**The following weblinks from BAAF with a connection to fostering may be of interest**

**Useful articles and TV**

Kids as Criminals – Channel 4

<http://www.channel4.com/programmes/kicked-out-kids>

Newsnight piece on foster carers – starts at 29mins

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b053jjd8/newsnight-17022015>

**A review of Channel 4’s Kicked Out Kids**

Following on from Channel 4’s documentary, Kicked Out Kids, which followed three young adults as they left the care system aged 18, CommunityCare.co.uk and the Telegraph have posted a review of the programme.

Telegraph: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/womens-life/11420993/Kicking-kids-out-of-care-Welcome-to-Britains-Big-Society.html>

CommunityCare.co.uk: <http://www.communitycare.co.uk/2015/02/18/care-care-system-gone/>

**Social services ignored 18 warnings about boy, 7, who died after suffering years of abuse**

A serious case review has found that a boy died from a severe head injury after local authorities missed 18 opportunities to step in.

Telegraph: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/law-and-order/11420881/Social-services-ignored-18-warnings-about-boy-7-who-died-after-suffering-years-of-abuse.html>

Express: <http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/559027/Seven-year-old-died-after-unacceptable-errors-saw-18-missed-chances-to-halt-abuse>

Daily Mail: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2958729/Authorities-slammed-18-missed-chances-save-boy-seven-died-horrific-head-injury-repeated-attempts-report-abuse-ignored.html>

**England’s top family judge criticises social workers for acting as ‘guardians of morality’**

Sir James Munby found social workers at Darlington council to be "hapless", but decided to protect their identity in judgment.

Community Care.co.uk: <http://www.communitycare.co.uk/2015/02/18/englands-top-family-judge-criticises-social-workers-acting-guardians-morality/>

**Half of foster carers do not feel their role is valued by social work teams**

More than half of foster carers feel they are not treated as valuable members of a child’s life, research by The Fostering Network has found.

Fostering Network: <http://www.communitycare.co.uk/2015/02/18/half-foster-carers-feel-role-valued-social-work-teams/>

**Children's care home worker jailed after admitting abduction of teenage boy**

A care worker from Sutton Coldfield has been jailed for six months for abducting a child from the city care home where he worked.

Birmingham Mail: <http://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/childrens-care-home-worker-jailed-8666175>

**Fears over release force some young people back to custody**

Young people released from custody are struggling to cope with outside life to such an extent that some prefer to reoffend so they can be sent back inside, a report by Beyond Youth Custody has found. Children and Young People Now: <http://www.cypnow.co.uk/cyp/news/1149765/fears-release-force-people-custody#sthash.wf7R24mn.dpuf>

**The trouble with Kids Company**

It’s a favourite charity of David Cameron and many celebrities. But does it do what it claims to do?

The Spectator: <http://www.spectator.co.uk/features/9437932/the-trouble-with-kids-company/>

**New KFC advert ruffles feathers**

Are foster carers and adoptive families too quick to take offence over KFC TV ad?

ParentDish: <http://www.parentdish.co.uk/2015/02/16/new-kfc-advert-ruffles-feathers-adoption-fostering/>