

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN  
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13<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**New anti-knife crime school lessons ahead of summer (05/06/19)**

School children across England are to benefit from extra lessons on the dangers of carrying knives. The Home Office has been working with the PSHE Association and teachers to create new and improved school curriculum materials on knife crime ahead of the summer holidays.

Today 20,000 PSHE teachers were sent new lesson plans that will further equip them to challenge myths and communicate to their pupils the realities of carrying a knife.

Aimed at children aged between 11 and 16 years old, the hour-long lessons have been created in partnership with the PSHE Association and developed based on feedback from teachers.

Lesson plans feature real-life case studies of young people from the latest #knifefree campaign along with new content on the importance of having good role models.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-anti-knife-crime-school-lessons-ahead-of-summer>

**#knifefree campaign: graphics and posters (05/06/19)**

Social media graphics and posters for partners to share and use in supporting the #knifefree campaign to reduce knife crime among young people.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/knifefree-campaign-graphics-and-posters>

**Offensive Weapons Bill 2018: overarching documents (16/05/19)**

The Offensive Weapons Bill will introduce new powers to tackle knife crime, acid attacks and the risk that criminals could obtain powerful firearms.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/offensive-weapons-bill-2018-overarching-documents>

**Offensive Weapons Act receives Royal Assent (16/05/19)**

The Offensive Weapons Act will strengthen law enforcement's response to violent crime. It will make it illegal to possess dangerous weapons in private, including knuckledusters, zombie knives and death star knives, and will make it a criminal offence to dispatch bladed products sold online without verifying the buyer is over 18.

The Home Secretary is also providing additional support to the police through Knife Crime Prevention Orders. These Orders will act as a deterrent to those vulnerable to becoming involved in knife crime. They will also enable the courts to place restrictions on individuals to help the police manage those at risk in the community.

Guidance on the process for Knife Crime Prevention Orders will be published, including operational guidance to police forces, ahead of a pilot in London.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/offensive-weapons-act-receives-royal-assent>

**Children accommodated in secure children's homes: 31 March 2019**

(06/06/19)

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-2019>

**Children accommodated in secure children's homes, England and Wales: 31 March 2019** (05/06/19)

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/children-accommodated-in-secure-childrens-homes-england-and-wales-31-march-2019>

**Guidance - Adoption support fund** (31/05/19)

Local authorities and regional adoption agencies can apply for therapeutic funding for eligible adoptive and special guardianship order families.


<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/adoption-support-fund-asf>

**Participation in education, training and employment: 16 to 18: 2018** (30/05/19)

Updates to national participation figures for the end of 2017, released in June 2018, and provisional estimates for the end of 2018.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/participation-in-education-training-and-employment-16-to-18-2018>

**Provision for children under five in England: January 2019** (30/05/19)

Early years provision for children under 5 

years in the LA maintained, private, voluntary and independent sectors in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/provision-for-children-under-five-in-england-january-2019>

**Statistics: pupil absence** (30/05/19)

Statistics on overall authorised and unauthorised pupil absences by school type, including persistent absentees and pupil characteristics.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-pupil-absence>

**Statistics: special educational needs (SEN)** (30/05/19)

Statistics on pupils with SEN, including information on educational attainment, destinations, absence, exclusions, and characteristics.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-special-educational-needs-sen>

**Statements of SEN and EHC Plans: England 2019** (30/05/19)

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/statements-of-sen-and-ehc-plans-england-2019>

**SEN: analysis and summary of data sources** (30/05/19)

Analysis and links to data sources on children and young people with special educational needs in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sen-analysis-and-summary-of-data-sources>

**SEN survey: guide to submitting data**  
(29/05/19)

How local authorities should report data for the annual special educational needs survey, commonly known as SEN2.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/special-educational-needs-survey>

**Pupil absence in schools in England: autumn term 2018**  
(30/05/19)

The first of 3 planned absence publications relating to the 2018 to 2019 academic year.

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

**SEN survey: closed collections**  
(29/05/19)

Documents for anyone interested in past special educational needs survey data collections (commonly known as SEN2).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/special-educational-needs-survey>

**Letters to academy trusts about poor performance**  
(29/05/19)

DfE letters to academy trusts about poor or inadequate performance or weaknesses in safeguarding, governance or financial management.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/letters-to-academies-about-poor-performance>

**Children's Social Care Innovation Programme grant**  
(23/05/19)

How much funding local authorities are getting for the Children's Social Care Innovation Programme.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childrens-social-care-innovation-programme-grant>

**Children's Social Care Innovation programme**  
(22/05/19)

A programme that seeks to develop, test and share effective ways of supporting children who need help from children's social care services.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childrens-social-care-innovation-programme>

**£15m investment to help keep families safely together**  
(22/05/19)

Children at risk of being taken into care are set to benefit from programmes that tackle the root cause of family problems, by strengthening the expert support available from social workers, addiction specialists and psychiatrists.

The new programme, Supporting Families; Investing in Practice, will help families work on issues together, including those impacted by domestic violence, substance misuse or addiction, in order to help create stability in the home for young people and prevent them being taken into care, where that is in their best interests.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/15-million-investment-to-help-keep-families-safely-together>

**Strengthening families protecting children programme**  
(16/05/19)

Local authorities funding for the children's social care strengthening families protecting children (SFPC) programme.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/strengthening-families-protecting-children-programme>

**Joint inspections of child exploitation**  
(16/05/19)

Guidance for inspectors on carrying out joint targeted area inspections (JTAs) of local area services and links to the inspection reports.

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

**Consultation outcome - School exclusions review: call for evidence**  
(11/06/19)

The Timpson review explored how headteachers use exclusion, and why pupils with particular characteristics are more likely to be excluded from school.

The review gathered substantial evidence through submissions to the call for evidence and engagement with many organisations and individuals, including schools, local authorities, parents and children.

The government response sets out a programme of work to respond to the recommendations.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/school-exclusions-review-call-for-evidence>

**Schools and colleges need to do more to identify and support young carers**  
(22/05/19)

Many secondary schools, colleges and PRUs do not know which learners have a caring role at home, according to a report published today by Estyn. As a result, the support young carers receive varies widely across Wales.



The inspectorate highlights that providers which identify and support young carers can help make a real difference to academic success and wellbeing for these learners.

<https://www.estyn.gov.wales/news/schools-and-colleges-need-do-more-identify-and-support-young-carers>

**Domestic homicide review** (06/06/19)

This series brings together all documents relating to the domestic homicide review.

Collection includes leaflets for review panels, statutory guidance, an equality impact assessment and lessons learned guidance (covering common themes).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/domestic-homicide-review>

**Guidance for domestic homicide review chairs on support for families**  
(06/06/19)

This guidance provides information for domestic homicide review (DHR) chairs on the support services available to families bereaved by domestic homicide or suicide where domestic abuse was involved. It sets out how DHR chairs can signpost or refer families to help them access these services.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-domestic-homicide-review-chairs-on-support-for-families>

**Domestic abuse consultation response and draft bill** (24/05/19)

Government response to the domestic abuse consultation and draft Domestic Abuse Bill.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/domestic-abuse-consultation-response-and-draft-bill>

**Draft Domestic Abuse Bill: overarching documents (21/05/19)**

Documents relating to the draft Domestic Abuse Bill.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/draft-domestic-abuse-bill-overarching-documents>

**Modern slavery (05/06/19)**

These pages provide details about the government's work to end modern slavery, including details about how to refer victims into the national referral mechanism (NRM).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/modern-slavery>

**Report modern slavery as a First Responder (28/05/19)**

How you can report cases of modern slavery and human trafficking in the UK if you're a First Responder.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/report-modern-slavery-as-a-first-responder>

**Modern slavery victims: referral and assessment forms (24/05/19)**

Refer potential victims of modern slavery/human trafficking to the national referral mechanism.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/human-trafficking-victims-referral-and-assessment-forms>

**Independent review of the Modern Slavery Act: final report (22/05/19)**

The final report and recommendations of the independent review of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-review-of-the-modern-slavery-act-final-report>

**Independent review of the Modern Slavery Act (22/05/19)**

Documents relating to the review of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/independent-review-of-the-modern-slavery-act>

**Multi-agency assurance panels (MAAP): process guidance (05/06/19)**

Guidance for MAAP chairs and panel members regarding the role of, and the process for, undertaking MAAPs. This complements the Competent Authority guidance which provides information for staff in the Single Competent Authority within the Home Office to help them decide whether a person referred under the National Referral Mechanism is a victim of modern slavery.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multi-agency-assurance-panels-process-guidance>

**Revolutionary new tools to tackle streaming of child abuse (30/05/19)**

Technology will help to detect streams, target perpetrators and support victims.

The Home Secretary pledged a further £300,000 towards development of cutting-edge technology that disrupts live streaming of child exploitation and abuse.

The new innovations were developed as part of a fund set up by the HO's Joint Security and Resilience Centre – a unit that works with industry to respond to emerging security challenges.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/revolutionary-new-tools-to-tackle-streaming-of-child-abuse>

**Home Office to scrap 101 non-emergency number charges**  
(28/05/19)

The Home Secretary has announced he is scrapping charges for the 101 police non-emergency number. The move will make the number free of charge for all members of the public, including victims of crime, from April 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/home-office-to-scrap-101-non-emergency-number-charges>

**Forced marriage** (24/05/19)

How to protect, advise and support victims of forced marriage – information and practice guidelines for professionals.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forced-marriage>

**Forced Marriage Unit statistics 2018**  
(24/05/19)

Information on the number of cases reported to the government's Forced Marriage Unit via its public helpline and email inbox from 1 January to 31 December 2018.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/forced-marriage-unit-statistics-2018>

**Spotlight on child protection in family courts** (21/05/19)

A panel of experts will review how the family courts protect children and parents in cases of domestic abuse and other serious offences, Ministers announced.

- Panel to make recommendations and report back in three months

- Public 'Call for Evidence' to gather views on how the current system can be improved

- Focus on ensuring the family court works in the explicit interests of the child

The 3 month project aims to ensure that the family court works first and foremost in the explicit interests of the child, such as their safety, health and well-being. The MOJ-chaired panel will consist of a range of experts including senior members of the judiciary, leading academics and charities.

A public call for evidence will also be launched imminently and will look to those with direct involvement to share their experiences.

The move follows responses received through the government's domestic abuse consultation in which concerns were raised around the family courts' response to potential harm to children and victims. In addition to calls for better protections for children, some claim that domestic abusers are using the court system to re-traumatise their victims.

Ministers now want to take a closer look at how existing safeguards in the court process are working in practice and, if necessary, strengthen them.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/spotlight-on-child-protection-in-family-courts>



**New measures to improve care for people with autism and learning disabilities (21/05/19)**

The measures include a new working group for learning disabilities and autism, and funding specialist advocates to review the care of patients in segregation or long-term seclusion.

The care of every patient in segregation or long-term seclusion will be reviewed as part of plans to improve the model of care for autistic people and people with learning disabilities.

Health and Social Care Secretary, Matt Hancock, has announced that the government will fund specialist, independent advocates who will:

- work with families
- join up services
- work to move people to the least restrictive care and then out into the community

There are currently 2,245 patients in mental health inpatient settings in England. The government has committed to halving this number by 2024. Since 2015, the number has reduced by 22%.

The plans have been announced ahead of the publication of the Care Quality Commission's interim report into the use of restraint, segregation and prolonged seclusion in health and care settings. The report was commissioned by the Health and Social Care Secretary last November.

The Health and Social Care Secretary 

will accept all of the CQC report's recommendations and has announced a wider package of measures to improve care for autistic people and those with learning disabilities, including:

- funding for specialist advocates to review the care of every patient in long-term seclusion or segregation
- a new working group for learning disabilities and autism, bringing together experts, clinicians, parents and carers to develop a new model of care
- a new awareness campaign, to encourage staff, families and friends to come forward if they have concerns about care

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-measures-to-improve-care-for-people-with-autism-and-learning-disabilities>

**Flu vaccination in schools (07/06/19)**

This guidance has been produced to assist all school staff and headteachers with any questions about the nasal spray flu vaccination being offered to children in primary schools during the autumn term 2019.

It is for:

- school teaching and all support staff
- headteachers

It is not intended for children, parents or guardians, because they will receive their own dedicated information at the appropriate time. Please see below for details on how to order this publication.

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

**Flu vaccine for children: best practice guide for GPs (06/06/19)**

Leaflet for GPs and practice staff to support the nasal spray flu vaccination programme for children in 2018 to 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccine-best-practice-guide-for-gps>

**Seasonal flu vaccine uptake in children of primary school age: winter 2018 to 2019 (30/05/19)**

Report on the uptake of influenza vaccine in children of school years reception to year 5 during the 2018 to 2019 influenza vaccination programme in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/seasonal-flu-vaccine-uptake-in-children-of-primary-school-age-winter-2018-to-2019>

**Public Law Data (April 2019)**

We received a total of 1,084 new care applications – 2.3% lower (25 applications) than April 2018.

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

**Private Law Data (April 2019)**

We received a total of 3,719 new private law cases – 7.5% (258 cases) higher than April 2018.

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

**Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICS)**

**Deaf people invited to share experiences of child sexual abuse (04/06/19)**

The Truth Project is launching a new service to enable Deaf people who were sexually abused as children to share their experience.

The Truth Project, part of the IICSA, is partnering with Deaf health charity SignHealth to support Deaf people to come forward.

Data from SignHealth's therapy service shows a quarter of the people seen have experienced abuse of some kind. They often find it much harder to speak out.

Participants who are Deaf or hard of hearing will be able to access information on a new dedicated webpage that includes sign language videos. SignHealth will also provide information and support via WhatsApp, text message, video call or email.

Participants can then choose to attend a private session with Deaf facilitators at any of the Inquiry's offices across the country. All transport costs are met and the process is entirely free; they are also welcome to bring hearing dogs or support animals.

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/deaf-people-invited-share-experiences-child-sexual-abuse>



**Shame and guilt stop survivors reporting CSA in religious institutions**  
(30/05/19)

The IICSA has published a research report on child sexual abuse in religious institutions, based on accounts shared by survivors at its Truth Project.

The report includes data on religions with a significant presence in England and Wales, including the Anglican and Catholic Churches, Christian faith communities such as the Jehovah's Witnesses, Baptists and Methodists, and Islam and Judaism.

The report's key findings include:

- Those sexually abused in religious institutions were less likely to report the abuse at the time (69%) than survivors (54%) in the same institution.
- Over half of survivors did not report the abuse due to feelings of shame (37%) and guilt (18%).
- 48% of victims knew of others being abused by the same perpetrator.
- 18% of survivors reported a loss of faith as a consequence of the abuse.

The report also examines institutional failures, with most participants firmly believing others were aware of the perpetrator's behaviour but did nothing. Sexual abuse was most frequently perpetrated by an individual with an official religious title, such as priest, vicar, imam or elder.

At the Truth Project, survivors are invited to make recommendations for change.



Participants told the Inquiry that it needs to address the secrecy that comes from the sanctity of religious institutions and the assumption that religious figures are automatically moral.

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/shame-and-guilt-stop-survivors-reporting-child-sexual-abuse-religious-institutions>

**DBS checks: guidance for employers**  
(04/06/19)

Guidance for employers about DBS checks, including how to apply, registering with the DBS and the code of practice.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/dbs-check-requests-guidance-for-employers>

**Protecting children campaign: promotional material**  
(05/06/19)

Promotional material to support the Live Fear Free protecting children campaign.

<https://gov.wales/protecting-children-campaign-promotional-material>

**Provision for young carers in secondary schools, further education colleges and pupil referral units: Government response**  
(22/05/19)

Response to the Estyn thematic report on Provision for young carers in secondary schools, further education colleges and pupil referral units across Wales.

<https://gov.wales/provision-young-carers-secondary-schools-further-education-colleges-and-pupil-referral-units>

**Growing consensus worldwide to end the physical punishment of children**  
(29/05/19)

There is a growing consensus worldwide to bring an end to the physical punishment of children, the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services, Julie Morgan will tell an audience in Belfast today.

The Deputy Minister will be the keynote speaker at an event organised by the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission and Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People. The event is calling for legislation which will prohibit the physical punishment of children in Northern Ireland.

In her speech the Deputy Minister will highlight the work being undertaken in Wales to help protect children's rights and will outline The Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill.

The bill is currently moving through the National Assembly for Wales' scrutiny process and seeks to end the physical punishment of children.

<https://gov.wales/growing-consensus-worldwide-end-physical-punishment-children>

**New Welsh approach to youth justice and female offending launched**  
(21/05/19)

Guidance on a new approach to youth justice and female offending in Wales has been announced today.

The approach is outlined in new 'blueprints', which have been developed jointly with HM Prison and Probation Service and the Youth Justice Board Cymru.

The Youth Justice Blueprint and Female Offending Blueprint set out Wales' key aspirations and guiding principles for women and young people in or at risk of entering the criminal justice system.

Focussing on early intervention and prevention, the blueprints recommend a holistic and rehabilitative approach to divert people away from crime and to support those who find themselves in the criminal justice system.

Whilst the UK government is responsible for justice in Wales, many of the services integral to helping people avoid crime and to help rehabilitate offenders such as health, housing, education and social services, are devolved to Wales.

The Thomas Commission is currently underway examining the future operation of the justice system in Wales. Due to report in the autumn, its findings will be factored into the work on the blueprints moving forward.

<https://gov.wales/new-welsh-approach-to-youth-justice-and-female-offending-launched>

**Written Statement: Publication of the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Commissioning Guidance (15/05/19)**

The National Strategy for Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence sets out the Welsh Government's commitments to eliminating violence and abuse. The Strategy commits the Welsh Government to publishing statutory guidance for relevant authorities on the commissioning of violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence services.

<https://gov.wales/written-statement-publication-violence-against-women-domestic-abuse-and-sexual-violence>

**Commissioning violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence services (15/05/19)**

Commissioners of support services for violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence must follow this guidance.

<https://gov.wales/commissioning-violence-against-women-domestic-abuse-and-sexual-violence-services>

**State-funded school inspections and outcomes: management information (10/06/19)**

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>

**Changes to Ofsted's statistical reporting on inspections and outcomes for children's homes and LA children's services (21/05/19)**

This report sets out the findings of the consultation on proposals for revisions to the frequency and content of social care inspection official statistics and management information and explains the changes that will be made.

The following changes will be introduced to our statistical reporting in summer 2019:

- the period covered by the LA and children's homes official statistics will change 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
- the interactive tables will be removed from the underlying data
- the frequency of publishing children's homes management information will be reduced, from quarterly to biannually

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

**Memorandum of understanding between Ofsted and CQC (28/05/19)**

Working arrangements between Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission to coordinate their roles and activities.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/memorandum-of-understanding-between-ofsted-and-cqc>

**Local area SEND inspections: information for families (03/06/19)**

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>

**Joint inspections of child exploitation (16/05/19)**

Guidance for inspectors on carrying out JTAs of local area services and links to the inspection reports.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/joint-inspections-of-child-sexual-exploitation-and-missing-children>

**New learning programme launched to help children affected by family alcohol misuse (21/05/19)**

The Children's Society is launching a new national initiative to help children affected by parental alcohol misuse.

CAPE (Children of Alcoholic Parents Engagement) is a new learning programme which provides free online resources and toolkits as well as workshops and training to frontline professionals who work with young people. It will support NHS staff, social workers, police, youth, school and voluntary workers to increase their awareness and understanding of children who may be affected by parental alcohol misuse and help them to identify those that are at risk.

In the UK 2.6m children are living with

parents who are drinking hazardously and children who see their parents drunk are more than twice as likely to get drunk themselves. Last year the Department of Health and Social Care announced new measures to give children living with alcoholic parents fast access to support and advice and CAPE is one of the projects funded under these plans.

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/news-and-blogs/press-releases/new-learning-programme-launched-to-help-children-affected-by-family>

**Secure children's homes (06/06/19)**

Statistics, including the number of children they accommodate as of 31 March each year.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-secure-children-s-homes?utm\\_source=14508dce-7943-4904-922e-dfb12833e5d8&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-secure-children-s-homes?utm_source=14508dce-7943-4904-922e-dfb12833e5d8&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

**Children accommodated in secure children's homes: 31/03/19 (06/06/19)**

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-2019?utm\\_source=21145596-1887-4393-9f01-eb8c714b754c&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/children-accommodated-in-secure-childrens-homes-31-march-2019?utm_source=21145596-1887-4393-9f01-eb8c714b754c&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

## Consultations

### **Bronchiolitis in children: diagnosis and management (06/06/19)**

The clinical guideline on Bronchiolitis in children: diagnosis and management (NG9) 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. If you're commenting for an organisation, your organisation needs to be registered as a stakeholder.

We can accept comments from individuals. These will be considered, but you won't get a formal response and they won't be posted on the NICE website. Wherever possible we encourage you to submit your comments through a registered stakeholder organisation.

Closing Date: 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng9/consultation/html-content>

### **Open Consultation - Measuring social services performance: code of practice (13/05/19)**

We want your views on the revised code of practice on measuring the performance of social services.

We are consulting on what should be included in the code of practice and the supporting technical guidance. This includes:

- how local authorities performance should be measured



- the quality standards that all local authorities should be working towards
- a new performance and improvement framework that local authorities will be required to collect.

Closing date: 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019

<https://gov.wales/measuring-social-services-performance-code-practice>

### **Open Consultation - Children and young people's continuing care (17/05/19)**

We want your views on updated guidance about continuing care for children and young people.

Continuing Care is care provided over an extended period of time to address physical or mental health needs which cannot be met by existing universal or specialist services.

This update of the 2012 guidance assists local health boards, local authorities and their partners to plan and support children and young people's continuing care needs.

Closing date: 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019

<https://gov.wales/children-and-young-peoples-continuing-care>

## Consultations (continued)

### **Children's homes workforce: a call for evidence (06/06/19)**

The DfE is seeking your views on professional registration, and existing approaches to regulating the children's homes workforce.

This call for evidence welcomes views on establishing professional registration for people in care roles in children's homes, and existing approaches to regulating the children's homes workforce.

Responses will be used to inform the Department's thinking on where improvements could be made to ensure children in children's homes receive high quality care in a safe environment.  
Independent report

Closing Date: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/children-in-care-and-permanence/childrens-homes-workforce-call-for-evidence/>





## Conferences

**The 2nd National Combatting  
Radicalisation and Extremism Event:  
Safeguarding Our Communities  
Through A Multi-Agency Approach**

4<sup>th</sup> December 2019                      London

£299 - £550 + VAT

In October 2015, the Government published its Counter-Extremism strategy which set out a programme of work that focused on the non-violent harms of extremism. The government's counter-terrorism programme has a specific focus on "prevent" which aims to anticipate and stop attacks by supporting vulnerable communities; improving the resilience of local authorities; and preventing radicalisation.

The Government is spending over £2b each year to combat terrorism and radicalisation. It is working with LAs to develop a community lead approach and with schools and universities to safeguard young people from the dangers of extremism. It is also involving the NHS and the police to deliver a multi-agency approach to combat radicalisation.

In 2017/2018, 181 community-based projects were delivered reaching over 88,000 participants. Of these projects, 54% were delivered in schools to increase young people's resilience to terrorist and extremist ideologies. Work is also being carried out by the



Metropolitan Police's Counter Terrorism Internet Referral Unit to combat the use of the internet to promote radicalisation and terrorism.

This second annual event will provide attendees with an invaluable opportunity to hear the latest policy updates and initiatives from senior policy makers. Attendees will also hear from those working on the frontline as well as communities affected.

Participants will learn from best-practice case studies from schools and NGOs which have been working with vulnerable communities to prevent radicalisation.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/the-2nd-national-combatting-radicalisation-and-extremism-event-safeguarding-our-communities-through-a-multi-agency-approach/>

## Conferences (continued)

### **Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) National Summit 2019: Transforming Mental Health Services for Children & Young Adults**

7<sup>th</sup> October 2019      London  
£300 - £495 + VAT

This event will focus on the important issue of transforming mental health services for children and young adults ; improving accessibility and recovery outcomes.

This conference will enable you to:

- Network with colleagues who are working to improve child and adolescent mental health services
- Reflect on the lived experience of a young patient leader
- Learn from outstanding practice in transforming CAMHS
- Update your knowledge on national developments and learning including how we can improve accessibility and waiting times
- Improve early intervention and working with schools in a preventative way to improve wellbeing and resilience
- Develop your skills in new ways of working with inpatient admissions
- Understand how you can improve recovery outcomes



- Ensuring adherence to the 2019 NICE Guideline for Depression in Children and Young People: Identification and Management

- Identify key strategies improving mental health services for young adults, and ensuring children aren't lost in the transition to adult services

- Learn how CAMHS can improve services for children with ADHD

- Self assess and reflect on your own practice

- Gain cpd accreditation points contributing to professional development and revalidation evidence

<https://www.healthcareconferencesuk.co.uk/camhs-summit>

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