

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN  
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**Government announce plans for "duty of care" online safety laws (08/04/19)**

The Government have announced plans for new online safety initiatives in a White Paper, published today.

The Online Harms White Paper recommends a new regulatory framework for online safety and sets out a programme of actions to tackle online content or activity that harms individual users, especially children, or threatens the "way of life" in the UK by inciting violence or terrorism

The Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport said; "Our challenge as a society is to help shape an internet which is open and vibrant but also protects it's users from harm. There is clear evidence that we are not succeeding."

The White Paper found that voluntary actions intended to protect users have not been sufficiently or consistently applied by online companies. In response it suggests a new regulatory framework, including the establishment of an independent watchdog to enforce the duty of care owed by social media companies to their users.

A 12-week consultation on the proposals has also been launched today.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2019/april/government-announce-world-first-online-safety-laws/>

See consultations 

**New projects to strengthen families and keep children out of care (08/04/19)**

Children in and on the edge of care will benefit from £84m of new investment for projects designed to strengthen and support families - marking the 30th anniversary of the Children Act by reaffirming its core principle that, where possible, children are best brought up with their parents.

Up to 20 councils will receive funding to help improve their practice, supporting families to stay together wherever appropriate, so that fewer children need to be taken into care and giving them the best chance to succeed in life.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-projects-to-strengthen-families-and-keep-children-out-of-care>

**Local area SEND inspections: information for families (10/04/19)**

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>

**Prevent duty guidance (10/04/19)**

Updated Statutory guidance for Scotland and England and Wales.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>

**Serious youth violence summit to launch public health duty to tackle serious violence (01/04/19)**

Sajid Javid will today launch a consultation to ensure public bodies, including hospitals, raise concerns about children at risk of becoming involved in knife crime.

The new, multi-agency, ‘public health duty’ is intended to help spot the warning signs that a young person could be in danger, such as presenting in A&E with a suspicious injury, to worrying behaviour at school or issues at home.

Similar approaches have been used in Scotland and Wales, and are designed to ensure every part of the system works together to support young people and makes targeted interventions before they commit violence or are groomed by gangs.

The joined-up approach could also include organisations jointly funding early intervention services to improve their coordination and would be backed up by legislation to make sure professionals in health, education, police, social services, housing and the voluntary sector work together and are held accountable for preventing and tackling serious violence.

The announcement comes as the PM, Theresa May, is set to host a summit to tackle knife crime, which will also introduce this multi-agency response to violent crime. The summit will bring together attendees from a diverse range of backgrounds including law enforcement, health, the voluntary sector and education



Young people with experience of living in communities impacted by serious violence will also be attending the conference to share their insights.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/serious-youth-violence-summit-to-launch-public-health-duty-to-tackle-serious-violence>

**Charity chosen to deliver £200m Youth Endowment Fund to tackle violence**

(23/03/19)

Home Secretary Sajid Javid has appointed a charitable foundation to help deliver a £200m Youth Endowment Fund – part of the government’s long term plan to tackle serious violence.

The fund will support programmes and community partnerships working with children at risk of being drawn into crime and violence.

It will be run independently by charity Impetus, working in partnership with the Early Intervention Foundation and the Social Investment Business across England and Wales.

This focus on long-term early intervention complements the government’s decisive action to support the police to tackle the immediate challenge of knife crime. Last week, a further £100m was committed to support forces with high levels of violent crime to take immediate action. This is on top of the additional funding of up to £970m that policing is already due to receive from April from the Government and Council Tax.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/charity-chosen-to-deliver-200m-youth-endowment-fund-to-tackle-violence>

**Violence against women and girls newsletter: spring 2019 (21/03/19)**

This is the spring 2019 edition of the violence against women and girls newsletter.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/violence-against-women-and-girls-newsletter-spring-2019>

**Knife and offensive weapon sentencing statistics: October to Dec18 (14/03/19)**

A statistical release on trends in cautioning and sentencing of knife or offensive weapon offences.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/knife-and-offensive-weapon-sentencing-statistics-october-to-december-2018>

**Knife and offensive weapon sentencing quarterly: (October to December 2018)**

This bulletin presents key statistics describing the trends in the number of knife or offensive weapon offences receiving cautions and convictions in England and Wales. This bulletin does not cover all knife or offensive weapon crimes (offences involving a knife or offensive weapon) as published by the ONS.

The information presented combines all three types of knife or offensive weapon offences; possession of an article with a blade or point in a public place or on school premises; possession of an offensive weapon without lawful authority or reasonable excuse in a public place or on school premises and offences of aggravated possession of a knife or offensive weapon.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/knife-and-offensive-weapon-sentencing-statistics-october-to-december-2018>

**New projects to strengthen families and keep children out of care (08/04/19)**

£84m for projects that support families, marking 30th anniversary of the Children Act

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-projects-to-strengthen-families-and-keep-children-out-of-care>

**Child safeguarding practice review panel: pool of reviewers (05/04/19)**

A list of reviewers who can assist with national child safeguarding reviews.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-safeguarding-practice-review-panel-pool-of-reviewers?utm\\_source=dfeb0980-ad21-4275-bd07-308107053dba&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-safeguarding-practice-review-panel-pool-of-reviewers?utm_source=dfeb0980-ad21-4275-bd07-308107053dba&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

**Child safeguarding practice review panel: terms of reference and code of practice (05/04/19)**

Information on the panel's role and responsibilities, including managing transparency and conflicts of interest.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-safeguarding-practice-review-panel-terms-of-reference-and-code-of-practice?utm\\_source=10e25e7f-d674-445f-adc1-a13554237bb7&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-safeguarding-practice-review-panel-terms-of-reference-and-code-of-practice?utm_source=10e25e7f-d674-445f-adc1-a13554237bb7&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

**Child safeguarding practice review panel: practice guidance (05/04/19)**

Information on what the panel does, how it works and its practice principles.

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

**Relationships education, relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education: FAQs (05/04/19)**

Information from the DfE about the introduction of compulsory relationships education and RSE from September 2020.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education-faqs>

**Children's social care providers: inspections regulations – consultation outcome (05/04/19)**

Summary of responses we received, along with the government's response outlining the next steps.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/childrens-social-care-providers-inspections-regulations--2>

**New register to help all children get the education they deserve (02/04/19)**

Landmark proposals for a register of all children not being educated in school, including those being taught at home, have been set out by Education Secretary Damian Hinds.

The Government is consulting on proposals which will, for the first time, provide a clear picture of where children are if they are not in school. Estimates suggest almost 60,000 children are deemed to be educated at home – a figure that is thought to be rising by around a quarter every year.

A register of children not in school will transform a local council's capacity to identify and intervene where the standard of a child's education isn't good enough or, in the rare instances, where they are at

risk of harm. It will also help the authorities spot young people who may be receiving a solely religious education, attending an unregistered school or not receiving an education at all.

The DfE is also proposing new measures to support parents who choose to educate their children at home, in the form of a legal duty for LAs to provide assistance like helping to pay for exam costs.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-register-to-help-all-children-get-the-education-they-deserve>

**Elective home education (02/04/19)**

This guidance for LAs and schools is about children educated at home. It relates to the following legislation:

- European Convention on Human Rights, Article 2 of Protocol 1
- Education Act 1996, Section 7

It details LAs' roles, responsibilities and legislation to follow. It also includes information on home schooling funding.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/elective-home-education>

**School complaints procedures: guidance for schools (28/03/19)**

Guidance for schools about setting up or reviewing complaints procedures.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-complaints-procedures>

**Standards for school food in England (26/03/19)**

Guidance on the standards for planning and providing food in schools.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/standards-for-school-food-in-england>

**School food standards: resources for schools** (26/03/19)

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

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

**Governance handbook and competency framework** (22/03/19)

Guidance on the roles and duties of governing boards, and advice on the skills, knowledge and behaviours they need to be effective.

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

**Tailored review on the Office of the Children's Commissioner** (21/03/19)

This report sets out the conclusions and recommendations from the Office of the Children's Commissioner tailored review.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tailored-review-on-the-office-of-the-childrens-commissioner>

**Children's Commissioner framework agreement** (21/03/19)

Framework agreement document between the Department for Education and the Children's Commissioner.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childrens-commissioner-framework-agreement>

**Pupil absence statistics: guide** (21/03/19)

How we produce statistics on pupil absence.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/absence-statistics-guide>



**Pupil absence in schools in England: 2017 to 2018** (21/03/19)

This release reports on pupil absence in primary, secondary and special schools in the 2017 to 2018 academic year.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/pupil-absence-in-schools-in-england-2017-to-2018>

**Parental responsibility measures: 2017 to 2018** (21/03/19)

National and local authority data on penalty notices, cases entering fast-track case management, parenting orders and parenting contracts.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/parental-responsibility-measures-2017-to-2018>

**Child death reviews: forms for reporting child deaths** (29/03/19)

Forms to help child death overview panels (CDOPs) assess the causes of a child's death as part of the child death review process.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-death-reviews-forms-for-reporting-child-deaths>

**Child death overview panels: contacts** (25/03/19)

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>

**Independent report - Modern Slavery Act 2015 review: third interim report (21/03/19)**

Third report from the independent review of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 covering independent child trafficking advocates.

In July 2018, the Home Secretary, at the request of the Prime Minister, announced a review of the Modern Slavery Act 2015. The members of the review are Frank Field MP (chairman), Maria Miller MP and the Baroness Butler-Sloss. You can read the review's terms of reference.

This is the third interim report from the review. As part of the review, the members were invited to give their views on the Independent Child Trafficking Advocates scheme. This report looks at the question of how to ensure the right support for child victims given the changing profile of child trafficking.

The report includes findings and a summary of recommendations.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/modern-slavery-act-2015-review-third-interim-report>

**Independent report - Modern Slavery Act 2015 review: fourth interim report (21/03/19)**

Fourth interim report from the independent review of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

In July 2018, the Home Secretary



announced a review of the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

This is the fourth interim report from the review. As part of the review, the members were invited to give their views on the legal application of the Modern Slavery Act 2015, and in particular on the meaning of exploitation, reparation orders and the statutory defence for victims.

The report includes findings and a summary of recommendations.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/modern-slavery-act-review-2015-fourth-interim-report>

**Private law applications**

Cafcass received 3,721 new cases during February 2019. This is 20.2% (625 cases) higher than February 2018 and highest demand for February since 2013.

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

**Public Law Data**

Cafcass received 1,001 new care applications during February 2019. This is 16.1% (192 applications) lower than February 2018.

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

**Funding boost for victims of rape and sexual abuse (22/03/19)**

Government to fund more rape support centres than ever before across England and Wales.

Rape and sexual abuse support services across England and Wales have been awarded increased government funding – totalling £24m over 3 years – to help even more victims.

The move, which involves a 10% increase in funding by the MOJ, will see 79 rape support centres awarded grants – more than ever before. This will ensure, for the first time, that there are government-funded services in all 42 of the country's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) areas.

This will include a 50% funding increase for services across Greater London – recognising the heightened demand for services in the region – with almost 15% of all sexual offences occurring across the capital last year.

Nationally over 150,000 sexual offences were recorded by police last year, with 1 in 5 women having experienced some type of sexual assault in their lifetime. This is despite the crimes often going unreported.

The money will go towards a range of services, such as tailored face-to-face support and counselling to help victims cope with and, as far as possible, recover from these horrific crimes.



Among the services receiving a funding boost are a national helpline and webchat service for male victims following a significant rise in the number of men and boys coming forward to report crimes and access support.

The extra money will also see the number of PCC areas with government-funded male support centres nearly quadruple from 11 to 41.

Funding has also been extended to include those who suffered abuse while under the age of 13, in recognition that many victims of child sexual abuse may struggle to access timely support.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/funding-boost-for-victims-of-rape-and-sexual-abuse>

**Registered Body Compliance Policy (03/04/19)**

The Registered Body compliance programme aims to ensure that RBs deliver their responsibilities.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/registered-body-compliance-policy>

**DBS guidance leaflets (04/04/19)**

Guidance leaflets relating to eligibility and other DBS services and products.

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

### **Changes to the enhanced disclosure application process (02/04/19)**

Changes from 6 May will affect both applicants and Registered Bodies.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/changes-to-the-enhanced-disclosure-application-process>

### **Responsible Organisations, Registered Bodies and Umbrella Bodies - do you know the difference? (28/03/19)**


The DBS work with a number of organisations that are registered with us to submit disclosure checks. These organisations can be split into the following categories:

- Responsible Organisations (ROs)
- Registered Bodies (RBs)
- Umbrella Bodies (UBs)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/organisations-registered-with-dbs-to-submit-disclosure-checks>

### **Troubled Families programme (28/03/19)**

The Troubled Families programme which is supporting almost 400,000 families with multiple, high-cost problems is making significant and sustained progress, the Communities Secretary confirmed today.

Building resilient families, the third annual report, details how the programme is spreading whole family working across local services. This means more families in need getting access to the early, practical and coordinated support to overcome their complex interconnected problems such 

as anti-social behaviour, mental health issues or domestic violence.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/more-families-in-need-making-significant-progress>

### **Troubled Families (19/03/19)**

Speech by the Communities Secretary.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/troubled-families>

### **National evaluation of the Troubled Families Programme 2015 to 2020: early findings (28/03/19)**

Reports from the Troubled Families Programme 2015 to 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-evaluation-of-the-troubled-families-programme-2015-to-2020>

### **Troubled Families: early help service transformation maturity model (28/03/19)**

This guide for LAs delivering the Troubled Families Programme provides practical advice.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/troubled-families-early-help-service-transformation-maturity-model>

### **Building resilient families: third annual report of the Troubled Families Programme 2018 to 2019 (28/03/19)**

This third annual report of the Troubled Families Programme provides an update on progress made during 2018 to 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/building-resilient-families-third-annual-report-of-the-troubled-families-programme-2018-to-2019>



## IICSA

### **Inquiry publishes summary of victims and survivors' views on mandatory reporting (03/04/19)**

The Inquiry has published a summary of victims and survivors' views on mandatory reporting.

Members of the Inquiry's Victims and Survivors Forum were asked whether they supported the introduction of legislation which would make the reporting of child sexual abuse a legal requirement in England and Wales.

A total of 130 responses were received, with 88.6% supporting the introduction of mandatory reporting. Many suggested the existence of such laws when they were abused might have meant their perpetrator was brought to justice.

The survey summary includes a range of views from respondents on both sides of the debate. For example, some said mandatory reporting laws would have discouraged them from disclosing their abuse.

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news>

### **Inquiry publishes key information for mandatory reporting seminar in April (20/03/19)**

The Inquiry has published key information and advice for the further seminar on mandatory reporting, taking place on April 29-30.

The seminar will consider arguments for and against the introduction of

legislation which would make reporting child sexual abuse a legal requirement in England and Wales.

Taking place at the Inquiry's hearing centre in Southwark, the seminar will also examine the practical considerations involved in introducing such a law.

The seminar will be streamed on the Inquiry website ([www.iicsa.org.uk/live](http://www.iicsa.org.uk/live)) and is open to members of the public who wish to attend in person.

An earlier seminar on mandatory reporting took place on 27 September 2018 and considered existing obligations to report child sexual abuse in England and Wales, as well as international models of mandatory reporting.

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/inquiry-publishes-key-information-mandatory-reporting-seminar-april>

### **Brokenshire gives £375,000 for councils to raise awareness of FGM (26/03/19)**

Communities across England will benefit from an increased awareness of the devastating consequences of female genital mutilation thanks to a new £375,000 fund.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/brokenshire-gives-375000-for-councils-to-raise-awareness-of-fgm>

**Wales takes the next step to end the physical punishment of children**  
(25/03/19)

Wales will today take the next step towards protecting children's rights by introducing legislation to end the physical punishment of children.

The Welsh Government has introduced the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill to the National Assembly.


If the Bill is passed by the National Assembly for Wales, parents and other adults acting in a parental capacity will no longer be able to physically punish children – children will have the same protection from physical punishment as adults.

The Bill will do this by abolishing the common law defence of reasonable punishment so that any adult acting in a parental capacity cannot use it as a defence if accused of assault or battery against a child – meaning they can no longer legally physically punish a child.

This builds on the Welsh Government's commitment to children's rights under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

<https://gov.wales/wales-takes-next-step-end-physical-punishment-children>

**Oral Statement: The Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill** (26/03/19)

On 26 March 2019, the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services made an 

Oral Statement in the Siambr: The Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill.

<https://gov.wales/oral-statement-children-abolition-defence-reasonable-punishment-wales-bill>

<https://gov.wales/children-abolition-defence-reasonable-punishment-wales-bill-integrated-impact-assessments>

**Abolishing the defence of reasonable punishment of children: frequently asked questions** (25/03/19)

Information about abolishing the defence of reasonable punishment of children.

<https://gov.wales/abolishing-defence-reasonable-punishment-children-frequently-asked-questions>

**Abolishing the defence of reasonable punishment of children: background information** (25/03/19)

Background information to provide context to the Bill.

<https://gov.wales/abolishing-defence-reasonable-punishment-children-background-information>

**Written statement: Introduction of the Children (Abolition of the Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill** (25/03/19)

Julie Morgan AM, Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services (25/03/19)

<https://gov.wales/written-statement-introduction-children-abolition-defence-reasonable-punishment-wales-bill>

**Abolishing the defence of reasonable punishment of children: people's views** (25/03/19)

People talking about why they support the Children Wales Bill.

<https://gov.wales/abolishing-defence-reasonable-punishment-children-peoples-views>

**Abolishing the defence of reasonable punishment of children: overview** (25/03/19)

The Children Wales Bill will help bring an end to the physical punishment of children in Wales.

<https://gov.wales/abolishing-defence-reasonable-punishment-children-overview>

**Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill** (25/03/19)

How and why we are changing the law to stop the physical punishment of children.

<https://gov.wales/children-abolition-defence-reasonable-punishment-wales-bill>

**Inspecting non-association independent schools: leaflet for schools** (05/04/19)

This leaflet sets out what Ofsted will look at during an inspection of a non-association independent school.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspections-of-non-association-independent-schools-boarding-schools-and-residential-special-schools-a-leaflet-for-non-association-independent-school>

**Memorandum of understanding between Ofsted and DfE: secure children's homes** (03/04/19)

Working arrangements between Ofsted and the DfE to ensure secure children's homes offer safe, good quality care.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/memorandum-of-understanding-between-ofsted-and-dfe-secure-childrens-homes>

**Risk assessment methodology for schools and further education and skills providers** (01/04/19)

These methodology notes set out the risk assessment process that Ofsted uses for good and outstanding state-funded schools and further education and skills providers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/risk-assessment-methodology-for-schools-and-further-education-and-skills-providers>

**Local area SEND inspection: guidance for inspectors** (01/04/19)

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>

**Children's homes: inspection forms** (29/03/19)

Annex A form for children's homes to fill in ahead of inspections.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childrens-homes-inspection-documents>

**Social care common inspection framework (SCCIF) (29/03/19)**

The social care common inspection framework, or SCCIF, sets out how Ofsted will inspect social care establishments and agencies.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collecti- ons/social-care-common-inspection- framework-sccif>

**Social care common inspection framework (SCCIF): independent fostering agencies (29/03/19)**

Guidance about how independent fostering agencies 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-independent-fostering-agencies>

**Social care common inspection framework (SCCIF): adoption support agencies (29/03/19)**

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

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



**Social care common inspection framework (SCCIF): children's homes (29/03/19)**

Safeguarding and child protection concerns. What an inspector must do if they have immediate concerns about a child protection issue.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/social- care-common-inspection-framework- sccif-children-s-homes-including- secure-children-s-homes/29- safeguarding-and-child-protection- concerns>

**Social care common inspection framework (SCCIF): voluntary adoption agencies (29/03/19)**

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>

**Social care common inspection framework (SCCIF): residential family centres (29/03/19)**

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?utm\\_source=c7ef4921-73ac- 4344-996d- 0eb12bc5c562&utm\\_medium=email&u tm\\_campaign=govuk- notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/social- care-common-inspection-framework- sccif-residential-family- centres?utm_source=c7ef4921-73ac- 4344-996d- 0eb12bc5c562&utm_medium=email&u tm_campaign=govuk- notifications&utm_content=daily)

**Social care common inspection framework (SCCIF): residential holiday schemes for disabled children (29/03/19)**

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?utm\\_source=5bf75428-3e60-4294-9a99-19cedc04a4e5&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_content=daily](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/social-care-common-inspection-framework-sccif-residential-holiday-schemes-for-disabled-children?utm_source=5bf75428-3e60-4294-9a99-19cedc04a4e5&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily)

**Early years provider non-compliance: action by Ofsted (28/03/19)**

What Ofsted does when a childminder or childcare provider does not comply with regulations.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-provider-non-compliance-action-by-ofsted>

**Inspecting learning and skills training for people in custody (28/03/19)**

Handbook for providers and Ofsted inspectors on inspecting training and work activities for young adults and adults prisons and young offender institutions.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/handbook-for-the-inspection-of-learning-and-skills-training-for-young-adults-and-adults-in-custody>



**State-funded schools inspections and outcomes as at 31 December 2018 (28/03/19)**

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/state-funded-schools-inspections-and-outcomes-as-at-31-december-2018>

**Childcare providers and inspections as at 31 December 2018 (26/03/19)**

All inspections and providers at 31 December 2018.

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

**Parents encouraged to be aware of scarlet fever symptoms (28/03/18)**

Scarlet fever is a seasonal bacterial illness that is common at this time of year, mainly affects children, and is easily treated with antibiotics.

The latest report by Public Health England shows that 7,854 cases of scarlet fever have been reported since mid-September 2018, compared to an average of 9,617 for the same period over the last 5 years.

There were 456 cases reported for the most recent week (18 to 24 March 2019).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/parents-encouraged-to-be-aware-of-scarlet-fever-symptoms>

**Safeguarding in general dental practice** (03/04/19)

This document provides an overview of safeguarding to dental teams and reinforces its importance.

The dental team has a statutory duty of care to all patients which includes ensuring that safeguarding arrangements are in place.

This document reinforces the importance of safeguarding to dental teams and makes them aware of the different forms of abuse. It provides an overview of safeguarding as a whole for the dental team by:

- clarifying the roles and responsibilities of the dental team in promoting the safety and wellbeing of children, young people and adults at risk of abuse
- signposting useful safeguarding resources, including access to free training opportunities
- outlining the pathways to be followed in cases of concern
- providing guidance on training requirements

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-in-general-dental-practice>

**Pre-school vaccinations: guide to vaccinations from 2-5 years** (29/03/19)

Details of immunisations for children between 2 and 5 years, before they start school.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pre-school-vaccinations-a-guide-to-vaccinations-from-2-to-5-years> ↗

**Immunisations for young people** (29/03/19)

Explains the HPV, Td/IPV and MenACWY vaccinations given to young people in school years 7 to 13.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immunisations-for-young-people>

**Immunisations: babies up to 13 months of age** (29/03/19)

This booklet covers all immunisations for babies during their first year of life.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-guide-to-immunisations-for-babies-up-to-13-months-of-age>

**What to expect after vaccinations** (29/03/19)

This leaflet tells you about common side effects that might occur in babies and young children up to 5 years of age.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-to-expect-after-vaccinations>

**Scarlet fever: symptoms, diagnosis and treatment** (29/03/19)

Description of scarlet fever, potential complications and advice on who's most at risk and how to prevent the spread.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/scarlet-fever-symptoms-diagnosis-treatment>

**Health protection in schools and other childcare facilities** (27/03/19)

A practical guide for staff on managing cases of infectious diseases in schools and other childcare settings.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities>

**NCMP: conversation framework**

(27/03/19)

A conversation framework for talking to parents about the National Child Measurement Programme.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-child-measurement-programme-conversation-framework>

**Children living with parents in emotional distress: 2019 update**

(19/03/19)

The proportion of children living with at least one parent reporting symptoms of emotional distress, by family type and work status.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/children-living-with-parents-in-emotional-distress-2019-update>



## Consultations

### **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: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019

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

### **Consultation outcome - Home education: call for evidence and revised DfE guidance (02/02/19)**

Summary of responses we received, along with the government's response outlining the next steps.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/home-education-call-for-evidence-and-revised-dfe-guidance>



### **Open consultation - Learning disability and autism training for health and care staff (22/03/19)**

The government wants to know how we can make sure that health and social care staff have the right training to understand the needs of people with a learning disability and autistic people, and make reasonable adjustments to support them.

The consultation considers issues around the training and development staff need to better support people with a learning disability or autistic people.

We want to know what people think about our proposals on:

- the planned content of the training
- how the training should be delivered
- how to involve people with a learning disability or autistic people in training
- how we can mandate, monitor and evaluate the impact of training

The consultation will be of interest to:

- people with a learning disability or autistic people
- the families and carers of people with a learning disability or autistic people
- patient groups
- providers of health and social care services

Closing date: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/learning-disability-and-autism-training-for-health-and-care-staff>



## Consultations (continued)

### **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: 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019

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

## Consultations (continued)

### **Online Harms White Paper (08/04/19)**

The Online Harms White Paper sets out the government's plans for a world-leading package of online safety measures that also supports innovation and a thriving digital economy. This package comprises legislative and non-legislative measures and will make companies more responsible for their users' safety online, especially children and other vulnerable groups.

The White Paper proposes establishing in law a new duty of care towards users, which will be overseen by an independent regulator. Companies will be held to account for tackling a comprehensive set of online harms, ranging from illegal activity and content to behaviours which are harmful but not necessarily illegal.

This consultation aims to gather views on various aspects of the government's plans for regulation and tackling online harms, including:

- the online services in scope of the regulatory framework;
- options for appointing an independent regulatory body to implement, oversee and enforce the new regulatory framework;
- the enforcement powers of an independent regulatory body;
- potential redress mechanisms for online users; and
- measures to ensure regulation is targeted and proportionate for industry.



This is an open public consultation. We particularly encourage responses from organisations, companies and others with relevant views, insights or evidence.

Closing date: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/online-harms-white-paper>

## Conferences

### **County Lines: Preventing and Tackling the Criminal Exploitation of Children and Vulnerable Adults**

16<sup>th</sup> May 2019                      Manchester  
£255 - £345 + VAT

The Home Office recently published guidance to help multiple stakeholders recognise the signs of exploitation of children and vulnerable adults in county lines activity. The guidance is provided to assist practitioners to respond appropriately so that potential victims of exploitation receive the support and help they need.

Hear the latest guidance and good practice from leading experts and practitioners in the field on how to identify, support and help young and vulnerable victims of criminal exploitation. This is an important event for LAs, the police, schools and other key stakeholders and will equip participants with the tools to effectively reduce the impact of child criminal exploitation.

[http://www.westminster-briefing.com/county\\_lines\\_manchester](http://www.westminster-briefing.com/county_lines_manchester)

### **Transitioning to the New Child Safeguarding Arrangements**

5<sup>th</sup> June 2019                      London  
£255 - £345 + VAT

Local arrangements for the transition from LCSBs to the partnership system must be agreed and published by 29 June ahead of an implementation deadline of 29 September 2019.



Representing a significant change to the child safeguarding system, new statutory guidance from the DfE was published in the summer. As the deadline for this transition draws closer, how can you best support your staff and overcome the challenges faced by LAs, schools, health services and children's services in your area?

Join us for an up to date brief on the transition to the new safeguarding arrangements. We will examine the latest Government policy and guidance, what different organisations are doing to develop new arrangements

[http://www.westminster-briefing.com/Child\\_Safeguarding\\_Arrangements\\_2019](http://www.westminster-briefing.com/Child_Safeguarding_Arrangements_2019)

## Conferences (Continued)

### **Student Wellbeing 2019: Improving and Enhancing Student Safeguarding**

5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 London

£299 - £550 + VAT

In England, 19% of 16-24-year olds experience a mental health condition, up from 15% in 2003. Students are at added risk of experiencing poorer mental health and wellbeing relative to other young people, due to a combination of factors relating to academic, financial and social pressures.

Universities who provide effective support have happier and more successful graduates. Promoting wellbeing helps create a better overall experience for students, which ultimately benefits everyone. This conference will explore how universities can adopt successful strategies to ensure that they provide the best possible mental health outcomes for their students.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/student-wellbeing-2019-improving-and-enhancing-student-safeguarding/>

### **The Future of Children's Services Inspections**

27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 London

In January 2018 Ofsted introduced the new Inspections of LA Children's Services (ILACS) framework. It looks at how well LAs are supporting and protecting vulnerable children in their area. The new approach allows Ofsted to prioritise inspection where it is most

needed and more proportionate, risk-based and flexible than before. The new arrangements consist of short inspections, standard inspections, monitoring and focused visits. LAs are also asked to annually evaluate the quality and impact of their social work practice, as well as having a formal yearly conversation with Ofsted about their performance.

LAs are facing a dramatic rise in demand for children's services, with the number of child protection enquiries up 158% in 10 years, an increase of children on child protection plans over 25,000 and the biggest annual rise of children in care in 8 years in 2017/18.

This conference examines the progress of the new inspection framework in its first year. It features case studies by LA children's services who have achieved significant improvements in Ofsted ratings, delivered innovative solutions to service delivery and efficiency savings.

Featuring high level keynotes from key organisations giving the latest updates on the latest developments in children's services, this conference will provide delegates with key policy and practice updates.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/the-future-of-childrens-services-inspections/>

## Conferences (continued)

### **The National NHS Safeguarding Event 2019: A Multi-Agency approach to protecting the lives of children and adults**

26<sup>th</sup> September 2019                      London  
£299 - £550 + VAT

Recent figures show the number of children subject to a child protection plan increasing at a rate of 5.3% per annum. At the same time, NHS Digital's annual Safeguarding Adults 2018 report shows an 8.2% increase in concerns of abuse being raised, with older people much more likely to be the subject of safeguarding enquiries.

Work to address these trends is being undertaken right across government and the public sector, with key legislation and reforms including the Mental Capacity (Amendment) Bill and Liberty Protection Safeguards, the Children and Social Work Act 2017, the Working Together to Safeguard Children reforms, and the Domestic Abuse Bill 2018. These multi-agency reforms are resulting in some of the biggest changes to both child and adult safeguarding seen in the last 40 years, and the NHS has an imperative role to play in delivering them.

This forum provides an opportunity to hear the latest policy updates and initiatives from senior policymakers

designed to offer a clear understanding of key legislation and reforms and how they underpin the NHS' safeguarding priorities for 2019 and beyond. In particular, it will focus on the need for different agencies to collaborate, highlighting how relationships between health and other services should operate — at both strategic and operational levels — to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk of harm or abuse.

Participants will also be able to listen to best practice case studies from leading services and initiatives including looked after children, designated health professionals, staff security and wellbeing, and child sexual abuse and exploitation, demonstrating successfully proven approaches to multi-agency working, information sharing, and service-user involvement.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/nhs-safeguarding/>

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