

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN
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‘Life in Likes’ (04/01/18)

The Children’s Commissioner for England is today launching this new report on the impact of social media on the lives of children before they become teenagers. Whilst most social media sites have an official age limit of 13 years, some research has suggested ¾ of 10 -12 year olds have a social media account.

Today’s report reveals many children are approaching a ‘cliff edge’ as they transition from primary to secondary school, with social media becoming much more important in their lives but causing them greater anxiety.

The study suggests some children are becoming almost addicted to ‘likes’ as a form of social validation that makes them happy and that many are increasingly anxious about their online image and ‘keeping up appearances’.

Anne Longfield is calling on schools and parents to prepare children for this change towards the end of primary school. She also calls for compulsory digital literacy and online resilience lessons for Year 6 and 7s, so that they learn about the emotional side of social media and not just messages about safety.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/2018/01/04/children-unprepared-for-social-media-cliff-edge-as-they-start-secondary-school-childrens-commissioner-for-england-warns-in-new-report/>



Sales of acid: voluntary commitments for retailers (07/01/18)

This document outlines the voluntary set of commitments on the responsible sales of corrosive substances. The intention is to restrict access to products containing acid and other corrosive substances which are being used as weapons to threaten or to attack people and inflict life-changing injuries.

Major retailers who have signed up so far are: Wickes, B&Q, Screwfix, Wilko, The Co-op, Morrisons, Waitrose, Tesco and John Lewis.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sales-of-acid-voluntary-commitments-for-retailers>

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Ofsted CI launches her first Annual Report on state of education and children’s care in England (13/12/17)

This year's annual report finds the overall quality of education and care in England is improving, but areas of persistent underperformance remain.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofsted-chief-inspector-launches-her-first-annual-report-on-state-of-education-and-childrens-care-in-england>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/amanda-spielman-on-the-launch-of-ofsteds-annual-report-201617>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofsted-annual-report-201617-education-childrens-services-and-skills>

Data protection: privacy notice model documents (03/01/18)

Providing accessible information to individuals about the use of personal data is a key element of the Data Protection Act 1998 and General Data Protection Regulation.

The most common way to provide information is through a privacy notice.

The DfE provides suggested wording that schools and LAs may wish to use. You must review and amend to reflect local needs and circumstances, as you will process data that isn't solely for use within data collections.

You can issue privacy notices in a number of ways, for example on your website, or within:

- induction packs
- staff contracts
- information about social services

Children's Social Care Innovation Programme grant (21/12/17)

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

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

Support for non-EEA migrant child victims of modern slavery (19/12/17)

A review of local authority support for non-European Economic Area (EEA) migrant children identified as potential victims of modern slavery and trafficking.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/support-for-non-eea-migrant-child-victims-of-modern-slavery>

Sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges(14/12/17)

This advice is for:

- governing bodies of maintained schools and colleges
- proprietors of independent schools (including academies, free schools and alternative provision academies) and non-maintained special schools
- management committees of pupil referral units
- headteachers, principals, senior leadership teams and designated safeguarding leads

It covers:

- what sexual violence and harassment is
- schools' and colleges' legal responsibilities
- a whole school or college approach to safeguarding and child protection
- how to respond to reports of sexual violence and sexual harassment

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sexual-violence-and-sexual-harassment-between-children-in-schools-and-colleges>

Safeguarding children: evaluating the SAAF (12/12/2017)

Report evaluating how effective the safeguarding children assessment and analysis framework (SAAF) is in helping social workers protect children from harm.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-children-evaluating-the-saaf>

County lines: protecting vulnerable people from exploitation (13/12/17)

This page provides details about the government's work to deal with county lines, which is part of the cross-government approach to ending gang violence and exploitation.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/county-lines-protecting-vulnerable-people-from-exploitation>

Health protection in schools and other childcare facilities (21/12/17)

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>

Seasonal flu vaccine uptake in children of primary school age: monthly data, 2017 to 2018 (21/12/17)

Cumulative vaccine uptake data for the childhood seasonal flu programme in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/seasonal-flu-vaccine-uptake-in-children-of-primary-school-age-monthly-data-2017-to-2018>

Substance misuse treatment in secure settings: statistics 2015 to 2016 (19/12/17)

Alcohol and drug misuse treatment in prisons and other secure settings from PHE's national drug treatment monitoring system (NDTMS).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/secure-setting-statistics-from-the-ndtms-financial-year-ending-march-2016>



Developing local substance misuse safeguarding protocols (19/12/17)

Information on developing local joint protocols between drug and alcohol services, and children and family services.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/developing-local-substance-misuse-safeguarding-protocols>

Measles outbreaks confirmed in 5 areas across UK (21/12/17)

Public Health England issues advice for the public to ensure they have had the MMR vaccine after outbreaks of measles are confirmed in 5 areas of England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/measles-outbreaks-confirmed-in-leeds-liverpool-and-birmingham>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/measles-outbreak>

West Wales parents urged to check MMR status as children return to school (05/01/18)

With measles continuing to circulate widely in Europe, Public Health Wales continues to urge parents to check that their children are fully vaccinated with two doses of MMR.

In West Wales, uptake of the second dose of MMR in five-year-olds stands at 88.4 per cent – well below the 95% target that would prevent outbreaks of measles.

As children return to school, the risk of coming into contact with someone with measles increases, and parents are urged to check that their children are protected against this potentially fatal infection.

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/888/news/47221>

Next-generation sequencing panel for solid tumour cancers in children

(January 2018)

NICE has developed a medtech innovation briefing (MIB) on the next-generation sequencing panel for solid tumour cancers in children.

<https://www.nice.org.uk/advice/mib133>

Autism spectrum disorder in under 19s: recognition, referral and diagnosis

(December 2017)

This guideline covers recognising and diagnosing autism spectrum disorder in children and young people from birth up to 19 years. It also covers referral. It aims to improve the experience of children, young people and those who care for them.

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg128>

Smoke alarms key to preventing the death of children in fires

(14/12/17)

A new report from Public Health Wales has shown that the lack of a working smoke alarm was a contributing factor in the incidents reviewed where a child died in a fire.

The 'Thematic review of deaths of children through fire' published by the Child Death Review Programme, found that the majority of accidental fires start in the kitchen; and home safety education is effective at increasing the proportion of families with functional smoke alarms, fire guards, and a fire escape plan which could prevent deaths through fire in the future.

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/888/news/47059>



Campaign to protect young people from STIs by using condoms

(15/12/17)

PHE launches sexual health campaign to encourage condom use by young adults to reduce the rates of sexually transmitted infections.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/campaign-to-protect-young-people-from-stis-by-using-condoms>

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Social care commentary: children's homes

(09/01/18)

Eleanor Schooling writes that it is possible for homes to support 'hard-to-place' children and still achieve a good or better inspection outcome.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/social-care-commentary-childrens-homes>

Complaint and compliance action summaries: guidance for inspectors

(08/01/18)

Guidance for Ofsted inspectors writing outcome summaries for providers on the Early Years and/or Childcare Registers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofsted-writing-complaint-and-compliance-action-summaries>

Local area SEND inspection outcome letters

(03/01/18)

Outcome letters from 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-inspection-outcome-letters>

Children's homes inspections and outcomes (27/12/17)

Management information published quarterly in the interests of transparency.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/quarterly-management-information-ofsteds-childrens-homes-inspection-outcomes>

Social care commentary: hidden children - the challenges of safeguarding children who are not attending school (21/12/17)

Ofsted's National Director, Social Care, Eleanor Schooling discusses how to more effectively safeguard some children who are currently home educated.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/social-care-commentary-hidden-children-the-challenges-of-safeguarding-children-who-are-not-attending-school>

Inspecting secure training centres: framework (21/12/17)

The framework and evaluation schedule for inspection of secure training centres.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspecting-secure-training-centres-framework>

Handbook for short, monitoring and unannounced behaviour school inspections (21/12/17)

Guidance for Ofsted inspectors carrying out school inspections under section 8 of the Education Act 2005.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/handbook-for-short-monitoring-and-unannounced-behaviour-school-inspections>



Inspecting secure training centres: guidance for inspectors (21/12/17)

Guidance for inspectors from Ofsted, HMI Prisons and the Care Quality Commission.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspecting-secure-training-centres-guidance-for-inspectors>

School inspection handbook (21/12/17)

Guidance for inspecting schools under the CIF, with a mythbuster document on common misconceptions.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-inspection-handbook-from-september-2015>

School inspections and outcomes: management information (20/12/17)

Monthly management information and a one-off publication of inspections and outcomes from 2005 to 2015.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/monthly-management-information-ofsteds-school-inspections-outcomes>

LA and children's homes in England inspections and outcomes (20/12/17)

Inspection data for all SIF inspections, for period up to 31/10/17 and children's homes inspection data up to 30/09/17.

Further education and skills inspection handbook (15/12/17)

Guidance on how FE and skills providers are inspected under the CIF.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/further-education-and-skills-inspection-handbook>

Consultations

Keeping children safe in education: proposed revisions (14/12/17)

The DfE invites your views on changes to the statutory guidance Keeping children safe in education (KCSIE) and a new departmental non-statutory advice document covering sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges.

The consultation seeks views on revisions to KCSIE, the statutory guidance to which all schools and colleges must have regard when carrying out their duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. KCSIE sets out the legal duties that schools and colleges must comply with, together with good practice guidance on what schools and colleges should do in order to keep children safe.

The guidance is extensive, covering what staff should know and do to safeguard children, the management of safeguarding in schools and colleges, safer recruitment and responding to allegations of abuse against staff. The department keeps its statutory guidance under review and revises it as required to keep it up to date and relevant.

We are consulting on a wide variety of proposed changes to KCSIE. The aim is to help schools and colleges to better understand what they are required to do by law and what we strongly advise they should do in order to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

We have made changes throughout KCSIE to reflect the changes colleagues are making, in parallel, to Working Together to Safeguard Children. WT is being consulted on separately and any resulting revisions to the final version will be reflected in KCSIE.

In addition, this consultation also seeks views on a new departmental non-statutory advice document covering sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges.

Closing date: 22nd February 2018
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/keeping-children-safe-in-education-proposed-revisions>
<https://consult.education.gov.uk/safeguarding-in-schools-team/keeping-children-safe-in-education/>

Changes to teaching of SRE and PSHE (19/12/17)

The DfE is considering how to update the existing Sex and Relationship guidance which, was last updated in 2000, and is therefore now out of date. The updated guidance will support schools in delivering the new subjects of Relationships Education at primary and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) at secondary, as well as, potentially, Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE).

Closing date: 12th February 2018
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-teaching-of-sex-and->

Consultations (continued)

Wales sets out plans to end the physical punishment of children (09/01/18)

The Minister for Children and Social Care, Huw Irranca-Davies, has launched a consultation on the Welsh Government's proposal to remove the defence of reasonable punishment in Wales.

The Welsh Government has a long standing record of working to ensure children have the best start in life and of promoting children's rights. This is why the Welsh Government is now intending to bring forward legislation to make it clear that physically punishing a child is no longer acceptable in Wales.

The proposed legislation would not involve the creation of a new offence. It would instead remove a defence to the existing offences of assault and battery. It would mean any adult looking after a child would no longer be able to use physical or corporal punishment against them.

The Minister said the Welsh Government's aim was to accelerate existing trends in the way parents in Wales discipline their children and to support them in feeling confident to choose positive and more effective methods of discipline.

Closing date: 2nd April 2018

<http://gov.wales/newsroom/people-and-communities/2018/180109-end-physical-punishment-of-children/?lang=en>



Conferences

Promoting Positive Parenting to Help Make the World a More Peaceful Place

14th March 2018 Cardiff

The aims of this conference are to:

- explore the relevance to practice in Wales of findings from a study by ISPCAN on promoting positive parenting in order to prevent violence against children
- identify ways of improving parenting practice to achieve a future free from violence for children and young people

<https://www.baspcan.org.uk/event/promoting-positive-parenting-help-make-world-peaceful-place/>

Priorities for mental health services

1st February 2018 London £230 + VAT

Following the announcement of a review of the Mental Health Act, this seminar considers the next steps for transforming mental health care in England.

Topics to be discussed include:

- the role of Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STPs)
- key challenges for the mental health workforce
- priorities for delivering a whole-system approach to mental health care
- key issues for CAHMS in light of the expected Green Paper
- CQC's ongoing review of CAHMS and the Government's evaluation of their collaboration with schools

- priorities for prevention, challenges for developing specialised care services for veterans and new mothers, and
 - the next steps for implementing the 5 Year Forward View for Mental Health.
- <http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/conference/mental-health-services-in-England-2018>

Internet regulation, responsibility and safety: policy, practicalities and the role of providers

16th January 2018 London

£230 + VAT

This seminar will consider:

- the way forward for policy in balancing national security
- practicalities of internet regulation, dealing with threats online
- responsibilities of internet and platform providers.
- the potential impact of key measures from the green paper on the Internet Safety Strategy, which is expected to include proposals for the introduction of an online code of practice for social media companies, an 'online abuse levy' to fund the education of users, and plans to develop children's skills and knowledge about the internet to ensure that they can be safe online.

<http://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/conference/regulation-and-the-internet-18>

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