

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN
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State of the nation 2019: children and young people's wellbeing (10/10/19)

A report on wellbeing in children and young people including psychological health in teenage girls.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/state-of-the-nation-2019-children-and-young-peoples-wellbeing>

Child Safeguarding Practice Review

Panel: second national review

(17/10/19)

Panel chair Edward Timpson writes to the Secretary of State for Education announcing the second national child safeguarding practice review.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-safeguarding-practice-review-panel-second-national-review>

Keeping children safe in education


(01/10/19)

Statutory guidance for schools and colleges on safeguarding children and safer recruitment.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>

FGM perpetrators have no hiding place (17/10/19)

Suspects accused of allowing Female Genital Mutilation to be carried out can face prosecution in the UK, regardless of where in the world the procedure took place, the CPS confirmed today.

Following on from the first-ever UK conviction for FGM in February this year, 

which saw a woman sentenced to 11 years in prison for FGM offences, the CPS has now expanded its guidance to help prosecutors and police successfully bring more perpetrators to justice.

The refreshed guidance also gives clarity on the line between so-called “designer vagina” operations and FGM to guide prosecutors, given the rise in popularity in these procedures.

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/cps/news/fgm-perpetrators-have-no-hiding-place>

Preventing serious violence: a multi-agency approach (21/10/19)

A resource for local partners to help them take a public health approach and work together to prevent serious violence.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preventing-serious-violence-a-multi-agency-approach>

County lines exploitation (15/10/19)

Practice guidance for Youth Offending Teams and frontline practitioners.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/county-lines-exploitation>

Anti-Bullying Week

ABA are official organisers of Anti-Bullying Week, which this year takes place from Monday 11th November - Friday 15th November 2019. The week has the theme 'Change Starts With Us'

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>
<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>

School food standards: resources for schools (18/10/19)

Resources to help schools plan and provide healthy food in schools.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-food-standards-resources-for-schools>

Letters to academy trusts about poor performance (18/10/19)

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>

Pupil premium (18/10/19)

The government is giving schools extra funding to help improve outcomes for disadvantaged children and other pupils who need extra support.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium>

Pupil premium: strategy statements (18/10/19)

How school leaders can write a pupil premium strategy statement using these templates and resources.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pupil-premium-strategy-statements>

Education Secretary announces new support for adoptive families (18/10/19)

Education Secretary Gavin Williamson spoke at Coram's National Adoption Week reception announcing further funding to support new adoptive families

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/education-secretary-announces-new-support-for-adoptive-families>

Improvement notices and directions (17/10/19)

Improvement notices and directions about children's services issued to councils by the DfE.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/improvement-notice>

Young people NEET or activity unknown: comparative data scorecard (17/10/19)

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>

New government support for adoptive families (15/10/19)

Education Secretary Gavin Williamson announces further funding to support adopted children and their families

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-government-support-for-adoptive-families>

Children in need census 2020 to 2021: specification (15/10/19)

Specification and validation rules for LAs and software suppliers preparing for the 2020 to 2021 children in need census.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-in-need-census-2020-to-2021-specification>

Children in need census: guide to submitting data (15/10/19)

How LAs should collect data from social care services to complete the annual children in need census.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/children-in-need-census>

Children looked after return 2019 to 2020: technical specifications (15/10/19)

Data submission specifications for the CLA return for 2019 to 2020.

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

Children looked after return 2019 to 2020: guide (15/10/19)

Guide for LAs submitting the children looked after data return for the year 2019 to 2020.

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

Children looked after return: guide to submitting data (14/10/19)

How LAs should collect and submit data for the annual children looked after return (also known as SSDA903).

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/children-looked-after-return-guide-to-submitting-data>

Children looked after return 2020 to 2021: guide (14/10/19)

Guide for LAs submitting the children looked after data return for 2020 to 2021.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-looked-after-return-2020-to-2021-guide>

Children looked after return 2020 to 2021: technical specifications (14/10/19)

Data submission specifications for the children looked after (CLA) return for 2020 to 2021.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-looked-after-return-2020-to-2021-technical-specifications>

Statutory policies for schools and academy trusts (14/10/19)

Guidance on the policies and documents that governing bodies and proprietors of schools must have.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/statutory-policies-for-schools-and-academy-trusts>

Looked-after children in England, year ending 31 March 2020 (11/10/19)

Information on looked-after children at both national and local authority levels for the financial year ending 31 March 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/looked-after-children-in-england-year-ending-31-march-2020>

Characteristics of children in need in England: 2019 to 2020 (11/10/19)

Information on children referred to and assessed by children's social services between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/characteristics-of-children-in-need-in-england-2019-to-2020>

Pupil absence in schools in England: autumn term 2019 and spring term 2020 (11/10/19)

Indicative figures on overall, authorised, unauthorised and persistent absence by school type.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/pupil-absence-in-schools-in-england-autumn-term-2019-and-spring-term-2020>

Children in need census 2019 to 2020: specification (10/10/19)

Specification and validation rules for LAs 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>

Statistics: pupil absence (10/10/19)

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>

Pupil absence in schools in England: autumn 2018 and spring 2019 (10/10/19)

The release reports on pupil absence in primary, secondary and special schools in autumn and spring terms of the 2018 to 2019 academic year.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/pupil-absence-in-schools-in-england-autumn-2018-and-spring-2019>

New support for foster families to overcome trauma (03/10/19)

Practical and emotional support from communities of foster carers to boost their resilience.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-support-for-foster-families-to-overcome-trauma>

Children in need census 2020 to 2021: reports specifications (03/10/19)

Specifications of children in need census reports that LAs can run in COLLECT.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-in-need-census-2020-to-2021-reports-specifications>

Children in need census 2020 to 2021: guide (03/10/19)

Guide for LAs submitting children in need census 2020 to 2021 returns.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-in-need-census-2020-to-2021-guide>

Looked-after children in England, year ending 31 March 2019 (27/09/19)

Information on looked-after children at both national and LA levels for the financial year ending 31 March 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/looked-after-children-in-england-year-ending-31-march-2019>

Characteristics of children in need in England: 2018 to 2019 (26/09/19)

Information on children referred to and assessed by children's social services between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/characteristics-of-children-in-need-in-england-2018-to-2019>

Special educational needs survey: guide to submitting data (25/09/19)

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

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

Special educational needs survey 2021 (25/09/19)

Guide for LAs completing returns for the 2021 special educational needs survey, commonly known as SEN2.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/special-educational-needs-survey-2021>

Alternative provision census: guide to submitting data (25/09/19)

How local authorities should submit data for the alternative provision census.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/alternative-provision-census>

Special educational needs survey 2020 (23/09/19)

Guidance for local authorities completing returns for the 2020 special educational needs survey, commonly known as SEN2.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/special-educational-needs-survey-2020>

Child death review: statutory and operational guidance (England) (20/09/19)

Statutory and operational guidance for clinical commissioning groups and local authorities as child death review partners.

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

School governance update (19/09/19)

Important news and communications from the Department for Education (DfE) relating to governance in maintained schools and academy trusts in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-governance-update>

Schools causing concern (19/09/19)

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>

Child death overview panels: contacts (02/10/10)

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

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

Child death review: statutory and operational guidance (England) (20/10/19)

Statutory and operational guidance for clinical commissioning groups and local authorities as child death review partners.

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

Independent review of Prevent (07/10/19)

Documents related to Lord Alex Carlile's review of Prevent.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/independent-review-of-prevent>

Independent review of Prevent: ways of working (30/09/19)

A review of the government's strategy for supporting people vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-review-of-prevent>

Modern slavery (17/10/19)

Brings together documents and promotional material related to the government's work to end modern slavery.

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

Suicide prevention: identifying and responding to suicide clusters
(18/10/19)

This toolkit, based on research of suicide clusters, is part of PHE's support for the government's suicide prevention strategy.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/suicide-prevention-identifying-and-responding-to-suicide-clusters>

Suicide prevention profile: November 2019 update (07/10/19)

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 collates and presents a range of publicly available data on suicide, associated prevalence, risk factors, and service contact among groups at increased risk. It provides planners, providers and stakeholders with the means to profile their area and benchmark against similar populations.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/suicide-prevention-profile-november-2019-update>

Child education and homelessness: 2019 update (14/10/19)

An update of child and maternal health profiles indicators covering: educational outcomes, school readiness for communication, language and literacy and homelessness for families and young people.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/child-education-and-homelessness-2019-update>



Multi-agency public protection arrangements (MAPPA) annual: 2019 to 2020 (02/10/19)

Annual statistics on multi-agency public protection arrangements (MAPPA) eligible offenders.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/multi-agency-public-protection-arrangements-mappa-annual-2019-to-2020>

Cafcass - Private law applications

Cafcass received 3,803 new cases during September 2019 which is 10.9% (374 cases) higher than September 2018.

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

Cafcass – Public law applications

Cafcass received 1,000 care applications in September 2019 which is 5.8% (62 applications) lower than September 2018.

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

Time to solve childhood obesity: Chief Medical Officer special report
(10/10/19)

An independent report by former Chief CMO Professor Dame Sally Davies.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/time-to-solve-childhood-obesity-cmo-special-report>

Basic check guidance and policies
(01/10/19)

A collection of guidance and policy documents relating to the submission of basic checks, for Responsible Organisations.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/basic-check-guidance-and-policies>

Basic DBS checks: guidance (01/10/19)

Guidance on basic DBS checks including how to apply, the cost and what information is disclosed on a basic certificate.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/basic-dbs-checks-guidance>

DBS checks: guidance for employers
(01/10/19)

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>

Almost half of victims tell Inquiry they were under eight when sexual abuse began

(22/10/19)

New research from the IICSA has found that 79% of most victims and survivors who have come forward to the Truth Project were sexually abused by age 11 and 46% were under 8 when the abuse began. The Inquiry also heard that 45% of all child sexual abuse is perpetrated by someone in the victim's family.

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/almost-half-victims-tell-inquiry-they-were-under-eight-when-sexual-abuse-began>

IICSA to hold final public hearing in Roman Catholic Church investigation (21/10/19)

The Inquiry is holding its final public hearing in the Roman Catholic Church investigation from 28 October - 8 November.

The hearing will take place from 10.30am to 4.15pm at the Inquiry's hearing centre, 18 Pocock Street, London SE1 0BW.

The hearing will examine the extent of institutional failings by the Roman Catholic Church to protect children from sexual abuse.

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/inquiry-hold-final-public-hearing-roman-catholic-church-investigation>

Seasonal flu in the children and young people's secure estate

(14/10/19)

Guidance for healthcare and residential staff to help them respond to individual flu cases and manage outbreaks.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/seasonal-flu-in-the-children-and-young-peoples-secure-estate>

Seasonal flu vaccine uptake (primary school age): data collection (27/09/19)

Guidance on using ImmForm for collecting data on seasonal influenza vaccination uptake in primary school age children in England for the 2019 to 2020 season.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/seasonal-flu-vaccine-uptake-primary-school-age-data-collection>

Influenza-like illness (ILI): managing outbreaks in schools (26/09/19)

Guidance for local PHE Centre health protection teams about assessing and managing outbreaks of influenza-like illness in schools.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/influenza-like-illness-ili-managing-outbreaks-in-schools>

Seasonal flu vaccine uptake in children of primary school age: 1 September 2019 to 31 January 2020 (19/09/19)

Data for the childhood seasonal flu programme, showing the number of children in school years reception to year 5 in England having the seasonal influenza vaccine.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/seasonal-flu-vaccine-uptake-in-children-of-primary-school-age-1-september-2019-to-31-january-2020>

Seasonal flu vaccine uptake in children of primary school age: 1 September 2019 to 31 December 2019 (19/09/19)

Data for the childhood seasonal flu programme, showing the number of children in school years reception to year 5 in England having the seasonal influenza vaccine.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/seasonal-flu-vaccine-uptake-in-children-of-primary-school-age-1-september-2019-to-31-december-2019>



NHS taskforce to drive improvements in young people's hospital mental health, learning disability and autism care (10/10/19)

NHS chief Simon Stevens has announced that a new taskforce will be set up to improve current specialist children and young people's inpatient mental health, autism and learning disability services in England.

The NHS Long Term Plan sets out a programme to transform mental health services, autism and learning disability; with a focus on boosting community services and reducing the over reliance on inpatient care, with these more intensive services significantly improved and more effectively joined up with schools and councils.

The NHS chief also announced that Anne Longfield OBE, Children's Commissioner for England, will chair an independent oversight board to scrutinise and support the work of the taskforce.

The CC and her board will be given wide-ranging scope to track progress and propose rapid improvements in existing services, examine the best approach to complex issues such as inappropriate care, out of area placements, length of stays and oversee the development of genuine alternatives to care, closer to home.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/2019/10/nhs-taskforce-to-drive-improvements-in-young-peoples-hospital-mental-health-learning-disability-and-autism-care/>

Children treated for computer gaming addiction under NHS Long Term Plan (08/10/19)


Children and young adults who are seriously addicted to computer games will now be able to get help on the NHS after the launch of country's first specialist clinic. The new service is part of the National Centre for Behavioural Addictions which will also provide support for internet addiction and is located alongside the National Problem Gambling Clinic.

It comes amid concerns about the amount of time children and teenagers spend playing online games and the impact it can have on their mental health. The WHO has classified gaming disorder as a mental health condition for the first time.

The new Centre for Internet and Gaming Disorders launches at the same time as the children and young person's gambling addiction service goes live.

It is part of an expansion of treatments promised in the NHS Long Term Plan, with referrals for both young people's services starting in this month.

Psychiatrists and clinical psychologists at the services will work with patients aged 13-25 whose lives are being wrecked by behavioural issues associated with gaming, gambling and social media.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/2019/10/children-treated-for-computer-gaming-addiction-under-nhs-long-term-plan/> 

Childcare providers and inspections as at 31 December 2018 (22/10/19)

All inspections and providers at 31 December 2018.

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

Childcare providers and inspections as at 31 March 2019 (22/10/19)

This release includes registered childcare providers and places, inspection outcomes, and joiners and leavers as at 31 March 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/childcare-providers-and-inspections-as-at-31-march-2019>

Childcare providers and inspections as at 31 August 2018 (22/10/19)

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

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

Surveillance and monitoring in residential childcare settings (18/10/19)

Information for providers and managers on the use of surveillance, including CCTV, in their residential childcare settings and how Ofsted will evaluate its use.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/surveillance-and-monitoring-in-residential-childcare-settings>

School inspection data summary report (IDSR) guide (17/10/19)

This guide gives an overview of the data contained in the primary IDSR and information to help interpret the charts.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/school-inspection-data-summary-report-idsr-guide>

Exploring moving to home education in secondary schools (15/10/19)

This exploratory study investigates the steps that parents, local authorities and schools take in order to move children from secondary school to home education.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/exploring-moving-to-home-education-in-secondary-schools>

Home education: a choice or last resort? (15/10/19)

Home education is often being chosen by parents of children with complex needs as a last resort.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/home-education-a-choice-or-last-resort>

Consented addresses for childminders and domestic childcare (14/10/19)

This report details the names and addresses for childminders and childcare on domestic premises, where the provider has consented for their name and address to be published on the Ofsted inspection report website.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consented-addresses-for-childminders-and-domestic-childcare>



Local authority and children's homes in England inspections and outcomes as at 31 August 2019 (10/10/19)

LA inspection data for all ILACS inspections and children's homes inspection data covering the period up until 31 August 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/local-authority-and-childrens-homes-in-england-inspections-and-outcomes-as-at-31-august-2019>

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

Management information published monthly, and a one-off publication of inspections and outcomes from 2005-15

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/monthly-management-information-ofsted-school-inspections-outcomes>

Local area SEND inspections: information for families (08/10/19)

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>

Inspecting non-association independent schools (03/10/19)

Information on Ofsted inspections for independent schools that are not members of associations.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/being-inspected-as-a-non-association-independent-school>

Social care common inspection framework (SCCIF): residential provision of FE colleges (27/09/19)

Guidance about how residential provision is inspected in FE colleges, for use from April 2019.

The SCCIF is not a ‘one-size-fits-all’ framework. The evaluation criteria are broadly consistent across the different types of children’s social care services but they reflect the unique nature of each service.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/social-care-common-inspection-framework-sccif-residential-provision-of-further-education-colleges>

SCCIF: boarding schools and residential special schools (27/09/19)

Guidance about how boarding schools and residential special schools are inspected, for use from April 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/social-care-common-inspection-framework-sccif-boarding-schools>

SCCIF: residential holiday schemes for disabled children (27/09/19)

Guidance about how residential holiday schemes for disabled children are inspected, for use from April 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/social-care-common-inspection-framework-sccif-residential-holiday-schemes-for-disabled-children>

SCCIF: residential family centres (27/09/19)

Guidance about how residential family centres are inspected, for use from April 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/social-care-common-inspection-framework-sccif-residential-family-centres>

SCCIF: independent fostering agencies (27/09/19)

Guidance about how independent fostering agencies are inspected, for use from April 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/social-care-common-inspection-framework-sccif-independent-fostering-agencies>

SCCIF: voluntary adoption agencies (27/09/19)

Guidance about how voluntary adoption agencies are inspected, for use from April 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/social-care-common-inspection-framework-sccif-voluntary-adoption-agencies>

SCCIF: adoption support agencies (27/09/19)

Guidance about how adoption support agencies are inspected, from April 19.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/social-care-common-inspection-framework-sccif-adoption-support-agencies>

SCCIF: secure children’s homes (27/09/19)

Guidance about how secure children’s homes are inspected, from April 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/social-care-common-inspection-framework-sccif-secure-children-homes>

SCCIF: children's homes (27/09/19)
Guidance about how children's homes are inspected, for use from April 2019.

Our first principle of inspection is to focus on the things that matter most to children's lives. The SCCIF is not a 'one-size-fits-all' framework. The evaluation criteria are broadly consistent across the different types of children's social care services but they reflect the unique nature of each type of service.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/social-care-common-inspection-framework-sccif-childrens-homes>

Education inspection framework (27/09/19)

Ofsted's new education inspection framework applies to maintained schools and academies, non-association independent schools, further education and skills providers and early years settings.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/education-inspection-framework>

Childcare providers and inspections as at 31 August 2019 (27/09/19)

This release includes registered childcare providers and places, inspection outcomes, and joiners and leavers as at 31 August 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/childcare-providers-and-inspections-as-at-31-august-2019>



Non-association independent schools inspections and outcomes in England: August 2019 (27/09/19)

Provisional data for the period 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/non-association-independent-schools-inspections-and-outcomes-in-england-august-2019>

State-funded schools inspections and outcomes as at 31/08/19 (27/09/19)

Provisional data for the period April to August 2019 and revised data for the period September 2018 to March 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/state-funded-schools-inspections-and-outcomes-as-at-31-august-2019>

FE and skills inspections and outcomes as at 31/08/19 (27/09/19)

Data for inspections and outcomes including data for inspections between 01/09/18 and 31/08/19.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/further-education-and-skills-inspections-and-outcomes-as-at-31-august-2019>

Inspection of LA children's services framework: implementation review (26/09/19)

This report evaluates the extent to which the inspection of LA children's services framework has been implemented as intended.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/implementation-review-inspection-of-local-authority-childrens-services-framework>

**Children's social care services:
raising concerns with Ofsted**

(20/09/19)

How to share concerns about children's social care services with Ofsted, including whistleblowing, and what we will do with the information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/whistleblowing-about-childrens-social-care-services-to-ofsted>

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**Vital new support for young people
leaving care** (23/10/19)

Programmes totalling £19 million to improve support for care leavers announced ahead of National Care Leavers Week.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/vital-new-support-for-young-people-leaving-care>



Consultations

Statutory guidance review for local youth services: have your say (03/10/19)

Have your say on how the statutory guidance for LAs on providing youth services can be more useful for local youth service provision and young people themselves.

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has committed to review the guidance which sets out the statutory duty placed on LAs to provide appropriate local services to improve young people's wellbeing.

The review is designed to highlight the positive role LAs should play in the provision of youth services. It began with a series of sector-led roundtables, including the DCMS Youth Steering Group and the National Advisory Board of the National Youth Agency.

Closing Date: 1st December 2019
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/statutory-guidance-review-for-local-youth-services-have-your-say>

Estyn - Consultation on our inspection arrangements from September 2021

We want your views on changes to the way we inspect schools and PRUs.

This is our second consultation on shaping inspection to support education reform.

We're consulting on:

- Overall summative gradings



- The areas we inspect
- Inspecting A-level/ vocational learning in sixth forms
- The notice period
- Follow-up activity in maintained schools

Closing date: 2nd December 2021
<https://www.estyn.gov.wales/inspection/c onsultation-our-inspection-arrangements-september-2021>

Independent review of Prevent: call for evidence (07/10/19)

During the passage of the Counter Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019, the government committed to carrying out an independent Review of Prevent. Lord Carlile was appointed as the reviewer on 12 August 2019.

The review focuses on how the government's strategy for safeguarding those vulnerable to radicalisation is being delivered and will make recommendations for the future of the strategy.

Lord Carlile is now seeking evidence for the review.

Closing date: 9th December 2019
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-review-of-prevent-call-for-evidence>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-independent-reviewer-of-prevent-lord-carlile-has-issued-a-call-for-evidence>

Conferences

Combatting modern slavery and supporting victims out of exploitation

27th February 2020 London
£315 - £575 + VAT

Speeches/case studies include:

- Measures to put the the UK at the forefront of tackling modern slavery
- The role of the independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner
- Leading the fight against modern slavery and human trafficking
- Discovering and breaking up the UK's largest modern slavery gang
- Using the Modern Slavery Act to tackle child exploitation in county lines
- Tackling the problem of modern slavery in supply chains and procurement
- Reporting on and highlighting the work of a Council to combat modern slavery
- Raising awareness of the pervasiveness of modern slavery in our communities:
- Supporting individuals and families as they progress through the NRM and reintegrate into their communities
- Protecting vulnerable children from becoming victims of modern slavery and human trafficking
- Working in collaboration with partners and LAs to equip survivors with the tools needed for a life beyond crisis

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/combating-modern-slavery-human-trafficking-supporting-victims-exploitation-conference/>



Supporting the mental health of looked after and adopted children

20th November 2019 London
£108 - £250 + VAT

This conference will examine the factors that contribute to the mental health challenges that looked after and adopted children face. Delegates will explore a model of support that enables social workers, carers, adoptive parents and health professionals to make the most of their knowledge and skills - working together.

The event will cover:

- The reasons why mental health difficulties are more prevalent among looked after children, and why this is not necessarily straightforward
- Common worrying behaviours and symptoms
- The importance of attachment and trauma
- How children's difficulties can affect carers and adoptive parents
- How social workers can best gather crucial information to aid the understanding of children's difficulties
- Supporting children via a 3 stage process
- Working collaboratively with carers/parents, professionals and others in the child's life

<https://corambaaf.org.uk/events/supporting-mental-health-looked-after-and-adopted-children/>

Conferences (continued)

Suicide and self-harm in young people

8th November 2019 London £99 - £257

The prevalence of suicide and self-harm in children and adolescence is a subject we should all be concerned with.

For this conference we have gathered together the leading academics, clinicians, and researchers in fields of self-harm and suicide, plus those who have lived experience.

Join us for the latest evidence-based research, lived experience examples, and interactive workshops, including:

- Latest mobile health technologies for Suicide assessment
- The different brain morphology and neuronal activity of self-harm in Borderline Personality Disorder
- Assessing suicide risk
- Interactive workshops, including Therapeutic Assessment for Self-Harm
- Lived experience examples
- Panel debate

<https://www.acamh.org/event/dunn19/>



Preventing Suicide in Young People & Children

20th January 2020

London

£300 - £495 + VAT

Hear from expert speakers on how your service can reduce preventable suicides and save young lives.

Through national updates, case studies from multi-agency settings and lived experience insight, this conference aims to set the scene for progress already being made and what needs to change to improve resilience, wellbeing, mental health support and effectively prevent suicide in children and young people.

The conference will examine implementation of the self-harm and suicide prevention competence framework for children and young people and will also discuss offering tailored support to families bereaved by suicide in line with the 2019 NICE recommendations.

<https://www.healthcareconferencesuk.co.uk/conferences-masterclasses/preventing-suicide-in-young-people-children>

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