

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN
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NHS should keep safeguarding responsibility (20/06/11)

Designated safeguarding professionals should be part of commissioning consortia if the NHS in England is reformed, according to the RCN and the RCPCH.

The colleges believe there is a risk that the functions of designated safeguarding professionals will become diluted. They have released a joint position statement which outlines a long-term model to ensure children and young people in contact with the NHS are protected.

http://www.rcn.org.uk/newsevents/news/article/uk/nhs_should_keep_safeguarding_responsibility

http://www.rcn.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0011/390584/Designated_Professionals_-_FINAL.PDF

Teaching Agency to be up and running from April 2012

(17/06/11)

The Teaching Agency is a new executive agency that will be responsible for ensuring the supply of high quality teachers and training, and for teacher regulation. It will open in April 2012 and take on some key functions currently carried out by the TDA, GTCE, CWDC and the QCDA subject to the necessary parliamentary approvals.

The agency will support teachers, instructors, early years' workers, classroom-based support staff, SENCOs, educational psychologists and examination officers.

Subject to parliamentary approval of related



legislation, the Teaching Agency will be responsible for three key areas of delivery:

- supply and retention of the workforce
- the quality of the workforce
- regulation of teacher conduct.

<http://www.education.gov.uk/inthenews/internationalnews/a0077895/teaching-agency-to-be-up-and-running-from-april-2012>

Child victims 'failed by the system'

(15/06/11)

Thousands of children who are sexually exploited never see their perpetrators brought to justice, according to Barnardo's.

Convictions totalled just 89 in England and Wales in 2009 when 2,756 children were known to have been abused.

Barnardo's believes 2 significant reasons for such low conviction rates are that cases are dropped due to insufficient evidence and the over reliance of victims to act as witnesses.

Barnardos is set to launch a study which will assess the role of the LSCBs in securing prosecutions against perpetrators of child sexual exploitation, due out in spring 2012.

In particular, Barnardo's wants to see these boards working towards a more effective multi-agency approach to present better evidence to secure convictions, which must be underpinned by Government legislation.

http://www.barnardos.org.uk/news_and_events/media_centre/press_releases.htm?ref=70223

MPs debate the Munro Report on child protection (10/06/11)

Tim Loughton, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Education, moved a debate in the House of Commons on 9 June on the findings of the Munro Report on child protection.

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2011/june/mps-debate-the-munro-report/>
<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/standard/publicationDetail/Page1/CM%208062>
<http://www.parliamentlive.tv/Main/Player.aspx?meetingId=8504&st=15:47:55>
<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/201011/cmhansrd/cm110609/debtext/110609-0003.htm#11060943000002>

Cafcass: Care demand statistics (08/06/11)

There were 816 care applications during May 2011.

During 2010-11, Cafcass received a total of 9,165 new applications, 3.8% higher than the previous year. Care application demand for all months in this year was the highest ever recorded by Cafcass for the individual months except June and Dec 10. March 2011 saw the highest ever number of applications in an individual month - 891.

http://www.cafcass.gov.uk/news/2011/may_care_statistics.aspx

Grants for child protection research 2011

In its 6th year of Research Grant Awards, BASPCAN will be awarding grants to collaborative applications made by practitioners & researchers (academic and other) working in partnership.

The research must have a clear focus on child protection/safeguarding. Preference will be given to applications that are multi-disciplinary or multi-agency in nature.



The grant can be used to fund new research or to provide a means to extend or develop existing research. The research must not involve work that would normally be undertaken by an organisation as part of its regular monitoring processes. The grant will not cover any university overheads.

BASPCAN encourages members from all UK countries to apply for a grant, up to a maximum of £5,000. It is envisaged that two awards will be made in 2011.

Closing Date: 5pm 23rd September 2011

For further information visit:

<http://www.baspcan.org.uk/files/BASPCAN%20research%20application%20form%202011%20with%20guidance%20FINAL.doc>
<http://www.baspcan.org.uk/index.php>

New help to engage the hardest to reach (06/06/11)

The YJB has launched a range of interactive resources and videos to help practitioners develop the strategies and skills needed to motivate hard to reach children and young people.

The 'engaging young people who offend' resource is designed for all those who work in youth justice, from prison officers through to volunteers in the community and will help with their professional development. It is now available online through the Youth Justice Interactive Learning Space which is a web based virtual college.

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/news/press-releases/yjb/yjbpressrelease060611a.htm>
<http://www.justice.gov.uk/guidance/youth-justice/workforce-development/hr-and-learning/youth-justice-interactive-learning.htm>

Prevent strategy 2011 (07/06/11)

A different strategy to prevent people being drawn into terrorism was unveiled by the Home Secretary. The new programme will:

- deal with all forms of terrorism and target not just violent extremism but also non-violent extremism, which can create an atmosphere conducive to terrorism and can popularise views which terrorists exploit
- ensure govt funding and support cannot reach organisations with extremist views who do not support main British values
- challenge the ideology that supports terrorism and those who promote it
- support sectors and institutions, including universities and prisons, where there are risks of radicalisation
- draw on existing successful programmes to protect vulnerable individuals from being drawn into terrorism
- crucially, all new programmes will be evaluated rigorously to ensure effectiveness and value for money

The new strategy will see:

- a greater effort to tackle extremist ideologies, including work with mainstream individuals to make sure moderate voices are heard
- tough action to exclude foreign hate preachers
- work to tackle terrorist use of the internet for radicalisation, including the filtering of unlawful content by public bodies such as schools and libraries; and work with industry and international partners to crack down on unlawful content hosted in the UK and overseas
- action to build upon the multi-agency Channel programme, which identifies and supports people at risk of radicalisation
- work with schools, including a more effective inspection regime to ensure that extremists are not participating in the education of young people



- greater support for universities and colleges, training staff to recognise the signs of radicalisation and improving awareness of help available to them
- renewed efforts in prisons to stop people becoming radicalised and to de-radicalise those who have been involved in extremism before being jailed
- extra support, where appropriate, to help faith organisations reach people vulnerable to radicalisation
- closer work with the Charity Commission to investigate allegations of terrorist activity or links

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/counter-terrorism/prevent/prevent-strategy/>

Young people, alcohol and influences

(17/06/11)

This report presents the findings from a major study of young people and their relationship with alcohol, and explores the wide range of influences on their drinking. This study differs from other research: it develops evidence of how different domains of influence work together, understanding their relative importance in tackling different patterns of drinking among different groups.

The report:

- examines circumstances surrounding young people's first time drinking, their current drinking patterns (including levels of consumption), and their experiences of drunkenness; and
- develops our understanding of what really influences young people's drinking patterns by identifying the domains and indicators that have the strongest relationship with their behaviour.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/media-centre/major-survey-shows-family-and-friends-are-key-influences-teenage-drinking>

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/young-people-alcohol-and-influences>

New national crime fighting agency
(08/06/11)

The NCA will spearhead the UK's fight against serious and organised crime, strengthen policing at the border and ensure local policing effectively links to the work of national agencies and action overseas, the Home Secretary has confirmed.

Organised crime costs the UK £20b - £40b each year and affects the everyday lives of individuals. The NCA will be responsible for tackling these crimes which include child abuse, drug and people smuggling, illegal immigration, fraud, cyber crime and many other serious and organised crimes.

At the heart of the NCA will be an intelligence hub which will build and maintain a national intelligence picture of the threats, harms and risks to the UK from organised criminals. This information will be used to prioritise criminals and task police and law enforcement agencies to ensure there is an appropriate operational response.

The NCA will be made up of 4 'commands':

- Organised Crime
- Border Policing
- Economic Crime
- Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP)

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/content/detail.aspx?ReleaseID=419848&NewsAreaID=2&HUserID=895,779,891,848,780,867,710,705,765,674,677,767,684,762,718,674,708,683,706,718,674&ClientID=-1>

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/press-releases/national-crime-agency>

Tougher checks for registered sex offenders
(14/06/11)

Tough proposals to strengthen the police and probation services' ability to protect the public and manage registered sex offenders in local communities were published by the Government today.

These proposals have been designed to strengthen and extend the current checks and would make it compulsory for offenders on the Sex Offenders' Register to:

- notify police of all foreign travel, requiring offenders who travel abroad for less than 3 days to notify in the same way as those who travel for longer must do under the existing scheme;
- notify police weekly where they can be found when they have no fixed abode;
- notify police when they are living with a child under the age of 18; and,
- notify police of passport, bank account and credit card details and provide identification at each notification, so that sex offenders can no longer avoid being on the register when they change their name by deed poll.

A sex offender given a custodial sentence of 30 months or more is automatically placed on the Sex Offenders' Register for life. The Government has also laid the proposal to make the draft order which will ensure that public protection remains a priority in dealing with these cases, and for considering when, if ever, offenders should be removed from the register.

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/content/detail.aspx?ReleaseID=419911&NewsAreaID=2&HUserID=895,779,891,848,780,867,710,705,765,674,677,767,684,762,718,674,708,683,706,718,674&ClientID=-1>

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/news/sex-offenders>

See Consultations

Raising standards, improving lives: The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills Strategic Plan 2011–2015 (10/06/11)

Ofsted's Strategic Plan sets out its vision, values and priorities, and the measures by which it can be held accountable. Comments can be made about the plan which Ofsted will take into account before it publishes a final version of the plan in the autumn.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Publications-and-research/Browse-all-by/Documents-by-type/Thematic-reports/Raising-standards-improving-lives-The-Office-for-Standards-in-Education-Children-s-Services-and-Skills-Strategic-Plan-2011-2015>

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/content/download/12334/142694/file/Ofsted%20Strategic%20Plan%202011-15.doc>

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/content/download/12335/142699/file/Ofsted%20Strategic%20Plan%202011-15.pdf>

2010-11 inspection judgements for maintained schools - Autumn and spring terms (15/06/11)

These workbooks present inspection judgements for inspections carried out in the autumn and spring terms of academic year 2010/11. They include inspection judgements from section 5, or section 8 deemed 5, inspections. comprehensive set of information and statistics in the December release.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Publications-and-research/Browse-all-by/Documents-by-type/Statistics/Maintained-schools/Inspection-outcomes/Inspection-judgements-2010-11-for-maintained-schools-autumn-and-spring-terms>

Data on schools causing concern - Spring term 2011 (15/06/11)

This suite of six documents contains information about schools in special measures or with a notice to improve at the end of the spring term 2011.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Publications-and-research/Browse-all-by/Documents-by-type/Statistics/Maintained-schools/Schools-causing-concern/Data-on-schools-causing-concern-spring-term-2011>

Latest school inspection outcome figures released (15/06/11)

Ofsted has published the results of school inspections carried out during the autumn term and spring terms 2010/11.

The inspections were carried out under arrangements introduced in September 2009 that focus more on weaker schools, with less frequent inspection of the outstanding schools. Inspectors have placed more emphasis on observation of teaching and learning in the classroom and its impact on pupils' progress to judge a school's overall effectiveness.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/News/Ofsted-Latest-school-inspection-outcome-figures-released>

Conducting early years inspections (15/06/11)

This revised guidance is intended to assist inspectors when inspecting registered early years settings required to deliver the EYFS. Settings can also use it to see how Ofsted will conduct inspections to help them carry out their self-evaluation.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Forms-and-guidance/Browse-all-by/Other/General/Conducting-early-years-inspections>

Alternative Provision (21/06/11)

Alternative provision outside school, which is used to prevent exclusion and re-engage students in their education, should be better monitored by schools and PRUs so it can be used more effectively, according to Ofsted. This report finds that in many cases staff visit infrequently or sometimes not at all to check on children's progress. Often students spend much of their week away from school attending alternative, off-site provision. But there are currently very limited safeguards to ensure such provision is of good quality.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/News/Off-site-education-for-children-at-risk-of-exclusion-needs-better-monitoring-Ofsted>

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Publications-and-research/Browse-all-by/Documents-by-type/Thematic-reports/Alternative-provision>

Information for parents and carers using childcare services (20/06/11)

Ofsted registers and inspects those who provide childcare for children aged from birth up to their 18th birthday. We do this to help reassure parents and carers that when your children are in registered childcare they are cared for by people who are suitable.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Forms-and-guidance/Browse-all-by/Other/General/Information-for-parents-and-carers-using-childcare-services>

Factsheet: childcare - The requirements of the Early Years Register (15/06/11)

Childminders and childcare providers registered on the EYR must meet the legal requirements as set out in the Childcare Act 2006 and associated regulations in order to remain registered. This updated factsheet provides basic information.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Forms-and-guidance/Browse-all->

New sector-led support programme for Early Years (20/06/11)

The NCB has received funding from the DfE to launch a new quality improvement programme for the Early Years sector, designed to improve outcomes for young children and their families.

The Early Years Peer-to-Peer Support Programme is a sector-led project developed in partnership with C4EO. Together, NCB and C4EO will expand their existing teams of early years specialists, to support LAs and others to:

- Identify and work towards better outcomes for children and families
- Improve leadership and performance in the Early Years sector
- Embed peer-to-peer support for the sector
- Fully understand the requirements of the revised EYFS.

<http://www.c4eo.org.uk/news/whatsnew/20062011c4eoworkingwithncb.aspx>

Inquiry into modern slavery (15/06/11)

The Centre for Social Justice has announced a major new inquiry into human trafficking. It said that slavery is as much a problem in the UK as it is abroad. According to one estimate, at least 6,000 women and children have been trafficked into the UK and forced into prostitution.

UK slavery takes three main forms: domestic servitude, forced labour and sexual exploitation through prostitution.

The CSJ Slavery and Human Trafficking Review will cover the causes of slavery, support and aftercare and identification, training and enforcement.

http://www.centreforsocialjustice.org.uk/client/downloads/20110614_SlaveryPressRelease.pdf

DfE: Neighbourhood Statistics - Small Area Pupil Absence by Pupil Characteristics in England, 2009/10

(16/06/11)

These tables provide information for the 2009/10 academic year about Pupil Absence in small areas based on both the geographic location of schools and pupil residency.

The key points from the latest release are:

- The tables reinforce previous messages about patterns of absence and the relationship between absence and pupil characteristics at national, regional and local level.
- Resident girls have higher levels of overall absence than boys in 268 (82%) of LADs.
- Resident pupils known to be eligible for FSM have higher levels of overall absence in every LA District (apart from the City of London) than those known not to be eligible for FSM.
- Resident Chinese pupils have the lowest levels of overall absence across all regions.

<http://www.education.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/SFR/s001005/index.shtml>

The School Governance (Contracts) (England) (Revocation) Regulations 2011 SI 1500 (20/06/11)

These Regulations revoke the School Governance (Contracts) (England) Regulations 2005 which require the governing bodies of maintained schools to have regard to the Code of Practice on Workforce Matters in Public Sector Service Contracts (commonly referred to as the “Two-Tier Code”) when entering into a contract which involves a transfer of staff . This follows a decision by the Government to withdraw the Code.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2011/1500/contents/made>

The Magistrates’ Courts (Domestic Violence Protection Order Proceedings) Rules 2011 SI 1434 (10/06/11)

These rules make provision in respect of proceedings in the magistrates’ court for applications for DVPOs under the Crime and Security Act 2010 (c.17).

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2011/1434/contents/made>

NDCS Live Chat launched for parents with deaf children and young people (21/06/11)

Parents of deaf children and young people can for the first time chat live online to experts on all aspects of childhood deafness, as NDCS takes its award-winning Helpline online.

The UK’s first Live Chat Helpline on childhood deafness is a secure and confidential service, providing clear and balanced information and advice on matters including audiology, pre-school support, education, local services, welfare and technology.

The free NDCS Live Chat has been designed to give families more opportunities to access the information and services they need to help their children throughout the milestones of their lives.

http://www.ndcs.org.uk/news/ndcs_news/ndcs_live_chat.html

http://www.ndcs.org.uk/family_support/how_ndcs_can_help/ndcs_helpline/ndcslivechat.html

Details of 16-19 bursary scheme published
(17/06/11)

The Young People's Learning Agency today began notifying schools and colleges of the allocations they will receive under the new £180m bursary scheme to help 16-19-year-olds continue in full-time education, where they might otherwise struggle for financial reasons. It is made up of a bursary of £1200 a year to the most vulnerable young people and a discretionary fund for schools and colleges to distribute.

Alongside the letters, the YPLA today published a guide for schools and colleges setting out arrangements for the scheme.

A report on the 8 week consultation, which helped shape the new scheme, and the Government's response, are also published today.


<http://www.education.gov.uk/home/inthenews/inthenews/a0077924/details-of-16-19-bursary-scheme-published>

<http://www.ypla.gov.uk/learnersupport/16-19-bursary/>

<http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=conResults&consultationId=1754&external=no&menu=3>

<http://www.education.gov.uk/16to19/student-support/financialsupport/a0077824/the-16-19-bursary-scheme>

Building bridges? An evaluation of the costs and effectiveness of the Separated Parents Information Programme (June 2011)

Currently 1 in 10 parents who separate or divorce seek the assistance of the courts in making decisions about contact arrangements for their children. Research suggests that courts have limited impact on the key co-parenting factors that make contact arrangements sustainable and work best for children. 

Researchers conclude that resources should be redirected from the courts to more creative programmes that seek to improve parental relationships and help them settle contact arrangements independently.

PIP is the first available programme for parents involved in litigation about child contact and residence in England. The programme is a Contact Activity, introduced by the Children and Adoption Act 2006 as a tool for courts to facilitate contact.

This evaluation was designed to identify the actual and future potential of PIP as an effective and value for money intervention for parents with disputes over parenting arrangements, with a particular goal to inform the deliberations of the Family Justice Review.

<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/R/SG/AllPublications/Page1/DFE-RR140>

<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/R/SG/AllPublications/Page1/DFE-RB140>

Children's Minister welcomes Dixons Retail Plc action to help keep children safe online (14/06/11)

The Children's Minister, Tim Loughton, has welcomed the commitment by Dixons Retail Plc to promote the UK Council for Child Internet Safety Click Clever, Click Safe campaign through all their PC World and Currys stores, through in-store promotion and on till receipts.

The announcement comes on the day of the second UKCCIS annual summit, which brings together mobile phone companies, social networking providers and children's charities to help keep children safe online.
<http://www.education.gov.uk/inthenews/inthenews/a0077813/childrens-minister-welcomes-dixons-retail-plc-action-to-help-keep-children-safe-online>

Review of Disability Equality Schemes and practices in schools and pupil referral units (16/06/11)

There has been a marked improvement in the provision of practical help and support to pupils with disabilities in mainstream schools and PRUs according to Estyn.

In this report, the inspectorate says that primary, secondary and special schools and PRUs are getting better at addressing disability equality. But, special schools are best at removing barriers than most mainstream schools and PRUs.

Evidence indicates that generally, managers have a positive attitude to promoting disability equality. Managers understand what is required to meet the relevant statutory requirements.

<http://www.estyn.gov.uk/english/news/press-releases/schools-and-pupil-referral-units-improve-support-for-pupils-with-disabilities/>

The education of Gypsy Traveller pupils, May 2011 (14/06/11)

Attendance rates of Gypsy Traveller pupils and their attainment levels remain too low, says Estyn in this report. This is despite the best efforts of many dedicated Traveller Education Service staff over a long time.

The report focuses on secondary schools and investigates what progress has been made since 2005. Despite some improvement being made by a few LAs throughout Wales, the inspectorate found that progress in improving Gypsy Traveller pupils' attendance and attainment levels has been slow. There are also marked inconsistencies across LAs in the quality of provision for Gypsy Traveller pupils.

<http://www.estyn.gov.uk/english/news/press-releases/more-consistent-support-needed-for-gypsy-traveller-pupils/>

Foster Carers' Charter: putting it into practice (11/06/11)

A sample charter is being launched by the Fostering Network to demonstrate to fostering services in England how they can implement the Government's charter.

The Government launched its foster carers' charter for fostering services in England in March 2011. The Fostering Network has since been consulting with its members to consider how to put the principles into practice. This charter is the result of this consultation.

<http://www.fostering.net/media/2011/new-foster-carers-charter-launched>

Resettlement provision for children and young people - Accommodation and education, training and employment (June 2011)

Resettlement is one of the main tests against which the Inspectorate judges the health of a prison. This thematic review, commissioned by the YJB, examines accommodation and education, training and employment resettlement provision for sentenced young men aged 15 to 18 in young offender institutions. It reports on the work carried out in custody to prepare young people for release, using survey data as well as in-depth interviews with 61 sentenced young men, their case supervisors and follow-up information on what happened to them on release. The heads of resettlement and learning and skills in each institution provide an establishment perspective.

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/downloads/publications/inspectorate-reports/hmipris/Resettlement-thematic-june2011.pdf>

Youth custody data (April 2011)

Monthly statistics on the population in custody of children and young people within secure children's homes, secure training centres and young offender institutions. This includes those under 18 and 18 year olds. Some 18 year olds remain in the secure estate for children and young people if they only have a short period of their sentence to serve, to avoid disrupting their regimes.

The publication also contains more detailed information on the make-up of the custody population by legal basis for detention, accommodation type, age group, gender, ethnicity and region of origin.

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/statistics-and-data/youth-justice/custody-data.htm>
<http://www.justice.gov.uk/downloads/publications/statistics-and-data/youth-justice/custody-figures/youth-custody-report-april-2011.xls>

Children and the Big Society (21/06/11)

Children and their families are at risk of being overlooked by the govt's Big Society and localism agenda, according to a new report, commissioned by Action for Children.

The report highlights the progress made over the last 2 decades on family policy, but says too little has been done to put children at the centre of the vision for communities. It argues that developing trusted relationships and networks for children and young people is fundamental to their development, wellbeing and safety. Social capital for children and young people can keep children safe, transform neighbourhoods, break intergenerational cycles of neglect and deprivation and prevent problems escalating.
<http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/news/big-society-has-forgotten-children-warns-new-report>

Pre-VENT NEETS in South Wales

(20/06/11)

Young people across South Wales who are at risk of dropping out of school or their further education studies are set to benefit from a new £13m scheme to improve their chances of success Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and European Programmes, Alun Davies AM, has announced

The Pre-VENT 14-19 scheme aims to tackle the underlying reasons why youngsters find it difficult to learn and are at risk of leaving school without qualifications or the skills to find a job.

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/educationandkills/2011/110620prevent/?lang=en>

Consultations

Consultation on statistics that measure the progress of children from disadvantaged backgrounds to higher education

(08/06/11)

The government has an ongoing interest in monitoring the educational achievement of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds with a view to narrowing the gap in achievement between disadvantaged youngsters and their peers.

The “FYPSEC statistic” has been published annually in an Official Statistics release produced by the Higher Education Analysis division of the BIS. The consultation relates to changes to this publication.

The national “FSM statistic” was published in the same document in 2010 and also on the secure Communities and Local Government data exchange Hub where it was used by LAs to measure progress in raising HE aspirations for their young people.

Closing Date: 1st August 2011

<http://www.bis.gov.uk/assets/biscore/higher-education/docs/c/11-965-consultation-statistics-disadvantaged-children-higher-education>

Reforming the notification requirements for registered sex offenders (14/06/11)

This consultation seeks views on four key proposals to reform the notification requirements for registered sex offenders:

- i) notify the police of all foreign travel (currently only travel outside of the UK for three or more days is notified)
- ii) notify weekly where they are registered as having 'no fixed abode' (where a registered sex offender has no sole or main residence and instead must notify the police of the place where they can regularly be found)
- iii) notify the police when living in a household with a child under the age of 18
- iv) notify the police of passport, bank account and credit card details and provide the police with proof of identification at each notification

The aim of these proposals is to ensure that the police are provided with important intelligence, allowing them to manage registered sex offenders more effectively and robustly, and prevent them from exploiting gaps in existing legislation to cause harm both in the UK and overseas.

This is a targeted consultation which seeks views from key partners and directly affected parties, including the police, practitioners, other government departments and organisations with a direct interest in the management of sexual offenders. Comments are also welcome from members of the public.

Closing Date: 8th August 2011

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/notification-sex-offenders/>

Consultations (continued)

Youth Justice Community Serious Incidents 2010 update and consultation

As part of its community serious incidents process, the YJB has produced a summary slide pack which provides information for practitioner and managers on the lessons learned from the serious incident notification process during 2010.

In addition, the pack includes information on the Community Serious Incidents: England and Wales Stakeholder Consultation which seeks your views on the future of the youth justice community serious incident notification process. The consultation is in response to many changes in both public protection and safeguarding processes – perhaps the most significant being the publication of the Munro Review of child protection in England and the review of serious case reviews in Wales.

Closing date: 29th July 2011

We ask that:

- one questionnaire is completed per YOT
- YOT managers forward the consultation questionnaire link to LSCBs /Safeguarding Forum chairs, MAPPA leads and other relevant local partners for their information and completion of the questionnaire.

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/downloads/guidance/youth-justice/monitoring-performance/community-serious-incidents-2010.ppt#267,10,Assessment>

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/guidance/youth-justice/monitoring-performance/serious-incidents.htm>

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/downloads/guidance/youth-justice/monitoring-performance/community-serious-incidents-2010.ppt>

Preventing the uptake of smoking by children and young people: review consultation (15/06/11)

A review is being undertaken to decide whether the public health 'Guidance on preventing the uptake of smoking by children and young people' should be updated.

All registered stakeholders are invited to comment on the provisional review decision.

Closing Date: 29th June 2011

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/PH14/ReviewProposal>

Conferences

BASPCAN 8th National Congress 'Keeping Children Safe in an Uncertain World'

15th-18th April 2012 Belfast
Attendance: Full £250 - £495; Daily £139 -
£185; Half day £99 - £140

BASPCAN has held a triennial Congress since 1991, providing an opportunity for professionals from a range of disciplines from across the UK and internationally to share the latest findings from research and to debate how families may be supported and children kept safe.

Congress themes

- Innovations and Interventions
- Neglect and Emotional Abuse
- Children and Young People Living with Family or Community Violence
- Sexual Abuse and Exploitation
- Supporting Staff and Developing the Response to Hard-to-Engage Groups
- Young People in Transition

Abstracts are invited from all those involved in the field of child protection and child welfare at any level:

- Social Work Practitioners and Managers
- Health and Nursing Professionals
- Legal Professionals
- Police and Probation Agencies
- Psychologists
- Therapists
- Academics
- Educationalists and Early Years Workers
- Voluntary Organisations

Closing date: 12th August 2011
<http://www.baspcan.org.uk/congress2012.ph>

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The National Association of Independent Reviewing Officers

IROs – a vision for the future

16th September 2011 London
£30 (free for NAIRO members)

This conference will provide the opportunity to consider the implementation of the IRO handbook, and whether it has been successful in enhancing the role of the IRO. Topics for discussion include;

- Children's rights
- Future of the service in light of Family Justice & Munro Review
- Case Law and IROs
- Working closer with guardians
- The view of ADCS about IROs
- Commissioning research
- Developing an IRO Code of Practice

We are seeking to engage the participation of children in care, or care leavers, to tell us what its like from their point of view. For an application form contact -

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Independent Safeguarding Authority

Forthcoming Roadshow Series:

- June 27 - Meeting the duty to refer, Darlington
- July 28 - Meeting the duty to refer, Darlington
- August 31 - Meeting the duty to refer, Darlington
- September 26 - Meeting the duty to refer, Darlington
- October 24 - Meeting the duty to refer, Darlington

<http://www.isa.homeoffice.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=28>

Conferences (continued)

Back on the agenda - school nurses are the future

31st August 2011 London £80 - £150

This is a conference that unites the community of school nurses from across the whole of the UK. It includes sessions on topics relevant to your practice. In addition there will be opportunities to network with peers from around the country to discuss and share examples of best practice, problems and successes. By attending you will get the latest information and skills to enable you to provide the best quality of care for your patients.

http://www.rcn.org.uk/newsevents/event_details/rcn_eventsms/school_nurses_2011

Children and Young People Continuing and Community Care Forum conference Innovations and transformations

25th November 2011 London £80 - £120

This event focuses on innovations and transformations within community children's care, palliative care and disability nursing. The conference sessions cover quality and compassionate care, transforming community children's services, workforce development and the latest research relevant to this area of practice. The sessions will allow you to increase your understanding and knowledge and ensure that you are up to date with developments in community children's nursing.

http://www.rcn.org.uk/newsevents/event_details/rcn_eventsms/cyp_community_care

Speaking up for children and young people: Making a difference

6th September 2011 Leeds £120 - £150

This event welcomes all nurse professionals and students working with children and young people across the spectrum of services including acute and community care, education providers and social care.

The programme includes a mix of plenary and workshop sessions which explore a wide range of topics all aimed at focusing our attention on the unique professional issues for children and young people in the UK today and in the future.

http://www.rcn.org.uk/newsevents/event_details/rcn_eventsms/cyppif2011

Talking it better: child mental health

28th September 2011 London
£195 - £295 + VAT

This conference will look at child mental health; the role and provision of talking therapies and other evidence-based services within schools and communities, and the impact of a child's family and school environment on their mental health.

Key themes to be explored will include school-based mental health initiatives; dealing with stigma; working across services; improving transition from child to adult services; defining, measuring and delivering outcomes; and how to achieve return on investment.

<http://www.pavpub.com/p-388-talking-it-better-child-mental-health.aspx?s=1>

This newsletter collates information from various sources that is relevant to safeguarding children. Anyone working in this area who would like to be added to the circulation list can forward their details to – keithdriver@btinternet.com