

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN
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Strengthened guidance to protect children at risk (04/07/18)

Working Together to Safeguard Children guidance sets out new requirements for improved partnerships to protect children.

Children at risk of abuse or neglect will now be protected through improved partnerships between local police, councils and health services.

Strengthened guidance published today sets new legal requirements for the three safeguarding partners, who will be required to make joint safeguarding decisions to meet the needs of local children and families.

Senior police, council and health leaders will jointly be responsible for setting out local plans to keep children safe and will be accountable for how well agencies work together to protect children from abuse and neglect.

The new advice is aimed at all professionals who come in to contact with children and families and includes guidance on current threats to child protection, such as sexual and criminal exploitation, gangs and radicalisation.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/strengthened-guidance-to-protect-children-at-risk>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2>



Working Together: transitional guidance (02/07/18)

Statutory guidance for LSCBs, LAs, safeguarding partners, child death review partners, and the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel
This is statutory guidance. Its purpose is to support LSCBs, the new safeguarding and child death review partners, and the new Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel in the transition from LSCBs and serious case reviews to a new system of multi-agency arrangements and local and national child safeguarding practice reviews.

This guidance will help them to understand the requirements and to plan and manage their work in the transitional period. They should have regard to it when making their transitional arrangements. It should be read alongside Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018.

This guidance applies across England from 29 June 2018. The final expiry date is 29 September 2020.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2?utm_source=1a6063c3-b0a1-4d64-8f00-05c6fb7470e2&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate#history

Improved mental health support for children in care (13th June 2018)

Children in care will get better mental health assessments as they enter the care system under a new £1m pilot scheme.

Up to 10 pilots across the country will trial new high quality mental health assessments, that ensure young people are assessed at the right time, with a focus on their individual needs as they enter care.

Statistics show that 62% of looked after children are in care due to abuse or neglect, which can have a lasting impact on their mental health and emotional wellbeing.

Currently half of all children in care meet the criteria for a possible mental health disorder, compared to one in ten children outside the care system. The pilots will identify a child's mental health and broader wellbeing needs, including whether a referral to a more specialist service is needed.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/Improved-mental-health-support-for-children-in-care>

Multi-million pound fund to support disadvantaged children in the early years (01/07/18)

Parents who need help teaching their children reading, writing and language skills will get practical help such as home visits and online tools thanks to a £6.5 scheme announced today.

Voluntary and community groups will get a share of the multi-million pound fund to run projects that help disadvantaged families and children with additional

needs, building on the free childcare offer already available to the most deprived two-year-olds. These children are more likely to struggle with language and literacy skills when they arrive at primary school than their peers.

Studies have shown that helping parents and giving them the confidence to work with their children on speech and language is one of the most effective ways to ensure children arrive at school with the right foundations for a successful education.

Projects that can bid for the funding could include home visits from trained early years professionals, to help parents support their children in learning new words through simple steps like reading and singing nursery rhymes. Or they could involve easy-to-use online tools that help broaden the vocabulary parents use with their children in these early years.

Research shows that where there is a 'word gap' – the gap in communication skills between disadvantaged children and their peers - it can have a long term impact on a child's education, so projects like these will help close it once and for all.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/multi-million-pound-fund-to-support-disadvantaged-children-in-the-early-years>

Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport speaks at NSPCC Conference (20/06/18)

Matt Hancock speaking at the NSPCC "How safe are our children?" conference.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/matt-hancock-speaking-at-the-nspcc->

Children and Families Minister addresses ADCS conference (05/07/18)

Nadhim Zahawi spoke to directors of children's services at the ADCS conference 2018 in Manchester.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/children-and-families-minister-addresses-adcs-conference>

Education Secretary makes inaugural speech to children's services sector (05/07/18)

Damian Hinds spoke for the first time to directors of children's services at the ADCS conference in Manchester.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/education-secretary-makes-inaugural-speech-to-childrens-services-sector>

Approaches to preventing and tackling bullying (13/07/18)

Research into anti-bullying practices used by schools to prevent and tackle bullying, including case studies.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/approaches-to-preventing-and-tackling-bullying>

CDOPs: contacts (20/06/18)

Contact details of the people in Child death overview panels who are responsible for receiving child death notifications.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-death-overview-panels-contacts>

Pupil absence in schools in England: 2016 to 2017 (20/06/18)

This release reports on pupil absence in primary and secondary schools in the 2016 to 2017 academic year.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/pupil-absence-in-schools-in-england-2016-to-2017>

Free childcare to be extended to foster carers (21/06/18)

Foster carers to receive the 30 hours free childcare offer for children in their care for the first time from September 2018.

The Government also announces that over 340,000 children were in a 30 hour place in the first year of the policy.

Foster parents will have access to the Government's flagship 30 hours free childcare offer for three-and-four-year-olds from September, giving them the same rights as other working families in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/free-childcare-to-be-extended-to-foster-carers-for-the-first-time>

Early education and childcare (21/06/18)

Statutory guidance for LAs on provision of early education and childcare.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-education-and-childcare--2>

Participation in education, training and employment: 2017 (28/06/18)

Updates to national participation figures for the end of 2016, released in June 2017, and provisional estimates for the end of 2017.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/participation-in-education-training-and-employment-2017>

Gender separation in mixed schools (28/06/18)

What mixed schools must consider when separating classes by gender.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gender-separation-in-mixed-schools>

Disqualification under the Childcare Act 2006 (02/07/18)

Statutory guidance for schools about employing staff who have been disqualified from providing childcare.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disqualification-under-the-childcare-act-2006>

Information sharing advice for safeguarding practitioners (04/07/18)

Guidance for people who provide safeguarding services to children, young people, parents and carers.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-practitioners-information-sharing-advice>

Data protection: privacy notice model documents (29/06/18)

Suggested privacy notices for schools and LAs to issue to staff, parents and pupils.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/data-protection-and-privacy-privacy-notices>

Childhood obesity (24/06/18)

New measures to halve the number of obese children by 2030 have been announced by Health and Social Care Secretary Jeremy Hunt.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-measures-announced-to-halve-childhood-obesity-by-2030>

Childhood obesity: a plan for action, chapter 2 (25/06/12)

Part 2 of the government's plan for action to significantly reduce childhood obesity by supporting healthier choices.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childhood-obesity-a-plan-for-action-chapter-2>

Mental Health Act 1983: patient information leaflets (12/06/18)

Information leaflets for patients who have been brought to hospital by a police officer under section 135 or 136 of the Mental Health Act.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mental-health-act-1983-patient-information-leaflets>

Flu vaccination guidance and resources for schools (14/06/18)

This guidance has been produced to assist headteachers and their school staff with any questions about the nasal spray flu vaccination being offered to children in primary schools during the autumn term 2018.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-in-schools>

Children's public health 0 to 5 years: national reporting (27/06/18)

This guidance provides local authority analysts with the technical detail they need to submit aggregate data to the central system.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childrens-public-health-0-to-5-years-national-reporting>

National child measurement programme: operational guidance (05/07/18)

Guidance for local commissioners, providers and schools on running the national child measurement programme.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-child-measurement-programme-operational-guidance>

Government introduces new Offensive Weapons Bill to tackle serious violence
(20/06/18)

The Home Secretary has introduced new legislation to ban the delivery of knives and corrosives bought online to residential addresses.

The Offensive Weapons Bill will make it harder for young people to buy knives and acid online with sellers requiring rigorous age verification to prove those purchasing knives or corrosives are over 18. Failure to do so will leave them liable for prosecution.

The Bill will also ban possession of weapons such as zombie knives, knuckle dusters and death stars both in public and private. Those who do will be forced to hand them in.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-introduces-new-offensive-weapons-bill-to-tackle-serious-violence>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offensive-weapons-bill-2018-overarching-documents>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/offensive-and-dangerous-weapons-new-legislation>

Serious Violence Strategy (20/06/18)

The Serious Violence Strategy sets out the government's response to serious violence and recent increases in knife crime, gun crime and homicide.

Law enforcement is a very important part of the Serious Violence Strategy, but it also looks at the root causes of the problem and how to support young people to lead productive lives away from violence.

Action in the strategy is centred on 4 main themes:

- tackling county lines and misuse of drugs
- early intervention and prevention
- supporting communities and local partnerships
- law enforcement and the criminal justice response

The strategy describes a range of initiatives including:

- a new £11m Early Intervention Youth Fund to support communities for early intervention and prevention with young people for 2018 to 2019 and 2019 to 2020
- the development of a new National County Lines Co-ordination Centre to tackle violent and exploitative criminal activity associated with county lines
- funding to help deliver a new round of heroin and crack action areas
- more rounds of the anti-knife crime Community Fund of up to £1m for 2018 to 2019 and 2019 to 2020
- more funding for young people's advocates working with gang-affected young women and girls

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/serious-violence-strategy>

Concordat on children in custody
(29/06/18)

Guidance for police forces and LAs in England on their responsibilities towards children in custody.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/concordat-on-children-in-custody>

UK government ratifies Lanzarote Convention to tackle child CSE
(20/06/18)

The Minister for Crime Safeguarding and Vulnerability, Victoria Atkins will reaffirm this government's determination to end CSE around the world by ratifying the Lanzarote Convention.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-government-ratifies-lanzarote-convention-to-tackle-child-sexual-exploitation>

Commons Select Committee – Justice Draft Sentencing Council guideline on child cruelty offences (03/07/18)

On 13 June 2017, the Sentencing Council published for consultation a group of sentencing guidelines covering offences involving child cruelty, along with a consultation paper seeking views on the draft guidelines.

We have decided to publish this short report to draw the attention of the House and that of other interested parties to the draft guidelines on child cruelty offences, and to our own response.

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201719/cmselect/cmjust/892/89202.htm>

Children's Homes (England)(Amendment) Regulations 2018 (21/06/18)

These regulations came into force on 22 May 2015. They amend the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 (S.I. 2015/541) to amend a restriction in those that prevents a 16 to 19 Academy, as defined in section 1B of the Academies Act 2010 (c. 32), from being a children's home.

These regulations will allow a 16 to 19 Academy to be a children's home where that children's home is also approved by the Secretary of State to provide accommodation for the purpose of restricting the liberty of children and young people. This amendment applies solely for the purpose of establishing a secure school, and as such, the exemption otherwise still applies.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childrens-homes-englandamendment-regulations-2018>

SI 2018/794 - The Childcare (Disqualification) and Childcare (Early Years Provision Free of Charge) (Extended Entitlement) (Amendment) Regulations 2018
(02/07/18)

These Regulations replace, with modifications, the Childcare (Disqualifications) Regulations 2009. These Regulations also amend the Childcare (Early Years Provision Free of Charge) (Extended Entitlement) Regulations 2016.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2018/794/contents/made>

DBS barring: local authority referral duty and power (12/06/18)

Guidance for LAs and bodies about duty and power to refer a person to the Disclosure and Barring Service.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-barring-referrals-local-authority-referral-duty-and-power>

DBS update service: applicant guide
(15/06/18)

Guidance regarding the DBS update service, how to join and how to renew a subscription to the service.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-update-service-applicant-guide>

Basic checks (22/06/18)

Basic checks provided by DBS.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/basic-checks>

Rehabilitation Periods (28/06/18)

Rehabilitation Periods as determined by the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rehabilitation-periods>

Handling of DBS certificate information (04/07/18)

Information on the handling process for DBS certificates.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/handling-of-dbs-certificate-information>

Private law Care Order applications

Latest release: Cafcass received 7,217 new private law cases during April and May 2018. This is 6.5% higher than the same period in 2017 and 8.8% higher than the same period in 2016. We received 3,704 new cases during May 2018 which is the third highest total for the month of May since the records began.

<https://www.cafcass.gov.uk/about-cafcass/research-and-data/private-law-data/>



Public Law Care Order applications

Cafcass received 2,408 new care applications during April to May 2018. This is 7.4% higher than the same period in 2017 and 1% higher than 2016. The 1,302 applications received in May 2018 is the third highest monthly total on record and highest demand May since the records began.

<https://www.cafcass.gov.uk/about-cafcass/research-and-data/public-law-data/>

The Children's Commissioner's 2018 Report into Childhood Vulnerability
(04/07/18)

Report from the CC that brings together a range of information held by various government departments, agencies and others to reveal the scale of child vulnerability in England.

The report estimates that 2.1m of England's 11.8m children are living in families with risks so serious that they need some level of help. The study also warns that for 1.6m of those vulnerable children, the support is effectively 'invisible' – we don't know if they are actually getting any coordinated help, despite the difficulties they are growing up with. Some risks these children face include parents with mental health problems or parents who are alcoholics or have substance abuse problems.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/2018/07/04/over-two-million-children-in-england-are-growing-up-in-families-where-there-are-serious-risks-major-study-from-childrens-commissioner-reveals-2/>


Growing up neglected: a multi-agency response to older children (06/07/18)

The neglect of older children sometimes goes ‘unseen’ and needs greater understanding and a more co-ordinated approach from local agencies, according to a new report published today. The joint inspectorates report finds that older neglected children are not always receiving the support and protection they need.

Too often, local agencies are failing to spot the signs of neglect in older children. While neglect of young children is usually better identified, because the signs are more obvious, older children suffering the same abuse are slipping through the cracks.

Older neglected children often experience abuse outside the home as well as within it. Children escaping neglectful homes are more likely to go missing, to be vulnerable to exploitation, and at risk of being drawn into criminal activity. This makes it hard for professionals to meet their multiple, complex needs.

In some cases, local agencies see older children to be the ‘problem’. The report shows that front line services work together to tackle issues like youth violence and gang involvement, but often there is little consideration of the underlying causes that contribute to this behaviour, such as neglectful parenting.

The inspectorates saw good practice in some areas, where agencies considered all risks to children, including neglect. 

In these areas, the child and their family are supported, and parents challenged where appropriate. Professionals understand the impact of neglect on the child, including how neglectful parenting increases vulnerability to abuse outside of the home. However, this was not the case everywhere.

In one relatively affluent area visited for the report, GPs recognise that neglect can happen even in wealthy families. They are alert to different forms of neglect, including emotional neglect, and take steps to address them.

<https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/news/news-feed/neglected-older-children-missed/>

New guidance to support healthy food and drink provision in childcare settings in Wales (27/06/18)

The Welsh Government has unveiled new guidance for regulated childcare settings to help them ensure they provide the children they care for with healthy food and drink.

The new guidance forms part of a range of Welsh Government initiatives that will contribute to preventing obesity in Wales and help ensure more children can achieve and maintain a healthy weight as they grow and develop.

<https://gov.wales/newsroom/health-and-social-services/2018/healthy-food/?lang=en>

IICSA

Inquiry recommendation implemented (22/06/18)

A key recommendation from the IICSA's Interim Report, published in April, has been implemented by the UK Government. The Report proposed that the UK Government should ratify the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (AKA the 'Lanzarote Convention'), which sets out the wide range of measures that must be in place to protect children from sexual abuse at an international level.

This week, the Minister for Crime Safeguarding and Vulnerability announced that the UK is now fully compliant with the Lanzarote Convention and this ratification will ensure that it will be taking robust action with 43 countries to help rid the globe of sexual violence and child abuse through greater information sharing and international cooperation.

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/key-inquiry-recommendation-implemented-uk-government>

Accounts of CSA shared with the Truth Project (25/06/18)

50 accounts of CSA and institutional failure have been published by IICSA. The experiences were shared with the Inquiry's Truth Project which has heard from over 1,000 victims and survivors. Early insights show these people came from all walks of life; the youngest participant was 21 and the oldest 95. ↗

The experiences describe sexual abuse perpetrated by adults from a variety of backgrounds. Just under a quarter of victims and survivors reported sexual abuse by teaching or educational staff; 12% were abused by other professionals including medical practitioners and social workers, and 9% were abused by residential care workers.

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/inquiry-publishes-50-accounts-child-sexual-abuse-shared-truth-project>

Public hearings on the Children in Custodial Institutions investigation (04/07/18)

The Inquiry is holding public hearings into allegations about the sexual abuse and exploitation of children held in secure units. This investigation will examine the prevalence and culture of CSA in custody as well as institutional responses to those allegations.

The investigation will also ask what the safeguarding and child protection policies in institutions responsible for detaining children are, as well as any inspection and regulatory regimes.

The public hearings will take place between 9th and 20th July. They will analyse a selection of allegations of recent sexual abuse of a child in custody.

The timetable for the first week will be published on Friday 6 July.

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/public-hearings-children-custodial-institutions-investigation>

Unregistered schools management information (19/06/18)

Management information on unregistered schools in England, from 1 January 2016 onwards.

The unregistered schools team investigates and inspects suspected illegal schools. This management information provides high-level information regarding the numbers of potentially illegal settings identified, inspections to investigate these, and warning notices issued.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/unregistered-schools-management-information>

State-funded schools inspections and outcomes as at 31 March 2018 (26/06/18)

Provisional data for the period September 2017 to March 2018 and revised data for the period September to December 2017.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/state-funded-schools-inspections-and-outcomes-as-at-31-march-2018>

Childcare providers and inspections as at 31 August 2017 (14/06/18)

This release includes registered childcare providers and places, inspection outcomes, and joiners and leavers as at 31 August 2017.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/childcare-providers-and-inspections-as-at-31-august-2017>

Childcare providers and inspections as at 31 December 2017 (14/06/17)

This release includes registered childcare providers and places,

inspection outcomes, and joiners and leavers as at 31 December 2017.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/childcare-providers-and-inspections-as-at-31-december-2017>

Childcare providers and inspections as at 31 March 2018 (27/06/18)

This release includes registered childcare providers and places, inspection outcomes, and joiners and leavers as at 31 March 2018.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/childcare-providers-and-inspections-as-at-31-march-2018>

Changes to Ofsted's statistical reporting of inspection outcomes for state-funded schools: an analysis of the changes (27/06/18)

Following a consultation we have changed our statistical methodology for reporting on inspection outcomes, and this document analyses the impact of those changes on the data.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/changes-to-ofsted-s-statistical-reporting-of-inspection-outcomes-for-state-funded-schools-an-analysis-of-the-changes>

FE and skills inspections and outcomes as at 28/02/18 (28/06/18)

Data for inspections and outcomes including data for inspections conducted between September 2017 and 28 February 2018.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/further-education-and-skills-inspections-and-outcomes-as-at-28-february-2018>

Report a serious child safeguarding incident (29/06/18)

How LAs should report a serious incident of child abuse or neglect, or the death of a child who is looked after.

From 29th June 2018 LAs in England must notify the national Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel within 5 working days of becoming aware of a serious incident.

You should report incidents where the LA knows or suspects that a child has been abused or neglected and:

- the child dies (including suspected suicide) or is seriously harmed in the local authority's area
- while normally resident in the local authority's area, the child dies or is seriously harmed outside England

You should also report the incident to the relevant local safeguarding children board at the same time as notifying the panel.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/report-a-serious-child-safeguarding-incident>

School inspection update: academic year 2017 to 2018 (05/07/18)

These updates for inspectors and stakeholders contain information and guidance about Ofsted's inspection work in schools.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-inspection-update-academic-year-2017-to-2018>

**Local area SEND inspection outcome letters (06/07/18)**

Outcome letters from inspections of local area services for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-area-send-inspection-outcome-letters>

Using data to inform and evaluate anti-bullying strategies (19/06/18)

Schools have a responsibility to identify, monitor and record bullying and to put in place approaches to tackle it. This guide from the Equality and Human Rights Commission advises on how to address bullying in schools, focusing on using data to improve anti-bullying strategies.

The guide covers four main areas:

- creating an anti-bullying culture in schools
- finding ways for students and staff to report bullying incidents
- finding ways to record and review the data on bullying
- communicating your anti-bullying messages

Each area contains a set of questions for education professionals to ask themselves when carrying out steps one to four, above. The questions aim to help you review the current practices in your school, and identify areas for improvement.

<https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publication-download/using-data-inform-and-evaluate-anti-bullying-strategies>

MOD launches first ever Defence Domestic Abuse Strategy (06/07/18)

The Ministry of Defence has today launched its first strategy to tackle domestic abuse within the Armed Forces and defence civilian communities.

The strategy builds on existing work by the military in this area, such as providing specialist training to welfare staff, and will include the launch of a campaign to raise awareness across the Armed Forces and enhancing support for civilian staff.

A national audit of current available support will also be undertaken, to ensure that help will be on hand for those suffering abuse, wherever they are.

The No Defence for Abuse Strategy aims to partner with specialist organisations to help them understand the unique needs of the service community. It will also work to create a culture of safety and support for those experiencing domestic abuse and their children, taking steps to break down the invisible wall that can deter victims from asking for help.

While there is no evidence to suggest that domestic abuse is any more prolific within the service community than in the general population, UK figures show that at least one in four women and one in six men will be affected by domestic abuse in their lifetime.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/mod-launches-first-ever-defence-domestic-abuse-strategy>



£19m fund to support victims of domestic abuse (02/07/18)

Almost £19m of funding to expand support for survivors of domestic abuse services across England has been launched by the Secretary of State for Communities.

Councils working in partnership with charities and other organisations will be able to bid for a share of funding to support survivors of domestic abuse.

This will be available for a wide range of services to help survivors rebuild their lives; including the provision of refuge beds, education, and employment and life skills training.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/19-million-fund-to-support-victims-of-domestic-abuse>

The Children's Society secures National Lottery funding (29/06/18)

The Children's Society has secured £2.1m to run a national programme to tackle child exploitation across Greater Manchester, West Midlands and London.

The programme, to launch in July, will use multi-disciplinary teams to run CSE, criminal exploitation and labour exploitation services over 3 years.

They will focus on driving long-term, sustainable impact for young people.

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/news-and-blogs/press-releases/the-children%E2%80%99s-society-secures-%C2%A321-million-of-national-lottery-funding>

Anti-Bullying Week 2018: Choose Respect

12th -16th November 2018

ABA will hold Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week again on the first day of Anti-Bullying Week (12 November 2018)

The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week is to choose respect over bullying.

Following a consultation with over 800 children, teachers and members of the Anti-Bullying Alliance, it emerged that a top priority was showing that bullying is a behaviour choice, and that children and young people can set a positive example by opting to respect each other at school, in their homes and communities, and online.

The aims of this week are to support schools and other settings to help children and young people, school staff, parents and other professionals who work with children to understand:

- The definition of respect
- That bullying is a behaviour choice
- That we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other
- That we all need to choose to respect each other both face to face and online

<http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2018-choose-respect>



Ofsted launches point-in-time surveys (09/07/18)

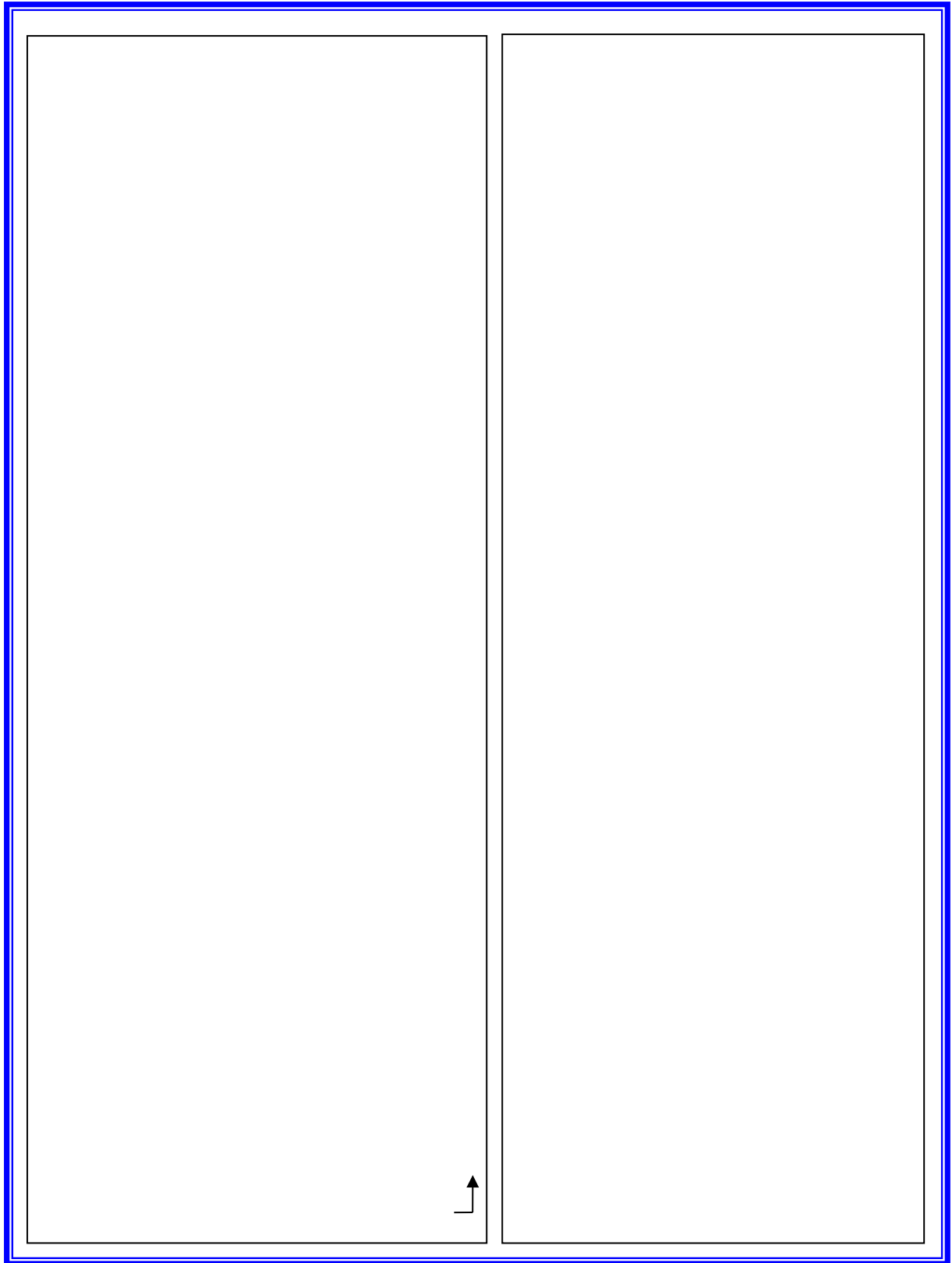
Surveys for children's homes, adoption and fostering services, and residential family centres are now open for children, parents, foster carers, adopters, staff and other professionals.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofsted-launches-point-in-time-questionnaires>

Care Act statutory guidance (09/07/18)

Statutory guidance to support implementation of part 1 of the Care Act 2014 by local authorities.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-act-statutory-guidance>



Consultations

Consultation on new inspection arrangements for local government education services

Over the last two years, we have been developing our new arrangements for inspecting local government education services in response to the changing landscape and context of local government work in Wales.

We are proposing to change our approach to aspects of our inspection process and want your views on:

- the content of the proposed inspection guidance
- our approach to inspecting local government service areas (Inspection Area 2)
- our proposal not to use summative gradings for the three inspection areas
- feeding back at the end of our inspections.

Closing date: 18th July 2018

https://www.estyn.gov.wales/inspection/consultation-new-inspection-arrangements-local-government-education-services?utm_source=lges-survey-en&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=estyn-update

Have your say on the Offensive Weapons Bill (28/06/18)

Do you have relevant expertise and experience or a special interest in the Offensive Weapons Bill, which is currently passing through Parliament?

If so, you can submit your views in writing to the House of Commons Public Bill Committee which is going to consider this Bill.

The Public Bill Committee is now able to receive written evidence. The sooner you send in your submission, the more time the Committee will have to take it into consideration.

Closing date: 13th September 2018

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2018/june/have-your-say-on-the-offensive-weapons-bill/>

Consultation outcome - Childcare workers: changes to disqualification arrangements (02/07/18)

Summary of responses we received, along with the government's response outlining the next steps.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/childcare-workers-changes-to-disqualification-arrangements>

Conferences

Mental Health 2018 - Delivering the Five year Forward View

19th of September 2018 London
£195 - £295 + VAT

The independent Mental Health Taskforce published its Five Year Forward View in February 2016 which set out the current state of mental health service provision in England and made recommendations in all service areas. NHS England accepted all the recommendations in the report for which it held responsibility and it was agreed with the Government that to support this transformation, mental health services will benefit from additional investment of £1bn per year by 2020/21.

In July 2016, NHS England published an Implementation Plan detailing how it will deliver the recommendations made by the Taskforce working with its partner arms-length bodies. The Plan presents the timeframes and funding for delivery of the programmes of work which will transform mental health services.

It shows how the delivery partners will work together at national and local level, and how they will be held to account for meeting the timeframes and for using the funding in the most effective way.

NHS England has established strong governance structures to oversee the work and to hold the health and care system to account for improving mental health services.



This conference is an opportunity to consider progress of the Implementation Plan and monitor progress on its commitments to transform mental health services. This conference will allow participants to hear from senior leaders from many of the key partner organisations involved in the Five Year Forward View for Mental Health.

http://mentalhealth2018.govconnect.org.uk/index.php?alias=mental-health-2018&option=com_content&view=article&id=67&Itemid=134

Youth Justice Convention 2018

27th – 28th November 2018

Leicester £235 - £650 + VAT
Hosted by the YJB, the Youth Justice Convention is the annual event for all those working in the youth justice system, in particular managers, professionals, practitioners and policy makers.

This year's convention is titled 'Child first' and will tackle key topics, including:

- The latest youth justice reforms and YJB priorities
- Effective diversion and prevention
- Serious youth violence

<http://www.youthjusticeconvention.co.uk/>

Conferences (continued)

National Children and Adult Services Conference

14th – 16th November 2018 Manchester
£130 - £475 + VAT

The well-established National Children and Adult Services Conference (NCASC) is widely regarded as the most prestigious event in the calendar for elected members and senior managers in LAs with responsibility for, or an interest in, the provision of effective services for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

This event is vital to councillors, directors, senior officers, directors of public health, policy makers and service managers, indeed any individual or organisation with responsibilities for children and adults in the statutory, voluntary and private sector. The Conference is the annual opportunity for those with an interest in social care, children's services, education, health and related fields to meet.

There will be a mix of keynote and ministerial addresses as well as significant plenary sessions by key players in the adult, children and education sectors.

<http://ncasc.info/>



Safeguarding Conference

8th February 2019 Manchester
£249 + VAT (early bird £209 + VAT
until 19th October)

Our Safeguarding Children Conference brings together national leaders and experts in safeguarding and child protection. Through attending workshops and hearing from highly regarded keynote speakers, delegates will explore key safeguarding issues for schools and academies.

<https://www.oneeducation.co.uk/events/cpd/safeguarding/safeguarding-conference-2019/>

<https://www.oneeducation.co.uk/safeguardingconf19>

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