

Obligatory reporting of violence against children: Norwegian experiences

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Main points:

- Norwegian legislation
- Norwegian experiences
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Norwegian legislation:

 Notwithstanding the duty of confidentiality, public authorities shall of their own initiative provide information to the municipal child welfare service when there is at reason to believe that a child is being mistreated at home or is subjected to other forms of serious neglect, jf, The Norwegian Child Welfare Act § 6-4



Norwegian experiences:

 What are our experiences concerning reports to the Child welfare services?

- Who do the reports come from?
- Who do not report?



The invisible boy



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Summary:

 Laws are necessary but not enough to protect children from violence

 The duty to report must be a part of the professional training

Developing the right attitude is vital