

SVCS would like to share the following news article, having read it the morning of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

[Teenagers accused in half of child abuse cases - BBC News](#)

In this article which reports on the findings of a study into child abuse perpetrated by other under 18s, states “Ian Critchley, who leads the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) in tackling child abuse, said the new figures demonstrated the need for parents to have "uncomfortable conversations" with their children about the problem.”

However, we understand that these conversations can be difficult to manoeuvre and sometimes it can be difficult to find the right information to use to support these. Therefore, we'd like to recommend the resources below for your information:

Resource Link	Description
<a href="#">Suffolk Youth Justice Service - Suffolk County Council</a>	Suffolk County Council provides a consultation service for Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB) providing advice, assessment and intervention. Anyone who has concerns about a child aged between 0-18 can request an HSB consultation by completing the <a href="#">HSB consultation request form</a> . Definition of HSB: “Sexual behaviours expressed by children and young people under the age of 18 years old that are developmentally inappropriate, may be harmful towards self or others, or be abusive towards another child, young person or adult.” ( <i>Hackett, 2014</i> ).
<a href="#">Parent Guides - amaze</a>	AMAZE envisions a world that recognises child and adolescent sexual development as natural and healthy, a world in which young people everywhere are supported and affirmed and the adults in their lives communicate openly and honestly with them about puberty, reproduction, relationships, sex and sexuality. In such a world, young people across the globe would have access to the information and support they need to develop into sexually healthy adults.
<a href="#">Resource Guides   Stop It Now</a>	(An American resource, but recommended by Suffolk Youth Justice Service Harmful Sexual Behaviour Service).  Stop It Now! was founded by Fran Henry, a survivor of childhood sexual abuse who learned first-hand that standard approaches to keeping children safe from child sexual abuse at that time did not respond to the complex relationships surrounding most abuse.  Prevention Education - Develops, assesses and distributes educational materials through our website, publications, trainings, events and media campaigns. These help laypeople and professionals recognize harmful behaviour and know how to take action – including where to get resources for action.
<a href="#">279581-SchoolNursingHighSchoolPosterA3.pdf (pagetiger.com)</a>	Suffolk School Nursing
<a href="#">168098d74e (coe.int)</a>	The Council of Europe children's rights' group has published a useful booklet for teenagers which looks at different scenarios which may be abusive.