

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN
INFORMATION UPDATE - 301
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Care Act 2014: supporting implementation (26/10/18)

Support for local authorities to carry out the implementation for part 1 of the Care Act 2014.

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

Local authorities supported to innovate against childhood obesity (25/10/18)

The government has announced a new programme to develop local solutions to childhood obesity that can be shared across the country.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/local-authorities-supported-to-innovate-against-childhood-obesity>

Multi-agency statutory guidance on FGM (23/10/18)

This guidance on female genital mutilation is for all persons and bodies in England and Wales.

You must read and follow this guidance if you are under statutory duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multi-agency-statutory-guidance-on-female-genital-mutilation>

Child death review: statutory and operational guidance (England) (15/10/18)

This guidance sets out the full process that follows the death of a child who is normally resident in England. It builds on the statutory requirements set out in

Working together to safeguard children and clarifies how individual professionals and organisations involved in the child death review should contribute.

The guidance sets out the process in order to:

- improve the experience of bereaved families, and professionals involved in caring for children
- ensure that information from the child death review process is systematically captured in every case to enable learning to prevent future deaths

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-death-review-statutory-and-operational-guidance-england>

Home Secretary announces recipients of Early Intervention Youth Fund (10/11/18)

The Home Secretary has announced the recipients of the Early Intervention Youth Fund. 29 projects endorsed by Police and Crime Commissioners across England and Wales will receive £17.7m over 2 years to divert children and young people away from violent crime.

The projects will include work with children and young people at risk of criminal involvement, organisations safeguarding those at risk of gang exploitation and county lines, or who have already offended to help divert them into positive life choices.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/home-secretary-announces-recipients-of-early-intervention-youth-fund>

New government action announced to tackle online child sexual abuse

(06/11/18)

The Home Secretary announces action ahead of meeting with tech giants in the US to discuss their progress in tackling child sexual exploitation.

Home Secretary Sajid Javid will travel to Silicon Valley this week to assess the progress tech giants are making in eradicating online CSE.

During a series of meetings with some of the world's biggest technology companies, the Home Secretary will be updated on what has been done to tackle this abhorrent crime and urge companies to do all they can to respond to the evolving threat.

As part of the visit the Home Secretary will also be travelling to Microsoft's HQ in Redmond to convene a 'hackathon', which will see industry experts work together to come up with tools to detect online child grooming.

The Home Secretary has made it his mission to tackle online CSE, which includes looking at all aspects of this crime. In September, he set out a commitment to drive an improved response to the horrifying scale of child sexual abuse online in a speech to the NSPCC.

Today the Home Secretary announced that he has commissioned the Internet Watch Foundation to look at how advertising is funding CSE activity.

Advertisements for legitimate products,



including from well-known brands, are appearing on sites hosting child abuse. The work by the Internet Watch Foundation will help outline the scale of the problem and how government and industry should respond.

The Home Secretary will also chair a new taskforce to bring together representatives from advertising agencies, trade bodies and brands to discuss next steps to ensure criminals don't have access to this funding stream.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-government-action-announced-to-tackle-online-child-sexual-abuse>

Tackling Knife crime: Detection of steel-bladed knives (01/11/18)

Announcement of an upcoming competition seeking innovative technologies and approaches that help to reduce knife crime.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tackling-knife-crime-detection-of-steel-bladed-knives>

Competition: Tackling knife crime - Detecting steel-bladed knives (01/11/18)

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Home Office: Care Leaver Covenant offer (26/10/18)

Pledges made by the Home Office as part of the Care Leaver Covenant.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/home-office-care-leaver-covenant-offer>

Government launches new strategy to tackle serious and organised crime

(01/11/18)

In a speech this morning, Minister for Security and Economic Crime Ben Wallace said preventing criminals from laundering money made from operations such as drug trafficking and human trafficking is a key element of the government's new Serious and Organised Crime Strategy.

The strategy also sets out how the government will build the UK's defences against serious and organised crime, track down the perpetrators and bring them to justice.

According to the NCA there are around 4,600 serious and organised crime groups in the UK. These criminals use violence and intimidation in communities to operate and they prey on the most vulnerable in society, from victims of modern slavery and human trafficking to young people suffering sexual exploitation and abuse.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-new-strategy-to-tackle-serious-and-organised-crime>

Child trafficking advocates: early adopter sites (22/10/18)

This interim guidance will support and enable the establishment of Independent Child Trafficking Advocates in 3 early adopter sites (Greater Manchester, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and Wales) from 30 January 2017.

The guidance identifies the ICTAs respective roles and responsibilities as



well as those of the public authorities and other related agencies who work with trafficked children within the early adopter sites.

This guidance is published under Section 49 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and will provide the framework required for both the ICTA and the early adopter sites to function, enabling the service to be implemented effectively.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-trafficking-advocates-early-adopter-sites>

National referral mechanism reform (16/10/18)

This document describes the 4 main objectives of the reform of the national referral mechanism, announced by the government in October 2017.

The NRM is the framework by which potential victims of human trafficking and modern slavery are identified and supported. The NRM was introduced in 2009 to meet some of the UK's obligations under the Council of Europe Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings.

This document covers:

- the aim of the NRM
- how the current NRM works
- how the government plans to reform the NRM

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-referral-mechanism-reform>

Contacts database for guidance on modern slavery reporting (15/10/18)

You can register with the contacts database for guidance on modern slavery reporting to receive regular updates to help you improve your modern slavery statement.

Every organisation carrying on a business in the UK with a total annual turnover of £36 million or more is required to produce a modern slavery statement for each financial year of their organisation.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/contacts-database-for-guidance-on-modern-slavery-reporting>

New action to tackle modern slavery and support victims (10/10/18)

The government has announced a package of fresh support to assist child victims of modern slavery and fund innovative ways to improve our response to this abhorrent crime.

During a speech to the McCain Institute in London, where she was presented with an award in recognition of her work fighting modern slavery, the Prime Minister announced a £5m fund to test new approaches to tackling this crime.

The fund will open for applications next week and is the second round of an £11m Modern Slavery Innovation Fund designed to build the evidence base around new approaches to tackle modern slavery around the world.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-action-to-tackle-modern-slavery-and-support-victims>



Early Intervention Youth Fund: successful bids (10/11/18)

Projects listed by Police and CC area.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-intervention-youth-fund-successful-bids>

Youth custody data (09/11/18)

Monthly statistics on the population in custody of children and young people within the secure estate.

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

Government increases funding for rape and sexual abuse victims (07/11/18)

Funding increased to £24m over 3 years.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-increases-funding-for-rape-and-sexual-abuse-victims>

Ministry of Justice: Care Leaver Covenant offer (26/10/18)

Pledges made by the Ministry of Justice as part of the Care Leaver Covenant.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ministry-of-justice-care-leaver-covenant-offer>

Referral orders (30/10/18)

Guidance on how to deal with children on referral orders.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/young-offenders-referral-orders>

Multi-agency public protection arrangements annual reports 2017 to 2018 (25/10/18)

Reports for each MAPPA area.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multi-agency-public-protection-arrangements-mappa-annual-reports-2017-to-2018>

Multi-agency public protection arrangements annual report 2017 to 2018 (25/10/18)

Annual statistics on MAPPA eligible offenders.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/multi-agency-public-protection-arrangements-mappa-annual-report-2017-to-2018>

Secure schools: How to apply (31/10/18)

The 'How to Apply' guidance explains the process to follow when making an application to run the first secure school and sets out the criteria that all applications will be assessed against.

All potential applicants will have equal access to support and guidance from the MoJ, the DfE and NHS England.

There will be an Applicant Support Window which will run from 19/11/18 to 07/12/18. During this 3-week period potential applicants will have the option to engage with experts from the youth justice estate and receive the support to enable them to formulate strong applications. We would also like to have introductory conversations with all interested applicants on w/c 12/11/18 to discuss the guidance we have issued.

To register your interest in applying and to access support from our experts, please complete the registration form by midday 07/11/18 and we will be in touch to schedule an appointment.

Closing date: 1st February 2019

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/secure-schools-how-to-apply>

Schools causing concern (08/11/18)

Statutory guidance on local authorities' and regional schools commissioners' responsibilities relating to schools and PRUs causing concern.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/schools-causing-concern--2>

School census 2018 to 2019: guide for schools and LAs (31/10/18)

A guide to help schools and local authorities (LAs) complete and submit their autumn 2018 to summer 2019 school census data.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-census-2018-to-2019-guide-for-schools-and-las>

Alternative provision census 2019: guide (30/10/18)

A guide for local authorities and providers of alternative provision to completing and submitting alternative provision census 2019 data.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/alternative-provision-census-2019-guide>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/alternative-provision-census-2019-technical-specification>

Asbestos management assurance process (AMAP) user guide (26/10/18)

This user guide will help you to use the AMAP online portal to submit an assurance declaration on your compliance with asbestos regulations.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/asbestos-management-assurance-process-amap-user-guide>

School census autumn 2018 to summer 2019: school summary report (30/10/18)

Specifications for software suppliers developing school summary reports for the school censuses in autumn, spring and summer 2018.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-census-autumn-2018-to-summer-2019-school-summary-report>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-census-2018-to-2019-technical-information>

Department for Education: Care Leaver Covenant offer (26/10/18)

Care Leaver Covenant offer from the Department for Education.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/department-for-education-care-leaver-covenant-offer>

Children in need census 2019 to 2020: specification (26/10/18)

Specification and validation rules for local authorities and software suppliers preparing for the 2019 to 2020 children in need census.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-in-need-census-2019-to-2020-specification>

Major new scheme launched to support young people leaving care (26/10/18)

More than 50 businesses, charities and every government department in England have signed up to the Care Leaver Covenant, which commits to provide work based opportunities to young people leaving the care system. ↗

Children's and Families Minister Nadhim Zahawi has set out an ambition for the scheme to create 10,000 work opportunities over the next ten years helping these young people gain vital skills and experiences as they enter the jobs market.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/major-new-scheme-launched-to-support-young-people-leaving-care>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/children-and-families-minister-launches-care-leaver-covenant>

Characteristics of children in need: 2017 to 2018 (25/10/18)

Children referred to and assessed by children's social services for the year ending 31 March 2018.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/characteristics-of-children-in-need-2017-to-2018>

Drive to ensure all children can swim by end of primary school (25/10/18)

Working in partnership with Swim England, the DfE and Department for Digital, Culture Media and Sport have announced extra help for schools to make sure every child knows how to swim and be safe in and around water by the end of primary school, supported by the £320m PE and Sport Premium.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/drive-to-ensure-all-children-can-swim-by-end-of-primary-school>

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Multi-agency guidelines on FGM for those with statutory duties to safeguard children and vulnerable adults.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multi-agency-statutory-guidance-on-female-genital-mutilation>

NEET and participation: local authority figures (18/10/18)

Data showing the proportions of 16 and 17-year-olds in education and training and an estimate of those NEET.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/neet-and-participation-local-authority-figures>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/participation-in-education-and-training-by-local-authority>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/neet-data-by-local-authority-2012-16-to-18-year-olds-not-in-education-employment-or-training>

Young people NEET or activity unknown: comparative data scorecard (18/10/18)

Data about young people's education, employment or training status in each local authority in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/young-people-neet-comparative-data-scorecard>

Education Secretary to take action on school exclusions (17/10/18)

Damian Hinds speaks on alternative provision and exclusions.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/education-secretary-vows-to-take-action-on-school-exclusions> ↑

Pupil absence in schools in England: autumn 2017 and spring 2018 (18/10/18)

The release reports on pupil absence in primary, secondary and special schools in autumn and spring terms of the 2017 to 2018 academic year.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/pupil-absence-in-schools-in-england-autumn-term-2017-and-spring-term-2018>

Alternative provision: response to the select committee report (17/10/18)

The government's response to the Education Select Committee's fifth report of session 2017 to 2019 on alternative provision.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/alternative-provision-response-to-the-select-committee-report>

Investigative research into alternative provision (17/10/18)

Findings from a large-scale investigative research study into alternative provision.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/investigative-research-into-alternative-provision>

Children looked after return 2019 to 2020: guide (15/10/18)

Guide for LAs submitting the children looked after data return for the year.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-looked-after-return-2019-to-2020-guide>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-looked-after-return-2019-to-2020-technical-specifications>

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Mental health and wellbeing provision in schools

(11/10/18)

This report summarises a research project on the information schools provide to support their pupils' wellbeing and mental health.

The report uses a sample to evaluate activities and approaches in different schools, including:

- what policies schools currently publish
- how policies can help schools promote pupil wellbeing



The DfE will use the findings from this report to understand how it can help schools meet their statutory duties in the future.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mental-health-and-wellbeing-provision-in-schools>

Reducing unintentional injuries among children and young people

(06/11/18)

Action areas for LAs and their partners to help develop injury prevention strategies for children and young people.

Unintentional injuries are a leading cause of preventable death for children and young people and a major cause of ill health and serious disability.

You can find data on injuries suffered by children and young people in the home and on the roads on PHE's Fingertips data website. You can also find unintentional injuries narrative reports which summarise data and evidence at local authority level, to support decision-making and prioritisation.

Slide presentations are also available on:

- Traffic injuries to children and young people: data and information pack
- Unintentional injuries among children under five years: data and information pack

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reducing-unintentional-injuries-among-children-and-young-people>

Suicide prevention profile: November 2018 update (06/11/18)

Data on suicide, associated prevalence, risk factors, and service contact among groups at increased risk.

The suicide prevention profile has been produced to help develop understanding at a local level and support an intelligence driven approach to suicide prevention. It provides planners, providers and stakeholders with the means to profile their area and benchmark against similar populations. <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/suicide-prevention-profile-november-2018-update>

Lead exposure in children: surveillance reports (02/11/18)

Results of laboratory-based surveillance of elevated blood lead concentrations in children in England. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/lead-exposure-in-children-surveillance-reports>

Seasonal flu in the children and young people's secure estate (31/10/18)

Guidance for healthcare and residential staff on responding to individual cases of flu, vaccination, recommendations and managing outbreaks. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/seasonal-flu-in-the-children-and-young-peoples-secure-estate>



An STI is diagnosed in a young person every 4 minutes in England (25/10/18)

Sam Thompson releases 2 new films for Public Health England's 'Protect Against STIs' campaign, to encourage condom use among young people. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/an-sti-is-diagnosed-in-a-young-person-every-4-minutes-in-england>

Promoting healthy weight in children, young people and families (25/10/18)

A resource to support LAs, NHS commissioners and providers, voluntary and community sector organisations to take action to reduce obesity. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/promoting-healthy-weight-in-children-young-people-and-families>

Record high levels of severe obesity found in year 6 children (11/10/18)

New national child measurement programme (NCMP) data provides the most comprehensive picture of the state of childhood obesity in England. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/record-high-levels-of-severe-obesity-found-in-year-6-children>

Cafcass - Private law applications

In September 2018, Cafcass received a total of 3,507 new private law cases. This is 1.4% lower than September 2017. <https://www.cafcass.gov.uk/about-cafcass/research-and-data/private-law-data/>

Cafcass – Public law applications

In September 2018, Cafcass received a total of 1,065 new care applications. This figure is 3.8% lower than September 2017.

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

Cafcass publishes new assessment framework for private law cases (11/10/18)

We have developed a new assessment framework to support our practitioners in assessing the harmful impact of a range of complex case factors on the children we work with in private law cases

<https://www.cafcass.gov.uk/2018/10/11/cafcass-publishes-new-assessment-framework-for-private-law-cases/>

DBS guidance leaflets (08/11/18)

These leaflets provide information relating to eligibility and other Disclosure and Barring Service products and services.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-guidance-leaflets>

DBS News: Edition Three (05/11/18)

Read the latest edition of the Disclosure and Barring Service newsletter.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-news-edition-three>

Government to toughen rules banning sex offenders from councils (18/10/18)

New rules will mean any person who is subject to an Anti-Social Behaviour



Injunction, a Criminal Behaviour Order, a Sexual Risk Order or who is on the Sex Offenders' Register, will no longer be able to stand for elected office in their community.

Current conditions make clear that anyone convicted of an offence carrying a prison sentence of more than 3 months is banned from serving as a local councillor.

The new measures will strengthen this further by bringing disqualification rules in line with modern sentencing to include the alternatives to a prison sentence as a barrier to becoming a councillor.

These changes to the rules for who can stand for election, or hold a post as a councillor, will make sure those who represent their communities are accountable and held to the highest possible standards.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-toughens-rules-banning-sex-offenders-from-councils>

Troubled families: supporting families against youth crime (22/10/18)

This prospectus details the application process and eligibility for the Supporting Families Against Youth Crime Fund.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/troubled-families-supporting-families-against-youth-crime>

The IICSA publishes public hearings timetable to February 2020 (29/10/18)

The Inquiry has published a timetable of preliminary and public hearings up to February 2020

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/inquiry-publishes-public-hearings-timetable-february-2020>

Anonymised accounts of CSA published on first ever online anthology (16/10/18)

125 anonymised personal accounts detailing CSA in institutions including schools, the RAF, Scouts and sports clubs have been published online today by the Truth Project, part of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse.

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/inquiry-publishes-public-hearings-timetable-february-2020>

Over 6,000 people have now contacted the Truth Project. 1,800 have shared their accounts in person or in writing, and more sessions are planned to take place.

The Truth Project was set up to give victims and survivors of child sexual abuse the opportunity to share their experiences with the Inquiry, and to put forward recommendations to help keep children safe in future.

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/125-accounts-child-sexual-abuse-published-first-ever-online-anthology>



‘A Crying Shame’ (17/10/18)

A report published today by the Children’s Commissioner for England, suggests there are 15,800 babies under the age of 1 considered by local authorities to be vulnerable or highly vulnerable and at risk of harm, but still living at home. The report comes as many LAs are struggling with unprecedented financial pressures that are putting increasing strain on children’s social services.

The report looks at how many babies might be vulnerable to severe harm.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/2018/10/17/almost-16000-babies-under-1-are-growing-up-in-toxic-households-at-risk-of-severe-harm-childrens-commissioners-report-reveals/>

[TS No. 8/2018] Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (18/10/18)

Presented to Parliament October 2018

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ts-no-82018-council-of-europe-convention-on-the-protection-of-children-against-sexual-exploitation-and-sexual-abuse>

Government must act to tackle street harassment of women and girls
(23/10/18)

The Women and Equalities Committee publishes its report on sexual harassment of women and girls in public places. The report calls on the Government to tackle public sexual harassment of women and girls urgently and makes seven key recommendations for action.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/women-and-equalities-committee/news-parliament-2017/sexual-harassment-public-places-report-published-17-19/>

Joint inspections of the response to child sexual abuse in the family environment (09/11/18)

Joint targeted area inspection guidance on the multi-agency response to child sexual abuse in the family environment.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/joint-inspections-of-the-response-to-child-sexual-abuse-in-the-family-environment>

Local area SEND inspection: guidance for inspectors (09/11/18)

Guidance for inspecting how well local areas support children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-area-send-inspection-guidance-for-inspectors>



School Inspection Service: annual Ofsted report letters (06/11/18)

Annual Ofsted report letters on the quality of inspections and reports by the SIS.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-inspection-service-sis-annual-ofsted-report-letters>

Independent Schools Inspectorate: annual Ofsted report letters

(06/11/18)

Annual Ofsted report letters on the quality of the inspections and reports by the ISI.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-schools-inspectorate-isi-annual-ofsted-report-letters>

Local area SEND inspections: information for families (05/11/18)

Information for families about 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-inspections-information-for-families>

Inspecting further education and skills: guidance for providers

(05/11/18)

This guidance outlines what Ofsted will look at during a full inspection of a further education and skills provider.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspecting-further-education-and-skills-leaflet-for-providers>

Further education and skills inspection handbook (05/11/18)

Guidance on how further education and skills providers are inspected under the common inspection framework.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/further-education-and-skills-inspection-handbook>

Short inspections of further education and skills: guidance for providers (05/11/18)

This guidance outlines what Ofsted will look at during a short inspection of a further education and skills provider.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/short-inspections-of-further-education-and-skills-leaflet-for-providers>

Register as a children's social care provider: 'fit person' assessment questionnaires (02/11/18)

Forms for assessing your fitness to be a children's social care provider. There are separate forms for children's homes.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childrens-social-care-fit-person-assessment-questionnaires>

Changes to children's social care services registered and/or inspected by Ofsted (02/11/18)

Information for registered providers of children's social care services who want to request a change to their conditions of registration.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/changes-to-childrens-social-care-services-that-are-registered-and-or-inspected-by-ofsted>



Register as a provider of children's social care services (02/11/18)

Information for social care providers and managers on how to register with Ofsted as well as separate guidance to help with online applications.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guide-to-registration-for-childrens-social-care-services>

Ofsted Parent View: management information (31/10/18)

Management information published annually in the interests of transparency.

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

Serious incident notifications from local authority children's services 2017 to 2018 (25/10/18)

Statistics covering notifications from local authority children's services about incidents that affect children under 18, including incidents of serious harm and deaths, in the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/serious-incident-notifications-from-local-authority-childrens-services-2017-to-2018>

Early years provision in schools: apply for disqualification waiver (23/10/18)

Form for applying to Ofsted for a decision to waive disqualification.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-provision-in-schools-apply-for-disqualification-waiver>

Social care: guidance for Ofsted staff
(23/10/18)

This handbook sets out the legal background to Ofsted's social care compliance work and Ofsted's powers.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/social-care-compliance-handbook-from-september-2014>

School inspections and outcomes: management information (11/10/18)

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>

Chief Inspector sets out vision for new Education Inspection Framework (11/10/18)

Amanda Spielman has proposed changes to how Ofsted inspects from September 2019.

She proposes 4 new inspection judgements:

- schools will no longer receive a separate grade for outcomes for pupils
- focus will be on the substance of education and a broad curriculum
- more involvement for classroom teachers
- consultation on draft framework to be launched in January
- Safeguarding and social care for children

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/chief-inspector-sets-out-vision-for-new-education-inspection-framework>

Local area SEND inspections: information for families (12/11/18)

Information for families about 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-inspections-information-for-families>

FE and skills inspections and outcomes: management information September 18 - August 19 (12/11/18)

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/further-education-and-skills-inspections-and-outcomes-management-information-from-september-2018-to-august-2019>

Local area SEND inspection: framework (12/11/18)

Ofsted and CQC jointly inspect local areas to see how well they fulfil their responsibilities for children and young people with SEND.

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

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Mental health and behaviour in schools (12/11/18)

This guidance applies to all schools. It gives advice on:

- a whole school culture, including promoting positive mental health
- understanding the link between mental health and behaviour
- how to identify children with possible mental health problems
- where and how to put in place support, including working with external agencies

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mental-health-and-behaviour-in-schools--2>

Bullying in England: April 2013 to March 2018 (12/11/18)

This document reports the prevalence of bullying among different groups of pupils. It provides information on:

- the types of bullying respondents experienced (including cyber-bullying)
- the frequency of the bullying
- where it takes place
- how well respondents felt their school dealt with bullying.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bullying-in-england-april-2013-to-march-2018>

Asbestos management assurance process (AMAP) user guide (12/11/18)

Guidance to help schools and responsible bodies use the AMAP portal to submit an assurance declaration about compliance with asbestos regulations.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/asbestos-management-assurance-process-amap-user-guide>

‘Who knows what about me?’ (08/11/18)

The Office of the Children’s Commissioner for England is today publishing a new report looking how vast amounts of children’s data is collected. This is information about children growing up which often the child and parents are unaware of, and the ways in which it might shape their lives both now and in the future as adults.

The report reveals how more information is collected and shared about children than ever before – in the screens they watch, the websites and apps they use and the information that is captured by public services.

The report calls on companies producing apps, toys and other products aimed at children to be transparent about how they are capturing information about children and how it is being used and argues that children should be taught in schools about how their data is collected and for what purposes. It also calls for a statutory duty of care between the internet giants and children who use their apps and sites, and for the Government to consider strengthening data protection legislation.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/2018/11/08/childrens-commissioners-report-calls-on-internet-giants-and-toy-manufacturers-to-be-transparent-about-collection-of-childrens-data/>

Consultations

Revised national standards for children in the youth justice system 2019

(29/10/18)

The national standards for youth justice services are for youth offending teams and other professionals working with children in the justice system.

The Youth Justice Board checks services to make sure these standards are met, on behalf of the Justice Secretary.

The current standards were published in April 2013 and the purpose of this consultation is to get feedback from the sector on revised standards.

These draft revised standards were created with support from a range of experts working in the sector, regulatory bodies, inspectorates and other government departments. They are based on our 'child first, offender second' principle and are outcomes focussed.

Closing date: 26th November 2018

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/revised-national-standards-for-children-in-the-youth-justice-system-2019>

Council Tax exemptions for care leavers (07/11/18)

As part of our commitment to improving the fairness of Council Tax, we are consulting on proposals to exempt care leavers from paying council tax until their 25th birthday.

Closing date: 19th December 2018

<https://beta.gov.wales/council-tax-exemptions-care-leavers>

<https://gov.wales/newsroom/finance1/2018/181107-young-care-leavers-to-be-exempt-from-paying-council-tax/?lang=en>



Conferences

Wisdom from Failure: A Kaleidoscope on Child Protection

22nd February 2019 London
£150 - £250 incl VAT

A national conference chaired by Sir Andrew McFarlane, President of the Family Division and Dame Esther Rantzen, Journalist, TV Presenter and Founder of ChildLine.

Matthew Syed the keynote speaker along with historians, lawyers, social workers and survivor representatives provide a multi-disciplinary group that will examine themes and patterns in the history of failure in child protection, the opportunities to learn and possible remedies.

The conference is open to all professionals working in child protection as practitioners (social workers, lawyers, charities) as well as academics and those with links to any aspect of child protection.

The conference offers an opportunity to hear presentations from a number of expert historians, social workers, lawyers and adult survivors, and to engage in multidisciplinary discussions focused on three panels.

<https://www.willispalmer.com/product/wp-conference/>



Safeguarding Children for Charities Conference

17th January 2019 London
£224.99 + VAT

The learning objectives of this conference are:

- Guidance and legislation round-up – make sure your knowledge is up-to-date so that you are able to comply with your legal obligations and duties
- Ensuring your recruitment practices are safe – auditing your recruitment policies and procedures to ensure that they are safe from start to finish
- Staff training and safeguarding – understand what training you should be providing to your different team members and how best to provide it
- GDPR and safeguarding children – what does GDPR mean for your record keeping practices?
- Safeguarding and volunteers – overcoming common challenges that your practices are safe when it comes to volunteers
- Responding to allegations and concerns – ensure that you know how to respond when a child confides in you or when you suspect abuse

<https://www.forumbusinesstraining.co.uk/product/charities/safeguarding-children-for-charities-conference/>

Conferences (continued)

PG: National Safeguarding Conference 2019

17th January 2019 Durham
£175 + VAT

This Conference is for all Designated Safeguarding Lead's, CEO's and Headteachers in schools and settings that educate young people. We will explore the changing landscape of safeguarding children in Britain in light of Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018.

<https://www.safeguardingfirst.com/conference2019/>

Tackling Gang Exploitation and Knife Crime

15th January 2019 London
£195 - £295 + VAT

Gang violence and its effects on the community are prominent in the news, highlighting the fact that a new approach needs to be taken to tackle violent crime at its roots. Attend this briefing and hear what actions are being taken to steer young people from gang life and violence. Learn from colleagues working together with other organisations to create a holistic approach to tackling gangs and violent crime at source. Discuss best practices to develop your strategy to take on this issue.

<http://www.westminster-briefing.com/Gangs-Violence-Exploitation>

Safeguarding School Children from Sexual Harassment & Violence

22nd January 2019 London
£195 - £295 + VAT

Evidence presented to a Commons Select Committee suggests sexual harassment & violence is widespread in UK schools.

In response, the Government has made it clear that the legal framework for dealing with it rests on schools' duties to:

- have regard to statutory safeguarding guidance;
- put in place a behaviour policy, and;
- comply with the Public Sector Equality Duty.

New Specialist DfE advice also highlights 'the best schools take a whole school approach to safeguarding and child protection.'

Join Westminster Briefing for an up to date brief on what more your institution can do to protect its pupils from sexual harassment & violence, both in and out of school.

http://www.westminster-briefing.com/sexual_harassment_schools

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