

Safeguarding Children Information Update
Live Consultations
Updated 16th May 2019

Open consultation - Serious violence: new legal duty to support multi-agency action (01/04/19)

Tackling serious violence requires a multi-agency approach involving a range of partners and agencies such as education, health, social services, housing, youth and victim services, offender management and others. It is also vital that public agencies work in partnership with the voluntary and charitable sector to develop targeted interventions in local communities. Action should be guided by evidence of the problems and what works in tackling their root causes. To do this, we must bring organisations together to share information, data and intelligence and encourage them to work in concert rather than in isolation.

The consultation paper sets out options for supporting a multi-agency or ‘public health’ approach including options for the introduction of a new legal duty and a non-legislative option for partners to work together voluntarily to prevent and tackle serious violence.

We would like to hear from:

- those with expertise in working with young people at risk of criminal involvement and/or re-offending or victimisation
- those involved in law enforcement
- the communities affected by serious violence

This includes relevant professionals, such as those working in:

- social care
- education
- law enforcement
- local government
- community safety
- youth services
- offender management
- public health and healthcare

We would also value responses from the voluntary sector and, in recognition of multi-agency approaches outside England and Wales, we would also welcome responses from across the UK.

Closing date: 28th May 2019

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/serious-violence-new-legal-duty-to-support-multi-agency-action>

Social and emotional wellbeing in primary and secondary education (28/05/19)

You can now comment on this draft scope. The scope defines what the guideline will (and will not) cover.

Closing date: 28th May 2019

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-ng10125/consultation/html-content>

Children not in school (02/04/19)

This consultation is about establishing a local authority registration system for children who do not attend state-funded or registered independent schools.

This consultation is a follow-up to the consultation and call for evidence on elective home education held by the Department for Education in 2018.

It seeks views on proposed legislation to establish a register maintained by local authorities of children not attending mainstream schools, together with associated duties on parents and the proprietors of certain educational settings. It also consults on proposed legislation to establish a duty to support parents who educate children at home and seek support from their local authority in doing so.

Closing date: 24th June 2019

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/school-frameworks/children-not-in-school/>

Funding for SEND and those who need alternative provision: Call for evidence (03/05/19)

We are aware of concerns about the funding allocated for young people with special educational needs and disabilities in England and are looking carefully at how much overall funding will be needed in future years.

This call for evidence is an invitation to consider other aspects of the funding arrangements that:

- could be changed to help LAs, schools, colleges and other providers in their support for young people with SEND, those requiring alternative provision (AP) and those at risk of exclusion from school, and
- may not be helping us get the most value from the resources available.

We have also asked the Council for Disabled Children to organise a small number of workshops across the country, so that we can discuss the themes in this call for evidence in greater detail.

If you would like to attend one of these events, please register your interest at senfinancialevnts@ncb.org.uk giving your name, role, organisation and email address. They will send you information about the events as soon as it is available.

Closing date: 31st July 2019

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/funding-for-send-and-those-who-need-ap-call-for-ev/>

Open consultation - Support for victims of domestic abuse in safe accommodation (13/05/19)

This paper seeks views on government proposals for a new approach to support victims of domestic abuse and their children in accommodation-based services in England.

We are consulting on a new delivery model for accommodation-based support. This includes the introduction of a statutory duty on local authorities to provide support that meets the diverse needs of victims of domestic abuse and their children, ensuring they have access to provision that is right for them.

We welcome views on:

- the definition of accommodation-based services and support
- leadership and responsibilities
- local and national accountability
- guidance

We would like to hear from victims and survivors, service providers, local authorities, police and crime commissioners and other public agencies, as well as other professionals who support victims and their children.

Closing Date: 2nd August 2019

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/support-for-victims-of-domestic-abuse-in-safe-accommodation>