

# Safeguarding children from fabricated or induced illness

Dissertation critiquing secondary research of the extent of fabricated induced illness within child protection, assessing how partner agencies work together, outcomes for children and possible causes.

## Key details

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## Research context

The aim of this project is to find out how prevalent fabricated induced illness (FII) is within child protection, comprehending its history (including medical terminology) and the signs and symptoms of abuse.

The three key objectives of this research are to discover:

1. What are the possible contributing factors to FII in children?
2. What are the barriers for inter-agencies working together to safeguard children from FII?
3. What are the outcomes for children and caregivers affected by FII and possible therapeutic interventions?

It will explore why perpetrators harm their children in addition to other themes emerging from the research.

The study will review the short-term and long-term outcomes for children, perpetrators and extended family members and whether this is positive or negative. It will also assess interventions which seek to help families.

The research will determine if there are any predictive solutions to the ways agencies can work together to safeguard children, in particular how police can aid investigations.

## Research methodology

This dissertation will be reviewing secondary data only. The principal search criteria for the secondary data research is as follows:

- Children aged 0-17 years
- Years between 2003-2023
- Peer reviewed research including journals, court proceedings, serious case reviews, legislation, policies, procedures and government publications
- Primarily UK, however due to limitations in research in the UK surrounding FII, the research will also review other countries

Critical analysis of the research will be informed by Bronfenbrenner's Ecological Systems theory.

## Tags

- [Child abuse](#)