

Safeguarding Children Information Update
Live Consultations
Updated 20th March 2019

Alcohol: school-based interventions (08/02/19)

This guideline covers interventions in secondary and further education to prevent and reduce alcohol use among children and young people aged 11 to 18. It also covers people aged 11 to 25 with special educational needs or disabilities in fulltime education. It aims to encourage children and young people not to drink, to delay the age at which they start drinking, and to reduce the harm to those who do drink.

Stakeholders can now review and comment on this draft guideline.

Closing date: 22nd March 2019

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-ng10030/consultation/html-content-2>

Identifying schools for improvement support (05/03/19)

We are seeking views on how we identify which schools should be eligible for an offer of support to help improve educational performance.

This consultation seeks views on proposals for a clearer, simpler approach to identifying schools that may benefit from an offer of support to help improve a school's educational performance.

Our proposal is that all schools judged as 'Requires improvement' by Ofsted will be eligible for support, and that schools with 2 consecutive 'Requires improvement' judgements will be eligible for more intensive support.

To simplify accountability, we are also proposing to remove floor and coasting data standards.

Closing date: 25th March 2019

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/identifying-schools-for-support>
<https://consult.education.gov.uk/inspection-and-accountability-division/identifying-schools-for-improvement-support/>

Draft national violence against women, abuse and sexual violence indicators (02/01/19)

We want your views on developing a set of national indicators to measure progress against the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015.

We are consulting on draft proposals for a list of Violence Against Women Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence national indicators. This is the first step in identifying a full and robust set of national indicators.

Closing date: 29th March 2019

<https://beta.gov.wales/draft-national-violence-against-women-domestic-abuse-and-sexual-violence-indicators>

Changes to Ofsted's statistical reporting on inspections and outcomes for children's homes and local authority children's services (25/02/19)

This consultation seeks your views on our proposed revisions to the frequency and content of social care inspection official statistics and management information.

We are proposing 3 changes to the children's homes and local authority inspections and outcomes releases:

- Changing the period covered by the local authority and children's homes official statistics from 6 months to 5 months; this is to align it with the period for other remits (types of provider we inspect) and with the period covered by the Ofsted Annual Report.
- Removing the interactive tables from the underlying data.
- Reducing the frequency of publishing children's homes management information, from quarterly to biannually; however, quarterly data will still be available in the underlying datasets published alongside official statistics.

Closing date: 29th March 2019

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-ofsteds-statistical-reporting-on-inspections-and-outcomes-for-childrens-homes-and-local-authority-childrens-services>

Education inspection framework 2019: inspecting the substance of education (16/01/19)

Ofsted seeks your views on our proposals for changes to the education inspection framework from September 2019.

Alongside this consultation we have published the following materials:

- the draft education inspection framework 2019
- the draft inspection handbooks for early years, schools, non-association independent schools and further education and skills
- a commentary setting out the research that has informed the development of the criteria in the framework

Your feedback will help us refine and improve our proposed approach. We will consider all responses carefully before finalising and publishing the framework in summer 2019.

Closing date: 5th April 2019

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/education-inspection-framework-2019-inspecting-the-substance-of-education>

Review of the National Autism Strategy 'Think Autism': call for evidence

(14/03/19)

The government wants to hear from autistic people, families and carers about their experiences of care and support.

In April 2014 the government published 'Think Autism', a strategy for meeting the needs of autistic adults in England. The strategy supports the Autism Act 2009.

This year the Department of Health and Social Care, working with the DfE, will review the strategy and extend it to cover children as well as adults. To help us do this, we want to hear about people's experiences of care and support.

This call for evidence is for England only. It will be of particular interest to:

- autistic people – adults, children and young people
- their families
- their carers
- organisations and professionals that provide care and support to autistic people or work with autistic people

We will use the results to find out where people think progress has been made and where more needs to be done in the future.

Closing date: 16th May 2019

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-the-national-autism-strategy-think-autism-call-for-evidence>