

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN
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THE RIGHT WAY - A Children's Rights Approach for Education in Wales (May 2017)

A Children's Rights Approach is a coherent, politically neutral and practical framework for working with children, grounded in the UNCRC. It is a durable approach that withstands social change. It is about placing the UNCRC at the core of a child's experience of education and at the core of school planning, teaching, decision-making, policies and practice.
<https://www.childcomwales.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/The-Right-Way-Education.pdf>

Every child in Wales to have access to recognised nurse throughout their school education (18/05/17)

The Health Secretary, Vaughan Gething will today announce new plans to ensure that all children and young people in Wales receive consistent support and advice from a healthcare professional throughout their school age years.
<http://gov.wales/newsroom/health-and-social-services/2017/170518nurse/?lang=en>

National online safety action plan for children and young people (17/05/17)

A new national online safety action plan for children and young people is to be created, Education Secretary Kirsty Williams announced today.
<http://gov.wales/newsroom/educationandskills/2017/170517-national-online-safety-action-plan-for-children-and-young-people-to-be-created-kirsty->

Faulty defibrillator: users urged to check battery connection (18/05/17)

People and organisations should check public access defibrillators for a technical fault, the MHRA advised today.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/faulty-defibrillator-users-urged-to-check-battery-connection>

Youth custody data (09/06/17)

Monthly statistics on the population in custody of children and young people within secure children's homes, secure training centres and young offender institutions (YOIs).

This includes those aged under 18 and 18 year olds. Some 18 year olds remain in the secure estate for children and young people if they only have a short period of their sentence to serve, to avoid disrupting their regimes.

The publication also contains more detailed information on the make-up of the custody population by legal basis for detention, accommodation type, age group, gender, ethnicity and region of origin. Data are also provided on a trend basis dating back to 2000 to 2001 and 2005 to 2006 onwards for more detailed data.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/youth-custody-data>

Children accommodated in secure children's homes: 31 March 2017

(01/06/17)

Statistics on approved placements by type, gender, age and length of stay.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/children-accommodated-in-secure-childrens-homes-31-march-2017>

Statements of SEN and EHC plans: England, 2017 (25/05/17)

Statistics and analysis on statements of special educational needs (SEN) and education, health and care (EHC) plans in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/statements-of-sen-and-ehc-plans-england-2017>

Pupil absence in schools in England: autumn term 2016 (18/10/17)

Indicative figures on overall, authorised, unauthorised and persistent absence by school type.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/pupil-absence-in-schools-in-england-autumn-term-2016>

Children looked after return 2017 to 2018: guide (17/05/17)

Guide for LAs submitting the children looked after data return for 2017 to 2018.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-looked-after-return-2017-to-2018-guide>

Outcomes for children looked after by LAs: 31 March 2016 (11/05/17)

Outcome measures at national and LA level in England for children continuously looked after for at least 12 months.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/outcomes-for-children-looked-after-by-> 

Professionals must be aware of FGM signs (07/06/17)

Barnardo's is advising professionals, including teachers, of the signs a girl may be at risk of undergoing FGM.

<http://www.barnardos.org.uk/news/press-releases.htm?ref=124727>

Independent Inquiry into CSA

Inquiry Chair announces decision arising out of preliminary hearing into Roman Catholic Church (08/06/17)

The Chair of the Inquiry has announced a decision regarding the English

Benedictine case study hearing in the Roman Catholic Church investigation.

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/inquiry-chair-announces-decision-arising-out-preliminary-hearing-roman-catholic-church>

Inquiry seeks bid for research into CSA and the internet (02/06/17)

The Research Project at the IICSA is seeking to commission a Rapid Evidence Assessment to identify what is known about the scale of online-facilitated CSA.

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/inquiry-seeks-bid-research-child-sexual-abuse-and-internet-0>

Ofsted Parent View: management information (31/05/17)

Management information published annually in the interests of transparency.

The Parent View toolkit has information about how schools can raise awareness of Parent View among parents.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/ofsted-parent-view-management-information>

School inspections and outcomes: management information (13/06/17)

Management information published monthly and a one-off publication of inspections and outcomes from 2005 to 2015.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/monthly-management-information-ofsted-school-inspections-outcomes>

Joint inspections of CSE and missing children: February to August 2016

(13/06/17)

Thematic inspection report for joint targeted area inspections of local area services and individual inspection reports.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/joint-inspections-of-child-sexual-exploitation-and-missing-children-february-to-august-2016>

Joint inspections of the response to children living with domestic abuse: September 2016 to March 2017

(13/06/17)

Guidance for inspectors and inspection reports for joint targeted area inspections of local area services.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/joint-inspections-of-the-response-to-children-living-with-domestic-abuse-september-2016-to-march-2017>

FE and skills inspections and outcomes: management information from December 2015 (12/06/17)

Management information showing in-year and most recent inspection outcomes.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/monthly-management-information-ofsted-further-education-and-skills-inspections-outcomes-from->

Spondyloarthritis in over 16s: diagnosis and management (June 2017)

This guideline covers diagnosing and managing spondyloarthritis that is suspected or confirmed in adults who are 16 years or older. It aims to raise awareness of the features of spondyloarthritis and provide clear advice on what action to take when people with signs and symptoms first present in healthcare settings. It also provides advice on the range of treatments available.

In June 2017, we updated recommendation 1.2.7 to clarify the advice on what imaging should be done.

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng65>

Eating disorders: recognition and treatment (May 2017)

This guideline covers assessment, treatment, monitoring and inpatient care for children, young people and adults with eating disorders. It aims to improve the care people receive by detailing the most effective treatments for anorexia nervosa, binge eating disorder and bulimia nervosa.

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng69>

Flu vaccination in schools (11/05/17)

Flu vaccination guidance and resources for schools.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-in-schools>

Flu vaccination: leaflets and posters (11/05/17)

Information and promotional resources to support the annual flu vaccination programme.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters>

Seasonal flu vaccine uptake in children of primary school age: winter season 2016 to 2017 (11/05/17)

Report on the uptake of influenza vaccine amongst primary school age children during the 2016 to 2017 influenza vaccination programme in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/seasonal-flu-vaccine-uptake-in-children-of-primary-school-age-winter-season-2016-to-2017>



Consultations

Immunisations: reducing differences in uptake in under 19s: Surveillance consultation (09/06/17)

The public health guideline for PH21 - Immunisations: reducing differences in uptake in under 19s has been checked by NICE for the need for update.

Registered stakeholders for the guideline are invited to comment on the provisional decision via this website.

Organisations not registered as stakeholders are not able to comment, we recommend that you register as a stakeholder or you contact the registered stakeholder organisation that most closely represents your interests and pass your comments to them.

Note that the provisional review decision presented here does not constitute NICE's formal decision on this guideline. The decision is provisional and may change after consultation.

Closing date: 23rd June 2017
<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ph21/consultation/html-content>

Education otherwise than at school Framework for Action (05/06/17)

We are seeking your views on the draft EOTAS Framework for Action.

We are consulting on proposals to improve outcomes for learners accessing education otherwise than at school provision.

These proposals concern 4 key provisions:

- EOTAS panels
- Management Committee learning and development
- EOTAS commissioning frameworks
- National data and information procedures.

Closing date: 31st July 2017

<https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/eotas-framework-for-action>

Draft supporting people programme guidance and outcomes framework (15/05/17)

We are seeking your views on the revised Supporting people programme guidance and outcomes framework.

We are consulting on:

- ensuring the guidance and outcomes are person-centred and have clear eligibility criteria
- the strategic direction for the Supporting People programme
- the governance of regional working
- the commissioning framework
- improvements to the outcome framework.

Closing date: 4th August 2017

<https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/draft-supporting-people-programme-guidance-and-outcomes-framework>

Consultations (continued)

The Independent Inquiry into CSA launches consultation on the impact of CSA and support services (13/06/17)

The Inquiry has today launched a consultation on the impact of CSA on victim and survivors and access to and use of support services.

The consultation marks the start of an ongoing engagement with victims and survivors and their families to gather views about support service provision. The consultation will be open for three months, from now until early September.

The consultation will examine a series of issues relating to victims' and survivors' experiences of support services. There are questions dealing with a range of issues connected to the impact of abuse and support service provision. We want to know more about experiences of the different types of support and the differences in the way they are experienced by children and adults.

Closing date: 12th September 2017
<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/inquiry-launches-consultation-impact-csa-and-support-services>

Open consultation - Analysing family circumstances and education (02/06/17)

We're seeking views on our preliminary investigation of the relationship between household income and education for pupils in schools in England.

The statistical paper describes a provisional methodology we used to calculate equivalised household income bands. We have done this by matching administrative income data from other government departments to anonymised pupil records.

It includes analysis on:

- educational outcomes at key stage 2 (age 11) and key stage 4 (age 16)
- characteristics of schools attended
- family characteristics and size
- effect of housing costs
- geographical distribution of households

The paper also outlines an approach to looking at ordinary working families.

Closing date: 31st July 2017
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/analysing-family-circumstances-and-education>
<https://consult.education.gov.uk/school-leadership-analysis-unit/analysing-family-circumstances-and-education-1/>



Conferences

Next steps for youth justice reform - education, rehabilitation and the Youth Court

11th July 2017 London £210 + VAT

This event will examine the future of youth justice services in England and Wales, following Charlie Taylor's Review of the Youth Justice System which set out proposals to review governance frameworks and establish two new pilot 'secure schools'.

It follows findings and recommendations of the Youth Custody Improvement Board and will focus on what more can be done to improve the outcomes of young offenders, with discussion on the commissioning of education and health in custody, the future role of custodial staff in rehabilitation, as well as the anticipated impact of the 'secure schools' pilot.

Delegates will also discuss the impact of changes to sentencing guidelines on the number of young offenders entering custody, as well as the future of the monitoring and accountability framework after both the Taylor review and the YCIB report cited concerns over cooperation between key agencies.

<http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/conference/youth-justice-reform-2017>



Priorities for children's mental health - integrating services and improving provision in schools

19th October 2017 London
£210 + VAT

This seminar will examine the next steps for improving children's mental health provision as the CQC conducts a thematic review into children's mental health services. It takes place following the announcement of measures to improve child and adolescent mental health services in light of research finding that additional funding provided for CAMHS is in some cases failing to reach frontline services.

Delegates will consider implementation of measures to improve mental health provision in schools, including providing free mental health training for all secondary school teachers. The key findings of the Education and Health Select Committees' joint inquiry into the role of education in children's mental health will also be discussed.

Further sessions will consider the next steps for improving integration in children and young people's mental health services in light of the extension of trials to strengthen the links between schools and local NHS mental health staff and the commitment to provide every child with local access to specialist mental health care by 2021.

<http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/conference/childrens-mental-health-2017>

Conferences (continued)

Achieving the best outcomes for children and young people through the courts

17th November 2017 Birmingham
£50 - £213

Courts play a central role in protecting children at risk of abuse and neglect. Being able to work effectively in partnership with courts is critical to achieving each child's safety and welfare. Child maltreatment is handled in different courts and the rules vary depending on the jurisdiction and type of proceedings.

This conference focuses on practice in civil courts dealing with child care legislation, but much of the learning is transferable to other court settings in England, Ireland, NI, Scotland and Wales. The conference brings together speakers from different professional roles and disciplines who have a wealth of hands-on experience in the court setting, who share their learning and perspectives on how to secure the best possible outcomes for abused and neglected children and young people.

Aims: To promote the most effective use of courts to protect children and young people from abuse and neglect and to bring about positive outcomes for children at risk.

<https://www.baspcan.org.uk/event/achieving-best-outcomes-children-young-people-courts/>

Safeguarding Children and Young People

27th June 2017 London £130 - £200

The course is suitable for professionals working within the safeguarding arena. It will have interesting cases and discussions illustrating scenarios from the antenatal period through school age up to young adulthood with a focus on the multidisciplinary approach.

Topics:

- Thinking about the needs and rights of the mother vs unborn child
- The midwife's perspective: antenatal safeguarding
- The impact of maternal mental health during the perinatal period
- The young child: illustrative case
- What happens when it all goes wrong?
- Presentation of a psychosocial history taking tool for adolescents
- What's behind a migraine? An adolescent case illustration
- Case discussion: Twins with no bones
- Case discussion: Bone broth
- Real allergy: how to decide and when to test
- A dietician's perspective: maternal/family dietary beliefs
- Neglect in the primary school child

<https://www.baspcan.org.uk/event/safeguarding-children-young-people/>

This newsletter collates information from various sources that is relevant to safeguarding children. Anyone working in this area who would like to be added to the circulation list can forward their details to – keithdriver@btinternet.com