

ANSWERS

- 1 No. The Protection of Children Act 1978 and related statutory guidance from Her Majesty's Government have not imposed a mandatory reporting of child abuse.
- 2 Yes. In the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 pseudo-photographs are put on the same footing as actual photographs. If the dominant impression conveyed is that the person shown is a child, notwithstanding that some of the physical characteristics shown are those of an adult person, there can be a conviction. Pseudo photographs include derivatives of photographs, such as tracings or other forms of data.
- 3 Yes. Sarah is guilty of distributing child pornography (Protection of Children Act 1978).
- 4 Yes. James is guilty of possession of child pornography (Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 1988).
- 5 Yes. Anal and vaginal penetration of or by an animal is illegal, and carries a sentence of up to two years' imprisonment (Sexual Offences Act 2003).
- 6 It is a criminal offence for a person in a position of trust to engage in sexual activity with a person under 18 (Sexual Offences Act 2003).
- 7 If you work in private practice, there is no *legal* duty to report any of the above, although many would choose to report for ethical reasons. If you work in the NHS, it is usually part of your contract of employment that you *will* report cases such as those above.
- 8 Yes. Under the Drug Trafficking Act 1994, it is an offence not to disclose information about drug money laundering received in the course of a trade.
- 9 It is an offence under section 53 of the Drug Trafficking Act 1994 to inform the client that the authorities have been notified.
- 10 According to Ministry of Justice statistics for England and Wales, July 2010 and June 2011, domestic burglary had the highest proven re-offending rate at 49.8% and sexual (child) offences the lowest at 8.9%.