

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN**  
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**PM announces new taskforce to transform child protection (24/06/15)**

David Cameron has announced a new Child Protection Taskforce to drive forward fundamental reforms to protect the most vulnerable children in our society and give them the opportunity to succeed.

Chaired by Education Secretary Nicky Morgan, the taskforce will be responsible for leading improvements across police, social services and other agencies – focusing on transforming social work and children’s services and improving inspection. It will complement the Home Secretary’s existing work on tackling CSE.

It will join 10 other implementation taskforces already established across government to monitor and drive delivery of the government’s cross-cutting priorities.

The taskforce’s work will build on the government’s wide-ranging reforms to create a care system that puts children’s needs first. This includes the appointment of a Chief Social Worker to champion reform in the profession, a £400m investment in social work training, and cuts to bureaucracy to free up social workers to do what they do best.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-announces-new-taskforce-to-transform-child-protection>

**New joint inspections (15/07/15)**

Local agencies that are failing to work together effectively to protect vulnerable children will be held to account by new joint targeted inspections, it was announced today

Joint Targeted Area Inspections are to be introduced from autumn this year by Ofsted, the CQC, HMIC and HMI Probation. They will specifically examine how well LAs, health, police and probation services work together in a particular area to safeguard children. The new inspections aim to shine a light on both good and poor practice, identifying examples from which others can learn and helping local agencies to improve.

The proposals will give inspectorates more flexibility and the ability to be responsive to certain areas of interest or concern.

Each inspection is to include a ‘deep dive’ element, with the first 6 set to focus on children at risk of sexual exploitation and those missing from home, school or care.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-joint-inspections-to-hold-agencies-to-account>  
See consultations

**Study finds physically active children are happier and more confident (02/07/15)**

An evidence review by BHF points to strong evidence that physical activity and sport has a positive impact on children’s social skills and self-esteem.

The evidence review also identified further social benefits for children as a result of physical activity including increased confidence and peer acceptance, alongside a link to friendship.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/study-finds-physically-active-children-are-happier-and-more-confident>

**New safeguarding advice for schools and childcare providers (01/07/15)**

New advice and social media guidance has been issued to schools and childcare providers to help them keep children safe from the risk of radicalisation and extremism, Education Secretary Nicky Morgan has announced.

Building resilience of young people and the promotion of fundamental British values is at the heart of preventing radicalisation. Schools can do this by providing safe places in which children can discuss controversial issues, and be given the knowledge and confidence to challenge extremist beliefs and ideologies.

The advice has been published to coincide with the new prevent duty, introduced as part of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, which legally requires organisations including schools, LAs, prisons, police and health bodies to take steps to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

Schools and childcare providers already play a vital role in keeping children safe from harm, including from the risks of extremism and radicalisation, and in promoting the welfare of children in their care.

The new duty reinforces existing duties by spreading understanding of the risks and current good practice across the country. The government issued statutory guidance on the duty for all public bodies in March. The advice published today complements the statutory guidance and intends to help schools and childcare providers by:

- clarifying what the prevent duty means for schools and childcare providers
- outlining what they can do to help protect children from the risk of radicalisation

- making clear what schools and childcare providers should do to demonstrate compliance with the duty
- informing them about other sources of information, advice and support

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-safeguarding-advice-for-schools-and-childcare-providers>

**Protecting children from radicalisation: the prevent duty (01/07/15)**

Departmental advice for schools and childcare providers on preventing children and young people from being drawn into terrorism.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protecting-children-from-radicalisation-the-prevent-duty>

**The use of social media for online radicalization (01/07/15)**

Guide for schools on how terrorist groups such as ISIL use social media to encourage travel to Syria and Iraq.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-use-of-social-media-for-online-radicalisation>

**Nation's institutions step up effort to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism (01/07/15)**

Key bodies across the country are from today legally required to take steps to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

The Prevent duty, introduced as part of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, requires a range of organisations including schools, LAs, prisons, police and health bodies to have 'due regard to preventing people from being drawn into terrorism'.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nation-s-institutions-step-up-effort-to-prevent-people-from-being-drawn-into-terrorism>

**Funding to help victims of domestic violence and abuse** (09/07/15)

The government has announced a £3.2m fund to boost the provision of services including refuges.

The fund will be open to proposals from local partnerships that demonstrate how the needs of victims could be met in innovative ways, working through collaboration and helping to address any gaps in the delivery of services in the short term.

The Summer Budget 2015 also announced a review of the full range of services currently available to victims of domestic abuse. Its findings will feed into the Spending Review and an updated violence against women and girls strategy to ensure that victims of domestic violence and their families have access to the support and services they need to keep safe.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/32-million-funding-to-help-victims-of-domestic-violence-and-abuse>

**New rules about tobacco, e-cigarettes and smoking** (09/07/15)

This document explains changes to the laws on tobacco, e-cigarettes and smoking that come into force on 1 October 2015. In particular, it explains the rules about smoking in private vehicles, including when the rules do and don't apply.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/new-rules-about-tobacco-e-cigarettes-and-smoking-1-october-2015>

**Children, Families and Maternity e-bulletin** (06/07/15)

Newsletters providing guidance and advice on children, families and maternity.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-families-and-maternity-e-bulletin>

**Obesity - prevention and lifestyle weight management in children** (July 2015)

<http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/GID-QSD80>

**Maternal and child nutrition - improving nutritional status** (July 2015)

<http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/GID-QSD104>

**Education Secretary speaks about tackling LGBT bullying** (10/07/15)

Nicky Morgan discusses the government's plans to end lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender bullying in schools.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/nicky-morgan-speaks-about-tackling-lgbt-bullying>

**Circular 024/2015: Modern Slavery Act 2015** (09/07/15)

This circular provides details on the Modern Slavery Act 2015 which received Royal Assent on 26 March.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/circular-0242015-modern-slavery-act-2015>

**Children Act 1989: fostering services** (03/07/15)

Volume 4: statutory guidance on fostering services for looked-after children.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-act-1989-fostering-services>

**Children Act 1989: care planning, placement and case review** (03/07/15)

Statutory guidance about LA support to children and families.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-act-1989-care-planning-placement-and-case-review>

**Data protection: privacy notice model documents** (03/01/15)

Under The Data Protection Act 1998, when an organisation collects personal information about an individual it must make that information available to the individual. Schools and LAs can use and amend these examples of privacy notices to suit their local needs and circumstances. We encourage you to discuss the suggested text with your own data protection adviser in order to reflect local policies.

You can issue privacy notices in a number of ways, for example:

- as part of a school brochure or induction pack, or in a school diary
- on the school notice board
- as part of a staff contract or induction pack
- on the staff notice board
- on the school or LA website

A child receiving social care services or a looked-after child could receive their privacy notice with information about the services you offer.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/data-protection-and-privacy-privacy-notices>

**Number of teenagers in education and training hits all-time high** (25/06/15)

At the end of 2014, the proportion of 16- to 18-year-olds in education or work-based learning rose by 1% on the previous year, an increase of almost 9,000 to 1,590,000.

Meanwhile, the proportion in this age group who were NEET fell by 0.4% to its lowest level since 1994 - a fall of almost 10,000 in 12 months.

The annual figures are further evidence of the government's ongoing success in bringing down NEET levels. Last month,



quarterly statistics showed the number of 16- to 24-year-olds who were classed as NEET fell to a 10-year low.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/number-of-teenagers-in-education-and-training-hits-all-time-high>  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/participation-in-education-training-and-employment-age-16-to-18--2>

**Supported internships for young people with learning difficulties** (26/06/15)

This is departmental advice for providers of supported internships for young people with learning difficulties. It applies to:

- LA maintained schools
- LAs
- academies and free schools
- independent schools
- sixth-form colleges
- FE colleges

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/supported-internships-for-young-people-with-learning-difficulties>

**Child poverty transitions: exploring the routes into and out of poverty** (25/06/15)

This research explores how children move into and out of poverty.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-poverty-transitions-exploring-the-routes-into-and-out-of-poverty>

**Road safety factsheets and ad-hoc statistics** (25/06/15)

Road safety factsheets relating to specific road user groups and any one-off or ad-hoc statistics. Includes child casualties.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/road-safety-factsheets-and-ad-hoc-statistics>

**Guidance: Health visitor and 0 to 5 commissioning transfer (25/06/15)**

Documents relating to the transfer from the NHS to LAs of public health services for children aged 0 to 5. [Added 'Factsheet: the role of Health Education England and Local Education and Training Boards'.]

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transfer-of-0-5-childrens-public-health-commissioning-to-local-authorities>

**Pre-school influences on children and young people's outcomes (25/06/15)**

Research into the long-term effect of pre-school on children's education and development throughout compulsory schooling.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pre-school-influences-on-children-and-young-peoples-outcomes>

**Children's centres in England: organisation and services (25/06/15)**

Research on the effectiveness of children's centres in England at providing services to eligible families.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childrens-centres-in-england-organisation-and-services>

**Children's centres in England evaluation: survey of leaders (25/06/15)**

Research on children's centre services between 2011 and 2013.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childrens-centres-in-england-evaluation-survey-of-leaders>

**Children's centres in England evaluation: survey of families (25/06/15)**

Research on children's centres and the services they offered between 2011 and 2014.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childrens-centres-in-england-evaluation-survey-of-families>

**Residential care in the English child welfare system (25/06/15)**

Review of the available research on residential care for looked-after children.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/residential-care-in-the-english-child-welfare-system>

**Children entering detention under Immigration Act powers (25/06/15)**

These figures are based on management information and are not subject to the detailed checks that apply to National Statistics.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/children-entering-detention-under-immigration-act-powers>

**SI 2015/1472 - The Modern Slavery Act 2015 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2015 (08/07/15)**

These Regulations make amendments to secondary legislation in consequence of the offences of slavery, servitude and forced or compulsory labour and human trafficking in sections 1 and 2 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (c. 30).

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/1472/contents/made>

**SI 2015/1422 - The Female Genital Mutilation Protection Order (Relevant Third Party) Regulations 2015 (26/06/15)**

These Regulations specify a local authority, as defined in these Regulations, as a relevant third party for the purposes of applying for an FGM protection order under paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 (c. 31). A relevant third party can apply to the court for an FGM protection order without the leave of the court.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/1422/contents/made>

**Early education is better than ever but attainment gap remains (13/07/15)**

Early education has never been stronger with 85% of early years settings now judged good or outstanding, the Ofsted Early Years Annual Report 2015 reveals.

The report finds that rising standards are evenly spread across all types of early years settings. As of 31 March 2015:

- 84% of childminders were good or outstanding
- 87% of private, voluntary and independent nurseries were good or outstanding

Overall, 72% of all early years settings were good while 13% were outstanding.

In addition, the quality of early years provision in 86% of primary schools inspected during the last two terms was good or outstanding.

Early education is helping to prepare young children to be ready when they begin school. Between 2013 and last year, there was a marked increase in children reaching a good level of development at the end of their Reception year, from 52% to 60%.

Today's report finds that although poorer children's development is continuing to rise in line with their classmates, the attainment gap between disadvantaged children and their peers has not narrowed.

The report points out that 42% of all 2-year-olds eligible for 15 hours of free early education have not taken up their place in any type of setting.

It also finds that fewer than 5,000 schools are taking 2-year-olds and those that do are taking a disproportionate number of children from better-off families. Only 9% of 2-year-olds in schools are on a funded place.

There are 40 LAs where there are no disadvantaged 2-year-olds in any maintained school.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/early-education-is-better-than-ever-but-attainment-gap-remains>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofsted-early-years-report-2015>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofsted-s-early-years-report-2015-is-published>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/early-years-report-2015>

**Open an adoption support agency: do you need to register? (09/07/15)**

The first document to read if you want to become this children's social care provider type.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/adoption-support-agencies-introduction-to-registration>

**Childcare inspections and outcomes as at 31 March 2015 (09/07/15)**

This release combines the 'Early years providers and places' and the 'Early Years inspections and outcomes' statistical releases.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/childcare-inspections-and-outcomes-as-at-31-march-2015>

**Letter to schools outlining changes to education inspection from September 2015 (07/07/15)**

Sir Michael Wilshaw, HMCI has written to schools in England about changes to inspection from September 2015.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/letter-to-schools-outlining-changes-to-education-inspection-from-september-2015>

**Inspecting voluntary adoption agencies**  
(03/07/15)

Guidance for Ofsted inspectors when conducting inspections of voluntary adoption agencies.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspecting-voluntary-adoption-agencies-guidance-for-inspectors>

**Inspecting adoption support agencies**  
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Guidance for Ofsted inspectors when conducting inspections of adoption support agencies.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspecting-adoption-support-agencies-guidance-for-inspectors>

**Inspecting social care compliance: guidance for Ofsted staff** (03/07/15)

This handbook sets out the legal background to Ofsted's social care compliance work and Ofsted's powers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/social-care-compliance-handbook-from-september-2014>

**Inspecting childrens homes with accommodation for adults** (01/07/15)

Guidance on how Ofsted inspects and regulates children's homes that also include care and accommodation for adults.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspecting-childrens-homes-with-accommodation-for-adults>

**Independent schools inspection outcomes**  
(30/06/15)

Official statistics for independent school inspections and outcomes covering the period September 2014 to March 2015.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/independent-schools-inspection-outcomes-september-2014-to-march-2015>



**Monthly management information: Ofsted's school inspections outcomes**  
(30/06/15)

Management information published monthly in the interests of transparency.

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

**Maintained schools and academies: inspections and outcomes** (26/06/15)

Official statistics covering January 2015 to March 2015 provisional and October 2014 to December 2014 revised.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/maintained-schools-and-academies-inspections-and-outcomes-january-2015-to-march-2015>

**Children's centres inspection outcomes**  
(25/06/15)

Official statistics covering January 2015 to March 2015 provisional and September 2014 to December 2014 revised.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/childrens-centres-inspection-outcomes-january-to-march-2015>

**June 2015 issue of 'School Inspection Update'** (25/06/15)

This newsletter provides inspectors and stakeholders with information and guidance about Ofsted's inspection work in schools.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/june-2015-issue-of-school-inspection-update-newsletter-published>

**Disclosure application process for volunteers** (06/07/15)

A booklet explaining the DBS check application process for volunteers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disclosure-application-process-for-volunteers>

**DBS: who we are and what we do**

(06/07/15)

A booklet explaining what the Disclosure and Barring Service does.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-who-we-are-and-what-we-do>

**DBS barring: making a referral** (06/07/15)

A booklet explaining how to make a referral to the DBS.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-barring-making-a-referral>

**DBS checks: case studies** (06/07/15)

A booklet with case studies about DBS checks.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-checks-case-studies>

**Highest ever numbers of "violence against women" cases being prosecuted and convicted in England and Wales** (25/06/15)

The CPS has seen a dramatic increase in the numbers of cases concerning Violence Against Women and Girls (VaWG) - including rape, domestic abuse and sexual abuse.

In 2014/15, 107,104 of these crimes were prosecuted, an increase of more than 16,000 from last year (18.3%) and the highest ever in CPS records. Likewise, the numbers of those convicted rose by over 11,000 (16.9%) to its highest level ever. CSA convictions also rose by 19%.

[http://www.cps.gov.uk/news/latest\\_news/highest-ever-numbers-of-violence-against-women-cases-being-prosecuted-and-convicted-in-england-and-wales/](http://www.cps.gov.uk/news/latest_news/highest-ever-numbers-of-violence-against-women-cases-being-prosecuted-and-convicted-in-england-and-wales/)

**Children looked after placements as at 31 March 2014** (14/07/15)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/children-looked-after-placements-as-at-31-march-2014>



**The police service must reassess their approach to child protection - or risk failing a new generation of children**

(02/07/15)

The protection of children is one of the most serious and important responsibilities entrusted to the police service. In a time of changing communities – both real and virtual – the police service must reassess their approach to child protection, or risk failing another generation.

HMIC published today a series of 3 reports related to child protection over the last 18 months:

[In harm's way: the role of the police in keeping children safe](#) – a summary of findings from 21 inspections on the police response to child protection conducted over the last two years;

[Online and on the edge: real risks in a virtual world](#) – findings from an inspection of how police forces deal with children who are being exploited via the internet; and

[Building the picture: an inspection of police information management](#) – an examination of how successfully police share and cross check information in order to build a picture of criminality (this inspection is the result of findings in HMIC's 2013 report into police failings in sharing and recording allegations related to Jimmy Savile).

<http://www.justiceinspectores.gov.uk/hmic/news/news-feed/the-police-service-must-reassess-their-approach-to-child-protection/>  
<http://news.npcc.police.uk/releases/we-are-at-crossroads-in-how-we-deal-with-child-abuse>

**Repeat knife offenders face new minimum prison term (03/07/15)**

Minimum prison sentences for offenders who repeatedly carry knives will come into effect from 17 July 2015, Justice Minister Mike Penning has announced.

The new ‘two-strikes’ sentence means that adults convicted more than once of being in possession of a blade face a minimum 6 month prison sentence and a maximum of 4 years.

Young offenders, aged 16 and 17, will face a minimum 4 month detention and training order.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/repeat-knife-offenders-face-new-minimum-prison-term>

**Youth offending team stocktake (15/07/15)**

Earlier this year, the commissioned Deloitte to conduct a stocktake of YOTs, to understand how the YOT model has evolved locally and nationally, including differences in organisational structures, funding arrangements, spending decisions, and ways of working.

The report sets out the findings of the stocktake and the recommendations made by Deloitte.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/youth-offending-team-stocktake>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/stocktake-of-youth-offending-teams>

**Cafcass Annual Report and Accounts 2014-15 (15/07/15)**

The Annual Report and Accounts outlines our performance and achievements in what was another successful year for Cafcass.

The report sets out the context in which we work, our continued role in leading reform



and our innovative response to challenges across the sector.

This includes,

- Pilots across public and private law to help manage demand,
- Ensuring the courts have the right information for timely decisions,
- Promoting the best outcomes for children.

<http://www.cafcass.gov.uk/news/2015/july/cafcass-annual-report-and-accounts-2014-15.aspx>

**Care applications in June 2015 (13/07/15)**

In June 2015, Cafcass received 1,104 care applications, 25% up on June 2014.

Between April 2014 and March 2015 Cafcass received 11,143 applications, up 5% on the previous financial year.

<http://www.cafcass.gov.uk/news/2015/july/june-2015-care-demand-statistics.aspx>

**Cafcass private law demand (13/07/15)**

In June 2015, Cafcass received 3,466 new private law cases, up 33% on June 2014 levels.

Between April 2014 and March 2015 Cafcass received 34,218 new private law cases, down 27% on the previous financial year.

<http://www.cafcass.gov.uk/news/2015/july/june-2015-private-law-demand-statistics.aspx>

**Child death reviews: year ending 31 March 2015 (16/07/15)**

Numbers of child death reviews this year, by child characteristics and circumstances of death, and number of deaths with modifiable factors.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/child-death-reviews-year-ending-31-march-2015>

**Special needs expert to head new assessment review** (14/07/15)

The executive headteacher of a leading special needs school will oversee a new review into how to assess accurately pupils with lower attainment, Schools Minister Nick Gibb has announced.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/special-needs-expert-to-head-new-assessment-review>

**Edward Timpson writes to directors of children's services** (13/07/15)

Letter to all LAs about the transfer from statements and learning difficulty assessments to education, health and care plans.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/edward-timpson-writes-to-directors-of-childrens-services>

**International Child Protection Certificate launch in Bucharest** (02/07/15)

British Ambassador Paul Brummell opening remarks at the Launch of the NCA-CEOP International Child Protection Certificate.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/international-child-protection-certificate-launch-in-bucharest>

**New report reveals causes of child death in Wales** (14/07/15)

A Public Health Wales report published on 14 July describes trends and patterns relating to the death of children in Wales.

The Child Death Review Annual Report 2015 shows that 40% of all deaths among 1 to 17 year-olds from non-medical causes are related to transport accidents. This figure rises to 43 per cent among 12-17 year olds.

The report also finds a strong association between deprivation and the risk of child death.



The death rate among children living in the most deprived areas is 70% higher than among children living in the least deprived areas.

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/888/news/38024>

**Our mission to give vulnerable children a better start in life** (13/07/15)

Children and Families Minister Edward Timpson speaks about his vision for reform and innovation at the ADCS conference.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/our-mission-to-give-vulnerable-children-a-better-start-in-life>

**New European standards for liquitabs** (24/06/15)

On 1 June, new standards came into force to reduce the risk to children from being poisoned and burned by liquitabs.

As we reported in February, new European Union (EU) rules governing the safety of liquitabs – laundry detergent capsules – and their packaging came into effect on 1 June. The regulations require that liquitabs sold in the EU:

- take more than six seconds to dissolve
- have a coating that is impregnated with a bittering agent
- are packaged in non-transparent boxes
- are packaged in boxes that are printed with warnings and have a child-resistant closing mechanism

Manufacturers have been given 6 months to comply with the new regulations, so it won't be until the end of this year that consumers will notice the new packaging on the shelves of supermarkets.

<http://www.capt.org.uk/who-we-are/news/new-european-standards-liquitabs-come-force>

**Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Public Health writes to NHS partners about FGM (10/07/15)**

Warns of the need for increased vigilance over FGM in coming weeks and reminds staff of safeguarding responsibilities.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/jane-ellison-writes-to-nhs-partners-about-fgm-summer-vigilance>

**Facing the Future Together for Child Health (26/06/15)**

This is a new set of standards, developed jointly by the RCPCH, RCGP and the RCN.

It builds on the Facing the Future: Standards for Acute General Paediatric Services expanding them to acute care outside the hospital. The standards apply across the unscheduled care pathway and aim to improve health care and outcomes for children and young people with acute illness.

The standards aim to ensure there is always high quality diagnosis and care early in the unscheduled pathway and to reduce unnecessary attendances at the emergency department and admissions to hospital by providing care closer to home.

The standards will bring specialist child health expertise directly into general practice where the needs of the child or young person are known and build connections between primary and secondary care.  
<http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/improving-child-health/better-nhs-children/service-standards-and-planning/facing-future-together-c-1>

**New meningitis vaccines to be introduced in Wales (10/07/15)**

New vaccines to protect against different forms of meningitis will be introduced in Wales at the end of the summer, Health and



Social Services Minister Mark Drakeford has announced.

As previously announced, the meningitis B vaccine will be introduced to the routine childhood vaccination programme in Wales. This will start in September.

The vaccination will be given in three doses at the age of 2, 4 and 12 months, with all babies in Wales who are aged 2 months when the vaccine is introduced being eligible for the jab. There will be a catch-up programme for those children born between May 1 and June 30, 2015.

In response to an increase in the number of cases of meningitis in the UK and based on advice from the Joint Committee for Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) – the national body which advises governments about vaccination – a new meningitis ACWY vaccine will be introduced in Wales, replacing the existing meningitis C jab, which is given to teenagers and people starting university.

From August, the vaccine will be offered to all students under 25 who are attending university for the first time this autumn. There will also be a catch-up programme for all 14 to 18-year-olds over the next 2 years.  
<http://gov.wales/newsroom/healthandsocialcare/2015/150711meningitis/?lang=en>

**MenACWY programme: information for healthcare professionals (08/07/15)**

Information about the introduction of a new meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) programme for adolescents, aimed at healthcare professionals.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/menacwy-programme-information-for-healthcare-professionals>

**MenACWY: GP invitation letter template**  
(16/07/15)

The meningococcal ACWY vaccine is being introduced in response to an increase in cases of invasive meningococcal disease capsular group W (MenW) disease. The vaccine protects against meningitis and septicaemia caused by meningococcal groups A, C, W and Y.

This letter template is for GPs to invite eligible young people aged 17 and 18 to receive the vaccine.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/menacwy-gp-invitation-letter-template>

**MenACWY programme: training slides for healthcare professionals** (08/07/15)

Training slides about the new meningococcal ACWY immunisation programme for adolescents, aimed at healthcare professionals.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/menacwy-programme-training-slides-for-healthcare-professionals>

**Meningitis and septicaemia: leaflet for students in years 9 to 13** (26/06/15)

A leaflet for students in school years 9 to 13 explaining why it's important that they have the meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) vaccine.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/meningitis-and-septicaemia-leaflet-for-students-in-years-9-to-13>

**Meningitis and septicaemia: information for students** (26/06/15)

This poster promotes the availability of the new meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY) vaccine to students in schools and 6th form colleges.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/meningitis-and-septicaemia-information-for-students>

**MenACWY: information for first time university entrants** (08/07/15)

This letter provides information on the meningococcal ACWY programme in relation to first time university entrants.

This tripartite letter from Public Health England, Universities UK and NHS England outlines important information on the MenACWY programme regarding first time university entrants.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/menacwy-information-for-first-time-university-entrants>

**PSHE and SRE in schools: government response** (16/07/15)

Response to the Education Select Committee's report on personal, social, health and economic education, and sex and relationships education.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pshe-and-sre-in-schools-government-response>

**Care leavers' transitions to adulthood** (17/07/15)

The system for supporting young people leaving foster or residential care in England to live successful independent lives is not working effectively, according to the National Audit Office. This is despite the fact that there is a clear legal framework and an inspection regime in place.

The numbers of care leavers in employment, education and training have deteriorated since 2007-08.

<http://www.nao.org.uk/press-releases/care-leavers-transitions-to-adulthood-3/#>

**PSHE and SRE in schools: government response (17/05/15)**

Response to the Education Select Committee's report on personal, social, health and economic education, and sex and relationships education.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/school-and-college-qualifications-and-curriculum>

**Smoking in vehicles (17/07/15)**

From 1 October 2015 it will be illegal to smoke in a car (or other vehicles) with anyone under 18 present. The law is changing to protect children and young people from the dangers of secondhand smoke.

Both the driver and the smoker could be fined £50. The law applies to every driver, including those aged 17 and those with a provisional driving licence. The law does not apply if the driver is 17 years old and is on their own in the car.

The law applies to any private vehicle that is enclosed wholly or partly by a roof. It still applies if people have the windows or sunroof open, have the air conditioning on, or if they sit in the open doorway of the vehicle. The law won't apply to a convertible car with the roof completely down.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/smoking-in-vehicles>

**Support and challenge for residential provision in FE colleges (17/07/15)**

How Ofsted will support and challenge further education colleges whose residential provision has been judged inadequate or to require improvement.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/support-and-challenge-for-residential-provision-in-further-education-colleges>



**Ofsted safeguarding policy (17/07/15)**

Policy on identifying and responding to concerns regarding the safeguarding and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofsted-safeguarding-policy>

## Consultations

### **Publication of statistics on maintained schools and academies: inspections and outcomes (02/07/15)**

Consultation document on Ofsted's proposals for revisions to how it published inspection outcome statistics for maintained schools and academies.

Ofsted is seeking the widest possible range of views to ensure that the revised publication format takes into account the needs and circumstances of all those who have an interest or expertise in maintained schools and academies. Ofsted is particularly keen to hear from people who have been directly involved with schools – including children, parents and carers and those who run and commission services.

Closing date: 29<sup>th</sup> July 2015

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/publication-of-statistics-on-maintained-schools-and-academies-inspections-and-outcomes>

### **Draft revised guidance on disciplinary and dismissal procedures for school staff (26/06/15)**

This consultation seeks your views on amendments to the disciplinary and dismissal guidance for school staff.

The Staffing of Maintained Schools (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 changed the criteria in the 2006 Staffing Regulations regarding the requirement to have an independent investigation of child abuse allegations made against members of staff in a school. The purpose of the independent investigation is to inform the governing body's staff disciplinary and dismissal committees about allegations which, if



substantiated, would be considered to be gross misconduct, and so would be subject to a staff disciplinary hearing which may result in dismissal.

The changes to the law mean that our guidance in Circular 002/2013 needs amending. We seek your comments on an updated draft version of the guidance which accounts for the changes to the law and also refines and re-orders the information.

Closing date: 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015

<http://gov.wales/consultations/education/disciplinary-and-dismissal-procedures-for-school-staff/?lang=en>

### **Harmful sexual behaviour among children and young people: call for evidence 2 (13/06/15)**

NICE is developing public health guidance on 'Harmful sexual behaviour: identifying and helping children and young people who display harmful sexual behaviour'.

To inform the guidance, a number of public health evidence reviews are being conducted to address the key questions set out in the scope. Further information is available at: <http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/GID-PHG66>

The Centre for Public Health at NICE would like to receive details of any evidence that relates to the questions outlined in the scope and particularly any literature on the gaps in the evidence identified to date in relation to the scope areas.

Closing date: 14<sup>th</sup> August 2015

<http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-phg66/consultation/harmful-sexual-behaviour-among-children-and-young-people-call-for-evidence-2>

## Consultations (continued)

### **National Pathway for Homelessness Services to Children, Young People and Adults in the Secure Estate (02/07/15)**

Part 2 of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 introduces a new system to tackle homelessness and the threat of homelessness, including a far greater emphasis on preventing homelessness in the first place. This has been achieved by strengthening the role of prevention in the duties which LAs owe to homeless people.

Section 70 of the Act outlines the priority need categories for those who require additional support. As a result of s.70, those released from custody are no longer automatically eligible for priority need.

In response to concerns about this change in legislation, the then Minister for Housing and Regeneration established the Prisoner Accommodation and Resettlement Working Group to ensure those held in custody would have access to prevention services prior to release.

The purpose of this consultation is to seek views on the National Pathway for Homelessness Services to Children, Young People and Adults in the Secure Estate which has been produced by the Working Group in response to concerns around access to the prevention services.

Closing date: 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
<http://gov.wales/consultations/housing-and-regeneration/national-pathway-for-homelessness-services/?lang=en>



### **Child protection services: joint agency reviews (15/07/15)**

We are seeking views on proposed amendments to the Children Act 2004 (Joint Area Reviews) Regulations 2005.

We invite your views on arrangements for:

- producing a report following a joint review
- a written response from agencies, subject to review.

The reviews will be conducted jointly by:

- Ofsted
- HMIC
- HMIP
- the Care Quality Commission

Closing date: 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/child-protection-services-joint-agency-reviews>

### **Joint targeted area inspections (15/07/15)**

This joint consultation is on the proposals for the delivery of joint targeted area inspections under section 20 of the Children Act 2004. Inspections under section 20 are arranged and led by Ofsted. Each of the inspectorates will continue their single agency programmes of inspections of child protection and/or safeguarding.

This is a joint endeavour between:

- Ofsted
- Care Quality Commission
- Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary
- Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation

Closing date: 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/joint-targeted-area-inspections>

## Consultations (continued)

### **Special guardianship review (16/07/15)**

Special guardianship was introduced in 2005 as an alternative legal status providing permanence for children when they are unable to remain with their parents until they are 18-years-old. We invite your views on:

- how the use of special guardianship has changed since its introduction in 2005
- the assessment process
- the advice and support for special guardians
- examples of best practice

Closing date: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/special-guardianship-review>

### **Draft regulations on the sale and manufacture of tobacco products**

(17/07/15)

The revised EU Tobacco Products Directive (2014/40/EU) will replace existing legislation on regulating the sale and manufacture of tobacco products and for the first time regulate e-cigarettes and herbal products. It will apply from 20 May 2016.

The UK has some flexibility in how it might choose to implement the new rules. The purpose of this consultation is to seek further information on the impact of the Directive and flexibilities to inform the government's final decisions on implementation.

Closing date: 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-regulations-on-the-sale-and-manufacture-of-tobacco-products>



## Conferences

### **Facing the Unthinkable' Training Events**

PAS has run FtU) seminars throughout the UK for over 20 years. They are specially designed for churches and other organisations working with children, young people and vulnerable adults. They aim to achieve a greater understanding of abuse. This includes where it happens and how it can be prevented by adopting safer working practices. The ultimate aim is to develop a more confident approach to working with children and other vulnerable people.

The cost is £22.50 per person or £20 person for 5 or more.

4<sup>th</sup> September 2015 Chesham  
5<sup>th</sup> September 2015 Coventry  
5<sup>th</sup> September 2015 Congleton  
12<sup>th</sup> September 2015 Newark on Trent  
12<sup>th</sup> September 2015 Coleford  
6<sup>th</sup> September 2015 Aldridge  
3<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 Rochester  
3<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 Wrexham  
10<sup>th</sup> October 2015 Barnstaple  
17<sup>th</sup> October 2015 Manchester  
17<sup>th</sup> October 2015 Oxford  
24<sup>th</sup> October 2015 Chessington  
7<sup>th</sup> November 2015 Newcastle  
14<sup>th</sup> November 2015 Lincoln  
21<sup>st</sup> November 2015 Cardiff  
21<sup>st</sup> November 2015 Chiswick  
28<sup>th</sup> November 2015 Frinton on Sea  
2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 Leeds

<https://services.ccpas.co.uk/events>



### **Innovative Practice from Barnardo's Safer Futures West: Invisible children and parents: understanding suicide and self-harm in work with vulnerable clients**

6<sup>th</sup> November 2015 Manchester £55-£199  
Children and young people who self-harm present a major challenge for safeguarding services and numerous serious case reviews have identified many areas for improvement in respect of children and young people who are at risk of suicide.

Barnardos Safer Futures is a long established service in NW England that helps children and young people who are involved in risky behaviours move forward to safer lifestyles. In this conference we draw on the collective experience of Safer Futures to highlight innovative practice in working with children, young people and parents whose risk to themselves is sometimes invisible, very often hidden and too frequently misunderstood.

Experts from the fields of CSA recovery; CSE, sexually harmful behaviour, domestic abuse and looked-after-children share their knowledge of current theory, research and personal practice to explain how to support and safeguard children and young people who use self-harm to cope, communicate and/or as a means to end life.

This day will be relevant to practitioners at all levels, including their supervisors and managers, in all key agencies and organisations working in the safeguarding children arena. This includes practitioners who provide risk assessments, conduct investigations, provide placements or offer support, counselling and therapy.

<http://www.baspcan.org.uk/events-national.php>

## Conferences (continued)

### **Child Protection in Education conference**

15<sup>th</sup> September 2015      London

13<sup>th</sup> October 2015      Manchester

£309 - £469 + VAT

This is an annual update on child protection law and safeguarding legal obligations from leading educational lawyers.

Attend to ensure safeguarding processes and procedures in your school are compliant and fully aligned with the latest statutory guidance to avoid falling foul of the law.

Issues covered on the day include:

- **Keeping Children Safe in Education:** Health check your school's safeguarding policies. Take away a vital legal update on this statutory guidance and how to ensure your organisation remains compliant
- **Disqualification by Association:** Leave with a clear guide on what this means for your school and know the correct steps to take to remain compliant
- **CSE:** Clarify your new duties to identify, report and prevent CSE, know how to spot the signs and what action you must take to ensure you robustly safeguarding vulnerable pupils

Plus, sessions on Radicalisation, FGM & Forced Marriage, Mental Health, multi-agency working and much more.

<http://www.optimus-education.com/conferences/CPLondon15>  
<http://www.optimus-education.com/conferences/CPManchester15?r=CPLon>

### **Preventing Extremism and Tackling Radicalisation in Schools**

1st October 2015      Manchester

£210 - £250 + VAT

New legal duties under the Prevent Agenda and the Counter Terrorism Act 2015 place an unfamiliar responsibility on you to prevent your students being drawn into terrorism and to raise the alarm over children and young people you feel are at risk of radicalisation.

Take part in 5 in-depth sessions covering your most pressing concerns, including:

- **Legal spotlight:** Clarify your new legal duties under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015
  - **Recognising and Responding:** Know how to identify and assess risk of radicalisation in your students and the appropriate next steps
  - **Model Policies:** Leave with a clear and robust model policy, aligned with Ofsted's expectations, to ensure you are correctly managing extremism
  - **Resilience:** Take away proven methods to build resilience and develop self-esteem in your pupils to safeguard them from exploitation and radicalisation
  - **"British Values":** Gain a raft of practical strategies to embed "British Values" across your whole-school to provide a narrative which challenges extremist thinking
- <http://www.optimus-education.com/conferences/preventmanc>

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