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Introduction

Welcome to this month's edition of Safeguarding News.

One of the big stories since our last edition was the trial of the governments alert system. Did your mobile go off on Sunday 23rd April? You may be interested to read the following if you are still wondering what the system is for, and why we need it: [About Emergency Alerts - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/about-emergency-alerts) [How emergency alerts work - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/how-emergency-alerts-work)

May is a month of bank holidays and this coming weekend of course is the coronation of King Charles. If you are, like me, planning on travelling to London, the following advice might be worth a read: [How to watch the Coronation and processions \(Saturday 6 May\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/how-to-watch-the-coronation-and-processions)

Hope you find this month's articles interesting. Why not bring them up and give your views in your next review with your advisor. Don't forget to log the time spent looking through Safeguarding News as part of your 20% off the job learning.

Above all, stay safe and enjoy the bank holidays.

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Article 1 – AI Growth

Much in the news this last month about the growth of AI. Yesterday the news reported the resignation of Geoffrey Hinton from Google, described as the godfather of AI.

Reportedly said he regretted his work. Let's not forget that Geoffrey is also 75 and is looking to retire as well, but is AI being rolled out too quickly? What are the ethical implications of this type of software and what are the dangers. I heard someone on the news only last night talking about the fact that self-regulation of the industry was the first step and that if that didn't work governments would be forced to act! Haven't we been here before and can we trust the industry to self-regulate? If you use snapchat or have children who use snapchat you may like to read the following articles. It appears that to remove the Snapchat app you must sign up to the premium service which, of course comes at a cost!



[Snapchat's new AI chatbot is already raising alarms among teens and parents | CNN Business](#)

[Snapchat's My AI chatbot is making people paranoid as it 'knows your current location' | Evening Standard](#)

Article 2 – Gambling

I'm sure you will have seen the news that the government has published their white paper on gambling, said to be the biggest shake up of the industry for 20 years. But a lot of people are still questioning if it has gone far enough?

The gambling laws were created well before the invention of the smart phone and the explosion in the online gambling industry. It is very easy for anyone to access online gambling. It's all very well that the industry requires the big players to include references to limiting your gambling, and impacts on mental health but they are still advertising. I don't know about you, but radio and tv is full of advertising. The gambling industry is a major sponsor of sporting events as well. Certainly, as far as children are concerned should they have access to such sites at all? Is the answer to make gambling only available in betting shops and casino's rather than being online at all? You can't underplay the impact that the industry has on addiction.



[Gambling white paper: Young gamblers could face £2 slot machine limit - BBC News](#)

[Gambling white paper: Gamblers losing £1,000 a day to face checks | Sacpa](#)

[Help for problems with gambling - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

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| MIND (Mental Health) | Phone: 0300 123 3393 Text: 86463 Website: www.mind.org.uk |
| NHS (Urgent medical conditions) | Phone: 111 |
| Emergency (Police, Fire, Ambulance) | Phone: 999 |
| PREVENT (Suspicious activity, terrorism, radicalization) | Phone: 0800 789 321 |
| RUN. HIDE. TELL. (Although terrorist attacks are very rare, we are not complacent about keeping you safe) | Website: www.npcc.police.uk/staysafe |

Relevant links from the last six issues

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| Safety | Christmas safety - RoSPA Bartenders share the times customers used a 'safeword drink' to escape an unsafe situation. Someecards News 'Safe words' people can use in bars and clubs if they feel in danger or uncomfortable ITV News Central Advice - Cold Callers/Suspicious Activity - Cheshire Police Alert |
| Prevent | "Martyn's Law" - What you need to know ProtectUK |
| Men's Mental health | https://www.priorygroup.com/blog/40-of-men-wont-talk-to-anyone-about-their-mental-health |
| Scams | Take Five - To Stop Fraud To Stop Fraud (takefive-stopfraud.org.uk) Friends Against Scams - National Trading Standards (NTS) Scams Team initiative protecting and preventing people from becoming victims of scams |
| Sexual Health | https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/sexual-health/https://www.unaids.org/en/2022-world-aids-day https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/sexual-health/ |
| Stoptober/ Vaping | https://www.nhs.uk/better-health/quit-smoking/ https://www.blf.org.uk/take-action/campaign-with-us/stoptober |
| Grief | www.cruse.org.uk Support and self-care for grief - Mind Get help with grief after bereavement or loss - NHS (www.nhs.uk) |
| Modern Slavery | Modern slavery and human trafficking - National Crime Agency The Issue — Human Trafficking Foundation |
| Disability Rights | Human Rights: Our Rights - Disability Justice Helplines Disability Rights UK |
| Dementia | https://www.alzheimersresearchuk.org/ https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/alzheimers-disease/ https://www.dementiauk.org/about-dementia/young-onset-dementia/ |