

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN
INFORMATION UPDATE - 314
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DNA testing on the NHS to fast track diagnosis for critically ill babies and children (03/01/20)

The NHS in England is providing a new form of DNA test capable of rapidly diagnosing rare diseases for critically ill babies and children, as part of its Long Term Plan to use world leading technologies to improve care for the sickest infants.

80 babies and children have received this new test, with almost half being given a diagnosis for their rare disease.

The technique, known as ‘whole exome sequencing’, doubles the chance of a diagnosis and can reveal what is wrong with patients in days rather than weeks, reducing waits for worried families.

Just a year on from the NHS Long Term Plan committing to harness the power of DNA mapping, patients in England are amongst the first in the world to be routinely offered the tests.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/2020/01/dna-testing-on-the-nhs/>

Government confirms extra support for Troubled Families to succeed

(05/01/20)

Up to £165m new funding to help families get their lives back on track announced.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-confirms-extra-support-for-troubled-families-to-succeed>

New research explores children and young people’s views on online sexual harm

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The Inquiry has published new research exploring children and young people’s perspectives on online sexual harm and the education they receive on this in school.

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/new-research-explores-children-and-young-people%E2%80%99s-views-online-sexual-harm>

Pass the parcel: children posted around the care system (24/12/19)

Anne Longfield, Children’s

Commissioner for England, has published a report revealing thousands of children in the care system are living many miles away from family and friends.

The report shines a light on the experiences of children in care who are moved ‘out of area’ – away from their home boroughs where family and friends live.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/2019/12/24/thousands-of-children-in-care-passed-around-the-system-like-parcels-and-living-miles-away-from-family-and-friends/>

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/publication/pass-the-parcel-children-posted-around-the-care-system/>

Guidance - Strengthening families, protecting children (SFPC) programme (06/01/20)

Information about the SFPC programme to help safely reduce the number of children entering care.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/strengthening-families-protecting-children-sfpc-programme>

Free meals and summer holiday activities for children (04/01/20)

£11.8m boost to breakfast clubs in disadvantaged areas and £9m funding for summer holiday activities

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/free-meals-and-summer-holiday-activities-for-children>

Children in need census 2019 to 2020: specification (02/01/20)

Specification and validation rules for LAs and software suppliers preparing for the 2019 to 2020 children in need census.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/children-in-need-census-2019-to-2020-specification>

Children looked after return (19/12/19)

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

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

Common transfer file 2019: guide, specification and schema (19/12/19)

A guide for LAs and schools, and technical documents for software suppliers, to use the 2019 CTF.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/common-transfer-file-19-specification>

School exclusion reviews data collection 2020: guide for LAs

(19/12/19)

Guide for all local authorities to help them complete and return the school exclusion reviews data collection 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-exclusion-reviews-data-collection-2020-guide-for-las>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/schools-exclusion-reviews-survey>

Statistics: looked-after children

(05/12/19)

Statistics on children under local authority care at national and LA level.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-looked-after-children>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/looked-after-children-statistics-in-england-guide>

Children looked after in England including adoption: 2018 to 2019

(05/12/19)

Information on looked-after children at both national and local authority levels for the financial year 2018 to 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/children-looked-after-in-england-including-adoption-2018-to-2019>

Slavery and human trafficking in supply chains: guidance for businesses

(18/12/19)

Government guidance for organisations on how to ensure that slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in their business or supply chains.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transparency-in-supply-chains-a-practical-guide>

Child death overview panels: contacts
(20/12/19)

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>

Child death review data collection: submitting data
(29/11/19)

How child death overview panels should submit information for the LSCB1 data collection.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/child-death-review-data-collection-submitting-data>

Cafcass – Private law data

We received 31,293 new private law cases from April to November 2019, 5.9% more than the same period in 2018. These cases involved 46,830 children, 4.1% more children than April to November 2018.

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

Cafcass – Public law data

We received 12,395 new public law cases between April 2019 and November 2019 featuring 19,959 children; this represents a decrease of 1.6% and a decrease of 4.6%.

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

Interim guidance for Independent Child Trafficking Guardians early adopter sites
(06/12/19)

Guidance on roles and responsibilities of ICTGs.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-trafficking-advocates-early-adopter-sites>

Modern slavery victims: referral and assessment forms
(28/11/19)

Forms for referring potential victims of modern slavery/human trafficking to the national referral mechanism. These forms will be accepted in exceptional circumstances until 29 February 2020.

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

Indecent images of children: guidance for young people
(21/11/19)

This guidance aims to help young people understand the law on making or sharing indecent images of children.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/indecent-images-of-children-guidance-for-young-people>

Detention and escorting: safeguarding children
(19/11/19)

Detention services order 19/2012 about safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in detention.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/detention-and-escorting-safeguarding-children-policy>

Independent review of Prevent
(20/12/19)

Documents related to the review of Prevent.

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

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-review-of-prevent-call-for-evidence>

Independent review of Prevent: ways of working (20/12/19)

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

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

Lead exposure in children: surveillance reports (03/01/20)

Results of laboratory-based surveillance of elevated blood lead concentrations in children in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/lead-exposure-in-children-surveillance-reports>

Seasonal flu vaccine uptake in children of primary school age: monthly data, 2019 to 2020 (19/12/19)

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-2019-to-2020>

What to expect after vaccinations (18/12/19)

Information about common side effects of vaccinations 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>

Pneumococcal vaccination for infants: leaflets (13/12/19)

Information on the infant pneumococcal vaccination programme valid 01/01/20.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pneumococcal-vaccination-for-infants-leaflets>

Pre-school vaccinations: guide to vaccinations (13/12/19)

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>

Childhood immunisation: quick guide for parents of premature babies (13/12/19)

A leaflet for parents which describes the immunisations offered to premature babies.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-quick-guide-to-childhood-immunisation-for-the-parents-of-premature-babies>

Immunisations at one year of age (13/12/19)

A leaflet to remind you to get your child immunised at one year of age.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/immunisations-between-12-and-13-months-of-age>

Immunisations: babies up to 13 months of age (13/12/19)

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>

Immunisation (13/12/19)

Information for immunisation practitioners and other health professionals.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/immunisation>

Complete routine immunisation schedule (13/12/19)

Immunisation information for health professionals and immunisation practitioners.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-complete-routine-immunisation-schedule>

Pneumococcal vaccination: guidance for health professionals (13/12/19)

Information for healthcare practitioners on the changes to the infant pneumococcal vaccination schedule.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pneumococcal-vaccination-guidance-for-health-professionals>

Immunisations for young people (13/12/19)

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>

Routine childhood immunisation schedule (13/12/19)

Information for health professionals on childhood immunisations.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/routine-childhood-immunisation-schedule>

Tuberculosis (TB) and children (13/12/19)

Guidance for all of those who work with children. Explains how to advise those who may have been exposed to TB.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tuberculosis-tb-and-children>

HPV vaccination coverage in adolescent females in England: 2018 to 2019 (13/12/19)

HPV vaccine coverage data for vaccinations given up to 31 August 2019 by local authority and local team.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/hpv-vaccination-coverage-in-adolescent-females-in-england-2018-to-2019>

National child measurement programme (13/12/19)

Annual guidance that advises local providers of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) on how to implement it.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-child-measurement-programme>

National measles guidelines (02/12/19)

How to manage cases of suspected measles: what patient details to take, who to notify and assessing risk of disease spreading in close contacts.

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

2020 child health profiles (18/11/19)

Update of main child health profile indicators including annual snapshot for upper tier local authorities. Associated indicators which give greater detail for specific groups within the population will also be updated.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/2020-child-health-profiles>



Publication date for Children Outside the UK Phase Two report (02/12/19)

The IICSA will publish its report into the second phase of the Children Outside the UK investigation on 9th January 2020. The report was delayed to avoid the general election period.

It is based on a week of public hearings held in February 2019, where the Inquiry heard evidence from various international organisations, as well as the police, Home Office, National Crime Agency and British Council among others.

This phase of the investigation examined the legal measures designed to protect children outside the UK from sexual abuse by those with links to England and Wales.

This includes civil orders preventing those known to be a risk to children from travelling abroad, as well as the power to prosecute UK nationals who have committed sexual offences abroad.

The first phase of this investigation examined Child Migration Programmes, with the report of that case study published in March 2018.

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/inquiry-announces-publication-date-children-outside-uk-phase-two-report>

Childminders and childcare providers: register with Ofsted (06/01/20)

Guidance for childminders, nannies, nurseries and people providing other childcare on when/if you need to



register with Ofsted, the process, fees and requirements.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/childminders-and-childcare-providers-register-with-ofsted>

Childminders and childcare providers: register with Ofsted (06/01/20)

The application process for nannies (also known as home childcarers), including what you need to do before you apply, fees, and changes once you're registered.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/childminders-and-childcare-providers-register-with-ofsted/nannies-registration>

Ofsted and CQC joint registration guidance: Children's homes and health care (19/12/19)

This guide is for inspectors and providers to help decide if a provider needs to register with one or both regulatory bodies.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ofsted-and-cqc-joint-registration-guidance-childrens-homes-and-health-care>

Social care: guidance for Ofsted staff (17/12/19)

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>

Ofsted inspections of FE and skills providers (16/12/19)

Guidance on inspecting further education and skills providers, including short inspections, safeguarding, our handbook and inspections of training in prisons.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collectio ns/ofsted-inspections-of-further-education-and-skills-providers>

Inspecting education, skills and work activities in prisons and young offender institutions (16/12/19)

Handbook for inspecting education, skills and work activities in prisons and YOIs from 1 February 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publicati ons/inspecting-education-skills-and-work-activities-in-prisons-and-young-offender-institutions-eif>

DBS checks for childminders and childcare workers (03/12/19)

How to get a Criminal Record check if you want to look after children for a living: who needs a check, what it costs and how long it takes.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/criminal-record-checks-for-childminders-and-childcare-workers>

Local area SEND inspections: information for families (03/12/19)

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/publicati ons/local-area-send-inspections-information-for-families>



Information-sharing protocol: Ofsted and the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO) (05/12/19)

This document sets out how our organisations relate to each other and work together within the shared aim of improving standards in children's social care services.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/public ations/information-sharing-protocol-ofsted-and-the-local-government-and-social-care-ombudsman-lgSCO>

Abolishing the defence of reasonable punishment of children (05/12/19)

Background information to provide context to the Bill

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

Children's Commissioner for Wales annual report 2018 to 2019 (03/12/19)

Welsh Government response to the report

<https://gov.wales/childrens-commissioner-wales-annual-report-2018-2019-welsh-government-response>
<https://gov.wales/written-statement-first-ministers-response-behalf-welsh-government-childrens-commissioner-wales-0>

Cafcass Cymru annual report 2018 to 2019 (29/11/19)

Information about the performance of Cafcass Cymru in the financial year 2018 to 2019

<https://gov.wales/cafcass-cymru-annual-report-2018-2019>

Children's rights in Wales (27/11/19)

The Welsh Government is firmly committed to promoting children's rights and has led the way in this area. Our approach is based on our commitment to the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

<https://gov.wales/childrens-rights-in-wales>

Anti-bullying briefing pack: questions and answers (17/12/19)

An update on the revised statutory anti-bullying guidance.

<https://gov.wales/anti-bullying-briefing-pack-questions-and-answers>

Exclusion from schools and pupil referral units (25/11/19)

Guidance on excluding learners and the procedures to follow.

<https://gov.wales/exclusion-schools-and-pupil-referral-units-pru>

Practice guidance: placements in unregistered children's homes in England or unregistered care home services in Wales (22/11/19)

The President of the Family Division, Sir Andrew McFarlane, has issued new practice guidance to explain the registration and regulation structure applicable in England and, separately, in Wales for residential care facilities for children and young people.

The Guidance requires the court to monitor the progress of the application for registration and, if registration is not achieved, to review its continued



approval of the child's placement in an unregistered unit.

<https://gov.wales/practice-guidance-placements-unregistered-childrens-homes-england-or-unregistered-care-home>

The Children's Commissioner for Wales (December 2019)

Evaluation of our Plan for All Children and Young People: 2016-19.

<https://www.childcomwales.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Evaluation-of-Our-Plan-for-All-Children-and-Young-People-2016-19.pdf>

Consultations

**Written Statement: Children Act 2004
Education Database (Wales)
Regulations 2020 and the Education
(Information about Children in
Independent Schools) (Wales)
Regulations 2020 - Kirsty Williams,
Minister for Education (11/12/19)**

This statement is to update Members on the proposed consultation on the draft database regulations, the timescales for publishing the final statutory guidance for LAs on home education and the coming into force date for the database regulations.

Members will be aware our consultation on new statutory guidance for LAs on home education ran between 29 July and 25 October 2019. This generated 471 responses. The responses came from a diverse range of stakeholders, including statutory agencies, such as LAs and the health sector, education stakeholders, home education organisations and home educators. We will be publishing a high level analysis of the consultation on the statutory guidance in the new year.

I am genuinely pleased so many stakeholders took part in the consultation and to see the breadth of views expressed. It is clear from the detail of the responses that this involved considerable time and effort, and I recognise that it also reflects the strength of feeling that exists on some of the issues. However, because a significant number of the many responses also raised complex technical, policy and

legal matters which require careful consideration, we need to ensure the final guidance and the draft regulations fully take these into account. Therefore, I have decided to extend the timescales for consultation on the draft database regulations, the publication of the statutory guidance for local authorities on home education and the coming into force date for the regulations.

The 12-week consultation on the draft regulations will take place early in the new year. During the consultation period, we will hold facilitated stakeholder events, details of which will be available in the new year and publicised on our website, via twitter and stakeholder organisations. The publication of the statutory guidance and coming into force date for the database regulations will be autumn 2020.

<https://gov.wales/written-statement-children-act-2004-education-database-wales-regulations-2020-and-education>

Conferences

Improving mental health provision for children and young people - policy developments, collaboration and the role of schools

4th March 2020 London £230 + VAT

This conference will bring out latest thinking on priorities for improving children and young people's mental health provision in England. It will bring together policymakers, clinicians and representatives of the education system to examine next steps for policy and practice and the implementation so far of key government measures.

Sessions in the agenda include:

- Policy priorities and where next for children's mental health in England;
- Introducing the Link Programme - improving collaboration between the NHS and schools;
- Creating a joined-up approach to children's mental health: identification, collaboration, prevention and mental health support teams;
- Mental health services in schools - inspections, links between health and education, and teachers' mental health;
- Greater Manchester Mentally Healthy Schools and Colleges programme - a training programme case study;
- Tackling resource concerns and improving the mental health of teaching staff;
- Implementing the new health curriculum.



- Joint inspections focusing on children's mental health - key findings so far.

<https://www.westminsterforumprojects.co.uk/conference/children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-20>

Safeguarding Adolescents and Young Adults: Delivering a Strengths-Based Approach

16th March 2020 London

£300 - £495 + VAT

The conference this year will focus on improving safeguarding practice: delivering a strengths based approach, transitional safeguarding, contextual safeguarding and complex safeguarding.

Through national expert sessions and practical case studies the conference aims to bring together safeguarding leads working with adolescents and young people to understand current issues and the national context, and to debate and discuss key issues and areas you are facing in practice, developing a strengths based approach to adolescent safeguarding.

<https://www.healthcareconferencesuk.co.uk/conferences-masterclasses/safeguarding-adolescents-and-young-adults>

Conferences (continued)

The 2nd Annual Working Together to Safeguard Children & Young People Conference

17th March 2020 London
£315 - £575 + VAT

In the UK there are 650,000 children reportedly living in “high risk” environments, with those facing immediate safeguarding needs rising by 4% between 2017 and 2018.

Previously crowded LSCBs are being replaced with streamlined safeguarding partnerships, allowing organisations to coordinate their response more effectively.

The Government has announced funding of £17m to increase information sharing across safeguarding organisations and improve children’s services. It has also renewed its commitment to improve safeguarding for the charity sector.

Attendees will hear the latest policy updates and initiatives from senior policymakers designed to safeguard vulnerable children. Participants will listen to case studies demonstrating proven approaches to protecting children.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/the-2nd-annual-working-together-to-safeguard-children-young-people-conference/>

The 2nd Annual Transforming Children and Young People’s Mental Health Provisions Conference

25th March 2020 London
£315 - £575 + VAT

One in ten children and young people in the UK have a diagnosable mental health condition (PHE),so it is important for parents, educators, legislators and health officials to work together.

With children spending more time at school, educators face pressure to identify and respond to mental health and wellbeing issues. The Link Programme will provide educators with skills to collaborate with NHS professionals in supporting children and young people with mental health challenges.

This event looks at how key stakeholders involved in providing mental health support and care for children and young people can effectively. It provides an invaluable opportunity for educators, public health bodies, local authorities, social care professionals, NHS workers and third sector practitioners to get the latest policy updates and learn from innovative case studies demonstrating best practice across children and young people’s mental health services.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/annual-transforming-children-young-people-mental-health-provisions->

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