lancashire while the doors of the vehicle remained open.

The craze has been heavily condemned by road safety charities and authorities as thousands of impressionable youngsters have copied celebrities by jumping out of moving vehicles and dancing in the road to Drake's song, In My Feelings. Fans have been inspired to follow along with the dance phenomenon after it was made famous by Instagram comedian, Shiggy.

At the start of the video, the girl could be seen sitting in the passenger seat of the car before hopping out and leaving the door open. She continues to dance in the road as the car moves along at a slow pace while the footage is filmed from inside the vehicle.

The video was uploaded to a Facebook group which encourages others to share their own version of the dangerous challenge and has since been viewed more than 16,000 times. Family members even tried to encourage celebrities to share the clip in a desperate bid to make it go viral.

A spokesperson for road safety charity, Brake said: "Jumping out of a moving car to perform dance moves in the middle of a road is foolish and dangerous, not only to the individual but all other road users. The road is a high-risk environment and no place for crazes like this and so we urge everyone to be safe and responsible and not risk trying this dangerous move before it ends in tragedy".

Andy Burrows, NSPCC Associate Head of Online Safety, added: "It's common for children to want to join in with the latest trends they see online and to want to imitate celebrities. But taking part in this challenge involves being helped by an adult or teenage driver to drive alongside them and film. Given the clear risks involved, we'd urge parents and young drivers not to encourage this trend by agreeing to help a child to do the Kiki Challenge".

For more information about this craze, please follow this [link](#).

For the full article from The Daily Mail, please follow this [link](#).

Schools and GPs join forces to scrutinise pupil attendance

Schools and GPs are working together to check parents' claims that children are too unwell to attend lessons, under a safeguarding system developed by a Primary Headteacher. The scheme also makes it easier for schools to tell GPs about side-effects they are noticing in children who are taking medication, or for doctors to highlight possible mental health concerns relating to bullied pupils.

The Learning Well Partnership is a collaboration between more than 30 West Cornwall schools and eight local GP practices. It aims to remove barriers in exchanging information about pupils, in an attempt to improve safeguarding, without breaching patient confidentiality.

The initiative came about after Martin Higgs, Headteacher at Alverton Primary School, had a chance conversation with a GP about a pupil with a notorious attendance record. He felt frustrated by the lack of communication between the two professions, which he felt limited the effectiveness of local safeguarding procedures.

Now, each school and surgery involved in the initiative has a named contact and there is a commitment by all parties to return calls within two days and hand over any information pertinent to safeguarding.

For more information, please follow this [link](#).

National Hate Crime Awareness Week 2018

The week of action takes place from Monday 15 October to Friday 19 October 2018.

It aims to bring people together to stand with those affected by Hate Crime, to remember those we have lost, and support those who need our ongoing support.

The message of H.O.P.E is widely spread.

Hate Crime Awareness – running awareness events to increase public knowledge.

Operational responses to Hate Crime – encouraging people to think about how they would respond if Hate Crime happened to someone they know.

Preventing Hate Crime where possible.

Empowering communities to report Hate Crime and work together.

To support the cause and find out more information you can visit [Stop Hate UK](#) and the [National Hate Crime Awareness Week](#) websites. The hashtag #NHCAW will be used on Twitter to raise awareness.

To report [Hate Crimes](#), [Learning Disability Hate Crimes](#) and [LGBT Hate Crimes](#), please use these links.

New guidelines mean primary school children will learn about LGBT, mental health and staying safe online

Schoolchildren will be taught about mental health, how to stay safe on and offline and LGBT issues in a new addition to the school curriculum, the DfE has announced. The guidelines which were last updated in 2000, will become compulsory in all schools across the country from September 2020. Under the proposals, all schoolchildren will study mandatory health education as well as new, reformed, relationships education in primary school and sex and relationships education in secondary school. The new guidelines include topics like mental wellbeing, consent, keeping safe online, physical health and fitness and LGBT issues. They are now subject to a further 12-week consultation on the content and how the subjects are taught.

At both primary and secondary, pupils will learn about staying safe online, complementing the existing computing curriculum and how to use technology safely, responsibly and respectfully. Lessons will also cover how to keep personal information private and help young people navigate the virtual world, challenge harmful content and balance online and offline worlds.

For more information about this and the full article from iNews, please follow this [link](#).

Schools issue warning over Tellonym app

A warning has been issued by worried schools over an app dubbed the most honest in the world. There are fears the app could be contributing to cyber-bullying.

The app is sweeping Greater Manchester, the M.E.N reports, but is widely available and accessible to other schoolchildren. It is available for free on both Apple and Google.

Launched in 2016 in Germany, it now claims to have eight million users worldwide. It tells users: "See what your friends think of you, answer anonymous questions and ask others the things you have never dared before". Once downloaded, users send a link to their friends who can then send back questions or comments anonymously.

Tellonym advises that anyone under 15 must seek parental permission before downloading the app. Bosses say they have checked hundreds of posts flagged as inappropriate every day and deletes the majority of them.

The app has already faced criticism in Germany, where it was first launched, over claims users can be sent sexually explicit messages and insults.

For more information about this app and the full article from Birmingham Live, please follow this [link](#).

10-year-old girls dies after Female Genital Mutilation in Somalia

A 10-year-old girl had died after undergoing Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in Somalia, the first confirmed death in years in a country where complications from the procedure are generally denied, activists claim. Deeqa Dahir Nuur was taken on 14 July to a traditional 'cutter' in the village of Olol, roughly 65km from Dhusmareb, in central Galmudug state.

The operation severed a vein, and when the family were still unable to stem the hemorrhaging two days later, the girl was taken to Dhusmareb hospital, where she bled to death, said activist Hawa Aden Mohamed. The Galmudug State Minister for Women's Affairs visited the family in hospital to offer condolences and explain the risk of death with FGM operations. But action over Deeqa's is unlikely. Mohamed said: "The woman who performed the operation has not been arrested, but even if she was, there is no law that would ensure she is punished for the act. It is difficult to estimate the number of girls who die due to FGM per month or per day because they are sworn to secrecy, particularly in rural areas. We only get to hear of the few cases of those bold enough to seek medical treatment in towns. But from the stories we do hear, they could be in their dozens".

The death is the highest profile confirmed in Somalia, where 98% of women and girls are cut, the highest percentage anywhere in the world. Activists hope the publicity surrounding her death may help debunk myths in Somalia that FGM is safe.

For the full article, please follow this [link](#).

County Lines - Newsnight

Newsnight looks at the murky world of drug dealing.

The drug trade is evolving in lucrative ways for gangs in the UK.

The phase 'County Lines' is the term referring to the phone line used by gangs to direct drugs businesses in the towns and smaller cities of Britain.

Newsnight spoke to some of the people behind these 'County Lines' and the police trying to stop it.

For the video from Newsnight, please follow this [link](#).

For more information and support with County Lines, please see the links below.

[What is County Lines – Children's Society](#)

[National Briefing Report 2017 – National Crime Agency](#)

[County Lines – Fearless.org](#)

[Drug Gangs and County Lines - CrimeStoppers](#)

[Drugland: County Lines - BBC](#)

Mental health reforms don't realise school is source of poor well-being, say pupils

Planned reforms to mental health services do not acknowledge that school itself is a high cause of poor mental health for young people, pupils have warned. Pupils at three organisations involved in mental health, Young Minds, Youth Access and the National Children's Bureau, were commissioned by the Department for Health and Social Care to give their view on the government's green paper 'Transforming Children and Young People's Mental Health Provision'.

Published in December last year, the proposals include mental health support teams working with schools, a designated mental health lead in every school and a new four-week waiting time for NHS children and young people's mental health services.

However, the education and health committees have already warned the government, that the planned reforms lack any ambition and will put additional pressure on teachers. Despite welcoming many of the proposals, pupils have warned the negative effect of schools focusing on academic achievement is not acknowledged in the proposals.

Schools Week has the key findings:

- School is itself, a source of stress
- Grades should not be measure of reforms' success
- Timeframe is too slow
- Peer-on-peer support should be included
- Pupils must be consulted on how to implement the proposals.

For the full article from Schools Week and for further information, please follow this [link](#).

Fears over Whatsapp suicide challenge

Concerns have been raised over a new Whatsapp 'Momo suicide game' that has been compared to the Blue Whale Challenge. Momo is said to be similar to Blue Whale, which was linked to at least 130 teen deaths across Russia, in that a controller also encourages youngsters to harm themselves after sending them violent images via the messaging app. If they do not comply, they are apparently threatened.

The suicide of a 12-year-old girl in Ingeniero Maschwitz, in Argentina has been linked to the 'game'. Police are investigating whether she was encouraged to take her own life and are looking for an 18-year-old boy who allegedly contacted her before her death.

The so-called 'game' is also apparently concerning Mexican authorities, which have warned parents and young people of the dangers. The avatar used for the Momo 'game' is a haunting picture of a woman with exaggerated features from the work of Japanese artist Midori Hayashi. The Psafe blog described the Momo 'game' as a social engineering attack, which might not be real, but can still cause harm through online harassment and cyber-bullying. It advised parents on ways they can protect children, which included keeping an eye on their contacts list and what they are sharing on social media.

For more information, please follow this [link](#).

Essex Police launch Child Sexual Exploitation hotline

Police in Essex have launched a new hotline for anyone who is worried about a child or young person being exploited.

The service will be available on 01245 452 058, Monday to Friday from 8am to 4pm. Outside those hours callers will be able to leave a voicemail.

Police will be on hand to offer advice and take reports to help investigate crimes.

It is for anyone with concerns about a child being manipulated, forced or deceived into sexual activity by a group or person for financial gain or to build status or control. Or a child being recruited or forced by groups or gangs into criminal activity like selling drugs or attacking someone.

For more information, please follow this [link](#).