

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN  
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**Letting Children be Children - Report of an Independent Review of the Commercialisation and Sexualisation of Childhood (06/05/11)**

Reg Bailey, Chief Executive of Mothers' Union, who led this review, has listened to parents' concerns about the barriers they face in bringing up their children. They are particularly unhappy with the increasingly sexualised culture surrounding their children, which they feel they have no control over. They singled out explicit music videos, outdoor adverts that contain sexualised images, and the amount of sexual content in family programmes on TV.

Reg Bailey's recommendations include:

- Providing parents with one single website to make it easier to complain about any programme, advert, product or service.
- Putting age restrictions on music videos to prevent children buying sexually explicit videos and guide broadcasters over when to show them.
- Covering up sexualised images on the front pages of magazines and newspapers so they are not in easy sight of children.
- Making it easier for parents to block adult and age-restricted material from the internet by giving every customer a choice at the point of purchase over whether they want adult content on their home internet, laptops or smart phones.
- Retailers offering age-appropriate clothes for children – the retail industry should sign up to the British Retail Consortium's new guidelines which checks and challenges the design, buying, display and marketing of clothes, products and services for children.



- Restricting outdoor adverts containing sexualised imagery where large numbers of children are likely to see them e.g. near schools, nurseries and playgrounds.
- Giving greater weight to the views of parents in the regulation of pre-watershed TV, rather than viewers as a whole, about what is suitable for children to watch.
- Banning the employment of children under 16 as brand ambassadors and in peer-to-peer marketing, and improving parents' awareness of advertising and marketing techniques aimed at children.

<http://www.education.gov.uk/inthenews/inthenews/a0077662/bailey-review-of-the-commercialisation-and-sexualisation-of-childhood-final-report-published>

<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/standard/publicationDetail/Page1/CM%208078>

<http://www.number10.gov.uk/news/topstory/news/2011/06/letting-children-be-children-2-64398>

**Children, young people and the commercial world (06/06/11)**

This report has been submitted as part of the evidence for Reg Bailey's independent review into the commercialisation and sexualisation of childhood.

[http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/content/press\\_release/content\\_427](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/content/press_release/content_427)

[http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/force\\_download.php?fp=%2Fclient\\_assets%2Fcp%2Fpublication%2F493%2FChildren\\_young\\_people\\_and\\_the\\_commercial\\_world.pdf](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/force_download.php?fp=%2Fclient_assets%2Fcp%2Fpublication%2F493%2FChildren_young_people_and_the_commercial_world.pdf)

**CEOP Annual Review 2010-11 and Centre Plan 2011-12 (31/05/11)**

414 children have been safeguarded or protected in the last year from exploitation and abuse as a direct result of the work of CEOP. 513 offenders have been arrested in the same period, the organisation announced.

The results are a direct outcome of the partnership model that CEOP operates, with its specialist teams working in tandem with local and international forces and the wider child protection community to put the interest and security of children first.

As CEOP publishes its yearly figures and marks its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it warns that the battle is far from over. It outlines the challenges that lie ahead in order to encourage more reporting of the crime and greater understanding of how offenders operate, how technology is exploited and how networks of paedophiles develop.  
<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/content/detail.aspx?ReleaseID=419725&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://nds.coi.gov.uk/ImageLibrary/DownloadMedia.ashx?MediaDetailsID=3784>  
<http://www.ceop.police.uk/Media-Centre/Press-releases/2011/414-CHILDREN-SAFEGUARDED-FROM-ABUSE-IN-THE-LAST-YEAR/>

**“Online Child Sexual Abuse Content: The development of a comprehensive, transferable international internet notice and takedown system” (May 2011)**

This independent report by Dr Weixiao Wei commissioned by the IWF and funded by the Nominet Trust, establishes the value of an international ‘notice and takedown’ system, through the examination of the legislative and regulatory approaches in 8 countries. ↗

The report found that there is compelling evidence that the ‘notice and takedown’ system already used in some countries is effective in removing CSA content at source, while still allowing law enforcement authorities to capture evidence for investigations aimed at prosecuting offenders and where possible, the rescue of child victims. The report makes recommendations on how these methods could be implemented internationally.

<http://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/independent-report>

**Children entering detention held solely under Immigration Act powers April 2011 (26/05/11)**

Monthly management information on children entering detention, held solely under Immigration Act powers. The figures are based on management information and are not subject to the detailed checks that apply for National Statistics. They may be revised in subsequent quarterly control of immigration publications. Therefore they should be seen as provisional.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/child-detention-apr2011>

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/immigration-asylum-research/child-detention-apr2011?view=Binary>

**The care of looked after children in custody (May 2011)**

This report looks at how well YOIs work with LAs and youth offending services to ensure the needs of looked after children are met during their time in custody and in preparation for release.

[http://www.justice.gov.uk/inspectores/hmi-prisons/docs/Looked\\_after\\_children\\_2011.pdf](http://www.justice.gov.uk/inspectores/hmi-prisons/docs/Looked_after_children_2011.pdf)

**Survey estimates 16,000 children miss school due to bullying (27/05/11)**

In August 2010 Red Balloon Learner Centre Group commissioned the first national survey to ascertain the number of young secondary school children aged between 11 and 15 absent from school because they had been subjected to severe bullying.

The report estimates that of the 6m young people who are in Years 7 – 10 and who attend a state school, bullying is the main reason given for persistent long-term absence in between 13,400 and 19,600 cases.

This research is the first of its kind to seek out the number of children self-excluding from school as a result of severe bullying. All previous research about bullying has focused on children within schools.

[http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/press\\_centre/latest\\_news/survey\\_on\\_school\\_bullying.aspx](http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/press_centre/latest_news/survey_on_school_bullying.aspx)  
<http://redballoonlearner.co.uk/>

**You are not on your own (25/05/11)**

The Children's Commissioner for England and The Children's Society have published this booklet for use by children affected by a parent or carer drinking too much alcohol. It will help them to have frank discussions with teachers, professionals or an adult who they trust when they are worried about a parent or carer and the problems caused by their alcohol consumption.

The booklet is a free online resource that will help them to discuss what to do and ways to keep them safe from harm.

[http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/content/press\\_release/content\\_426](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/content/press_release/content_426)  
<http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/news-views/press-release/new-free-online-resource-helps-children-talk-openly-about-parents-drinking->

**Children's Commissioner for Wales publishes plans to undertake first review (27/05/11)**

The Children's Commissioner for Wales has announced plans to use his statutory powers to review the provision of independent professional advocacy for looked-after children and young people, care leavers and children in need.

<http://www.childcom.org.uk/en/news/?news=4>

<http://www.childcomwales.org.uk/uploads/publications/242.pdf>

**More exact paracetamol dosing for children to be introduced (06/06/11)**

Updated dosing for children's liquid medicines containing paracetamol has been developed to ensure children get the most effective amount, and to support giving it to them in the best way. The updated dosing will have a larger number of narrower age bands and will define a single dose per age band.

Paracetamol continues to be an acceptably safe and effective method of short-term pain and fever relief in children when used according to the patient information supplied with the medicine.

<http://www.mhra.gov.uk/NewsCentre/Pressreleases/CON120251>

**Smoking at delivery - Quarter 4, 2010/11 (16/05/11)**

The percentage of mothers smoking at delivery in England was 13.5% in 2010/11, lower than the 2009/10 outturn (14.1%) and 2008/09 outturn (14.4%).

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsStatistics/DH\\_126768](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsStatistics/DH_126768)

**Teenage drinking and interethnic friendships** (31/05/11)

Britain is a multicultural society, but little is known about if, and how, young people mix with friends from different ethnic backgrounds and the potential impact of this on drinking attitudes and behaviours.

Research was undertaken to examine these links using quantitative and qualitative methods among 14- and 15-year-olds in diverse locations in London and Berkshire.

The report:

- explores the intra- and interethnic mix of young people's friendship groups as described by young people in questionnaires and interviews;
- analyses how drinking patterns vary by ethnicity, religion and gender;
- investigates the links between young people's background characteristics, their friendship groups (including ethnicity of friends) and their reported drinking rates;
- looks at the implications of the findings, including recommendations for harm reduction based on education and peer support programmes.

[http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/teenage-drinking-and-interethnic-friendships?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=New+JRF+publication+-+31+May+2011&utm\\_content=New+JRF+publication+-+31+May+2011+CID\\_64d1b953405e887246ee9d94d228c1f3&utm\\_source=Email+marketing+software&utm\\_term=Teenage+drinking+and+interethnic+friendships](http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/teenage-drinking-and-interethnic-friendships?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=New+JRF+publication+-+31+May+2011&utm_content=New+JRF+publication+-+31+May+2011+CID_64d1b953405e887246ee9d94d228c1f3&utm_source=Email+marketing+software&utm_term=Teenage+drinking+and+interethnic+friendships)

**Improving health services for vulnerable children and young people** (27/05/11)

Health services aimed at vulnerable children and young people in the secure estate are set to improve, following changes announced by Care Services Minister Paul Burstow. ↗

Responsibility for commissioning health services for children and young people in Secure Children's Homes and Secure Training Centres is to pass to the NHS.

The change is being made to ensure these individuals, who often have complex needs, benefit from high-quality healthcare.

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH\\_127246](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/MediaCentre/Pressreleases/DH_127246)

**Heatwave plan to protect vulnerable from summer heat** (26/06/11)

The annual heatwave plan, first published in 2004, is updated each year to provide health and social care services with emergency planning and preparedness guidance in the event of a heatwave. It operates from 1 June to 15 September and is based on information provided by the Met Office. The Met Office can trigger one of four alert levels:

- 1 – Summer Preparedness and Long-term Planning: Green;
- 2 – Alert and Readiness: Amber;
- 3 – Heatwave Action: Red; and
- 4 – Emergency: Red Emergency.

While many people enjoy sunny weather, high temperatures can be dangerous for vulnerable groups such as the young, older people and those with serious illnesses. It can make heart and respiratory problems worse and in extreme cases, excess heat can lead to heatstroke, which can be fatal.

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/Content/detail.aspx?NewsAreaId=2&ReleaseID=419681&SubjectId=2>

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_126666](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_126666)

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH\\_127161](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_127161)

**Messages for Munro (02/06/11)**

This report gives the views of children in care and care leavers at three separate events held to find out children's views for the review being carried out by Professor Eileen Munro, who was present at all three events to hear the views of the children at first hand.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Publications-and-research/Browse-all-by/Care/Children-s-rights/Messages-for-Munro>

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/News/Children-in-care-give-their-Messages-for-Munro>

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/content/download/12298/142385/file/Messages%20for%20Munro.pdf>

**Children's and young person's guide to the inspection of children's homes**

(01/06/11)

This guide for children and young people provides a brief summary of the children's home inspection framework.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Forms-and-guidance/Browse-all-by/Other/General/Children-s-and-young-person-s-guide-to-the-inspection-of-children-s-homes>

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/content/download/12295/142348/file/Children's%20guide%20to%20the%20inspection%20of%20children's%20homes.pdf>

**Putting the needs of children first: Ofsted consultation on inspection of adoption and fostering agencies (07/06/11)**

Ofsted has launched a consultation on its proposals for inspection of adoption and fostering agencies. The proposals focus on the experiences of and outcomes for children. The consultation gives an opportunity for contributors to help refine and develop an inspection system that will assure quality and support improvement. ↗

The proposed changes reflect the new national minimum standards and statutory guidance introduced by the government in April 2011. Inspection will continue to make sure that adoption and fostering agencies comply with regulatory requirements but it will have an increased focus on the quality of services and the difference these make to children's lives in supporting them to grow up in secure and loving families.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/News/Putting-the-needs-of-children-first-Ofsted-consultation-on-inspection-of-adoption-and-fostering-agencies>

See consultations

**Accountability and Performance framework for Children's Centre Managers and Local Authority senior managers (25/05/11)**

C4EO has developed an accountability and performance framework for Children's Centre Managers and LA senior managers. This framework addresses whether the services provided are actually improving the lives of those children and families who are using the centres, and secondly it helps assess whether the services being delivered are value for money.

<http://www.c4eo.org.uk/news/whatsnew/25052011performanceaccountabilityframework.aspx>

**KIDS VIP to merge with PACT (16/05/11)**

The Prison Advice and Care Trust will be merging with Kids Visiting in Prison to form a single charity, operating under the **pact** brand. The merger will see Kids VIP's prison training and development work and its Play worker network continue to develop and share best practice on all aspects relating to children visiting prisons.

<http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/node/672>

<http://www.kidsvip.co.uk/single.htm?ipg=10745>

**The Care of Looked-after Children in Custody - A short thematic review** (May 2011)

Children in the care of the local authority, or 'looked after children', are overrepresented within the custodial population. This thematic review, commissioned by the YJB, reports on the care of looked after children aged 15 to 18 in young offender institutions. It

examines the experience of these children, using survey data and in-depth interviews. Case supervisors, advocates and representatives from safeguarding teams provide an establishment perspective on how the needs of looked after children are met in custody and in preparation for their release.

[http://www.justice.gov.uk/inspectores/hmi-prisons/docs/Looked after children 2011.pdf](http://www.justice.gov.uk/inspectores/hmi-prisons/docs/Looked_after_children_2011.pdf)

**Children to shape the future of the family justice system** (03/06/11)

Children are the most important people in the Family Justice system and their voice needs to be heard in proposed reforms to Family Justice, says an independent panel set up to review how it could be reformed.

Children and young people are to have their voices heard at the heart of Government as an independent advisor invites them to give their opinions on reforming the Family Justice System into a service tailored to their needs.

The Young People's Guide, drawn up by Children's Rights Director for England Roger Morgan and published by the independent panel, is written specifically for young people to accompany the interim report published by the Family Justice Review. It gives them a unique opportunity to



participate in the ongoing consultation and their views will be given the same consideration by the Panel.

The Family Justice Review Panel will make its final recommendations to Governments in England and Wales this autumn.

[http://www.justice.gov.uk/news/press-releases/moj/pressrelease030611a.htm?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+gov%2FWfFX+%28Justice+news+alerts%29](http://www.justice.gov.uk/news/press-releases/moj/pressrelease030611a.htm?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+gov%2FWfFX+%28Justice+news+alerts%29)

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/policy/moj/family-justice-review.htm>

**New Futures: what is happening to children's services?**

In November 2010, the National College and ADCS undertook a joint survey of DCSs to provide a snapshot of changes in the way that children's services are delivered by LAs.

The survey was followed up by a 45 minute conversation with DCSs in 12 LAs that had participated, selected because their response to the survey raised issues that seemed worthy of further exploration.

This report summarises the findings from these interviews and the findings of a second survey undertaken in April 2011 by the National College and ADCS to establish whether the proposals reported in in 2010 had been implemented as planned.

<http://www.adcs.org.uk/news/new-futures.html>

<http://www.adcs.org.uk/download/news/ADCS%20NC%20New%20futures%20May%202011.pdf>

### **Evaluation of Intensive Intervention Projects (May 2011)**

The DfE commissioned a qualitative and cost-benefit evaluation of IIPs. The aims of the research were to use an individual longitudinal case study approach to provide in-depth insights into how different IIPs were working, what IIPs added to existing provision and how IIPs were experienced by young people.

<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/RSG/AllPublications/Page1/DFE-RR113>  
<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/RSG/AllPublications/Page1/DFE-RB113>

### **Monitoring and evaluation of Intensive Intervention Projects for young people (May 2011)**

The Department commissioned the National Centre for Social Research to monitor young people going through IIPs – from referral to when they exit the intervention. This report presents the findings from the monitoring activities carried out between April 2009 and January 2011, from the 20 IIPs.

<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/RSG/AllPublications/Page1/DFE-RR112>  
<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/RSG/AllPublications/Page1/DFE-RB112>

### **Evaluation of the Right2BCared4 Pilots: Final report (May 2011)**

This evaluation aims to assess the extent to which the Right2BCared4 pilots help care leavers achieve better outcomes. It examines the extent to which the Right2BCared4 pilots have empowered young people to participate meaningfully at each stage of the transition process and enhanced communication and relationships between social workers, IROs and young people.

<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/RSG/AllPublications/Page1/DFE-RR106>  
<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/RSG/AllPublications/Page1/DFE-RB106>

### **Joint Evaluation of the Commissioning Support Programme and Centre for Excellence and Outcomes (May 2011)**

This research brief summarises the findings of an evaluation which aimed to inform the development of a sector-led model of improvement support through the identification of those aspects of both the CSP and C4EO most valued by the sector and which have had the most impact.

<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/RSG/AllPublications/Page1/DFE-RB107>  
<http://www.c4eo.org.uk/news/whatsnew/31052011c4eoandcspevaluation.aspx>

### **Child and family practitioners' understanding of child development: Lessons learnt from a small sample of serious case reviews (May 2011)**

The aim of this study is to provide an in-depth exploration of a small number of SCRs to consider how the knowledge that practitioners, and especially social workers, have on child development might have had an impact on the case and on outcomes for the children.

<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/RSG/AllPublications/Page1/DFE-RR110>

### **Teaching approaches that help to build resilience to extremism among young people (May 2011)**

This report presents the findings from a large-scale, in-depth research study into teaching methods – knowledge, skills, teaching practices and behaviours – that help to build resilience to extremism. The focus is on teaching methods to be used in a general classroom setting rather than as part of interventions targeted at those deemed at risk of extremism.

<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/RSG/AllPublications/Page1/DFE-RR119>  
<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/RSG/AllPublications/Page1/DFE-RB119>

**Understanding vulnerable young people: Analysis from the Longitudinal Study of Young People in England** (May 2011)

This research report presents an analysis from the Longitudinal Study of Young People in England. The purpose of this study is to fill in the evidence gaps that exist in understanding the extent to which problems faced by young people overlap.

<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/RSG/AllPublications/Page1/DFE-RR118>

**Prevention and Reduction: A review of strategies for intervening early to prevent or reduce youth crime and anti-social behaviour – Brief** (May 2011)

This research brief presents a review of strategies that aim to reduce youth crime and anti-social behaviour. The interventions and characteristics of interventions that are presented as working in this review are based on the most scientific and rigorous methods of evaluation.

<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/RSG/AllPublications/Page1/DFE-RB111>

**Parenting Early Intervention Programme Evaluation** (May 2011)

This report examines the effectiveness in everyday use in community settings across England of 5 parenting programmes initially selected by the government for use in the PEIP:

- Families and Schools Together,
- Positive Parenting Program,
- Strengthening Families Programme 10-14,
- Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities, and
- The Incredible Years.

<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/RSG/AllPublications/Page1/DFE-RR121A>

<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/RSG/AllPublications/Page1/DFE-RR121B>

**DfE: NEET Statistics - Quarterly Brief - Quarter 1 2011** (26/05/11)

This brief sets out the latest statistics available on young people who are NEET (not in education, employment or training) in England from the DfE 16 - 18 Participation SFR, the Labour Force Survey, and regional NEET figures.

<http://www.education.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/STR/d001004/index.shtml>

**NSPCC finds 64 child sex crimes a day recorded by police** (26/05/11)

Police in England and Wales recorded a child sex crime every 20 minutes last year, new NSPCC research reveals.

More than 23,000 offences were logged in 2009-10, an 8% increase on the previous year. Most reports concerned children aged 12-15. However, over 1,000 victims were pre-school age and 1 in 4 were 11 or under. Girls continue to be around 6 times more likely to be assaulted than boys, with over 20,000 (86%) female victims recorded.

The figures show, for the first time, the number of young people accused of committing CSA offences. Nearly one-quarter (2,200) of known suspects in these cases were under 18.

[http://www.nspcc.org.uk/news-and-views/media-centre/press-releases/2011/2011-05-26-NSPCC-finds-64-child-sex-crimes-a-day-recorded-by-police/11-05-26-nspcc-finds-64-child-sex-crimes-a-day-recorded-by-police\\_wdn82543.html](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/news-and-views/media-centre/press-releases/2011/2011-05-26-NSPCC-finds-64-child-sex-crimes-a-day-recorded-by-police/11-05-26-nspcc-finds-64-child-sex-crimes-a-day-recorded-by-police_wdn82543.html)

ACPO response

<http://www.acpo.presscentre.com/content/Detail.aspx?ReleaseID=237&NewsAreaID=2>

## Consultations

### **Inspection of local authority and voluntary adoption agencies (07/06/11)**

This is a consultation document on proposals for a revised framework for the inspection of LA and voluntary adoption agencies.

Ofsted seeks views from those who have an interest in, or expertise relating to, adoption in order to ensure that the inspection framework takes proper account of the needs and circumstances of all interested parties.


We particularly want to hear from people who have been directly involved in the adoption process: from children and young people, from adopters, and from people who have sought to become adoptive parents, with or without success.

Above all, the framework must assure the quality of services for children who are placed for adoption and for prospective adopters, and support their continuing improvement so that children grow up in secure and loving families.

Closing date: 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011  
<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Publications-and-research/Browse-all-by/Documents-by-type/Consultations/Inspection-of-local-authority-and-voluntary-adoption-agencies>

### **Inspection of LA fostering services and independent fostering agencies (07/06/11)**

This is a consultation document on proposals for a revised framework for the inspection of LA fostering services and independent fostering agencies.

Ofsted seeks views from those who have an interest in, or expertise relating to, fostering 

in order to ensure that the inspection framework takes proper account of the needs and circumstances of all interested parties.

We particularly want to hear from people who have been directly involved in the fostering services: from children and young people, from parents and from foster carers.

Above all, the framework must assure the quality of services for children and young people who are placed with foster carers, and support their continuing improvement.

Closing date: 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011  
<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Publications-and-research/Browse-all-by/Documents-by-type/Consultations/Inspection-of-local-authority-fostering-services-and-independent-fostering-agencies>

### **Draft plan published to reduce TB rates in London (23/05/11)**

TB is a major public health issue in London. However, it is curable and relatively inexpensive to treat if identified early. To reduce the TB rate in London by 50% over the next 10 ten years, we have developed a draft London TB Plan.

We are seeking the views of stakeholders including GPs, patients, third sector and community organisations, public health and wider health and social services.

Closing Date: 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
<http://www.londonhp.nhs.uk/draft-plan-published-to-reduce-tb-rates-in-london/>  
<http://www.rcm.org.uk/midwives/news/tb-vaccine-proposed-for-london-babies/>

## Conferences

### **Behaviour & Discipline in Schools: New Strategies & A New Approach to Improve Standards**

6th July 2011                      Manchester

14<sup>th</sup> July 2011                      London

£175 - £225

Delegates at these briefings will have the opportunity to examine Government proposals for change and the implications for primary, special and secondary schools, governing bodies, LAs.

Key issues to be discussed include:

- The Government's approach to behaviour and discipline: new statutory guidance & the proposals in the Education Bill
- Implications for primary, special and secondary schools
- The role of the governing body in setting the schools policy
- The impact of behaviour on standards in schools
- Supporting teachers: training teachers to manage behaviour
- Protection of teachers from malicious allegations: presumption of innocence
- Dealing with the most troubled students: do talking therapies help?
- The impact of behaviour on the reputation of schools
- A zero tolerance approach to bullying

<http://www.westminster-briefing.com/home/event-detail/newsarticle/behaviour-and-discipline-in-schools-new-strategies-and-a-new-approach-to-improve-standards/>

<http://www.westminster-briefing.com/home/event-detail/newsarticle/behaviour-and-discipline-in-schools-new-strategies-and-a-new-approach-to-improve-standards-1/>

### **Social Networking and Fostering**

7<sup>th</sup> October 2011                      Doncaster                      £95 - £155 + VAT

This conference will consider the impact of the social networking revolution on children and young people in foster care, and on foster carers. It will explore the issues from the different perspectives of children and young people in foster care, foster carers, social workers, and specialists in internet safety.

The aims of the conference are to:

- understand the developments in social networking sites and the implications for fostered children and young people and their families.
- consider how these developments can be addressed in care planning and contact arrangements for fostered children and young people.
- address the challenges facing foster carers in maintaining beneficial contact arrangements at the same time as ensuring that the needs of children and young people are safeguarded.
- provide an opportunity for delegates to discuss and debate the practice issues arising from the developments in social networking.

<http://www.baaf.org.uk/training/allevnts/2011-10-07t000000-0>

## Conferences (continued)

### **Child Protection: from examination to court (previously known as court skills)**

24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2011      London  
£300 (RCPCH members)  
£375 (non - members)

This course is developed and delivered by medical and legal experts who are trained and experienced in this complex and emotive area. Every paediatrician will encounter CP cases during their clinical career and all will require written reports, with some cases leading to legal proceedings. Paediatricians have a key role in both providing written evidence and presenting as a witness in family, criminal or civil proceedings. The central objective of the course is to increase knowledge of legal proceedings, develop competences in engaging with proceedings and build confidence amongst paediatricians to tackle this area of work.

The course will:

- Give you an overview of criminal and family law
- Explain the paediatricians role in legal proceedings
- Help you manage your fears and expectations
- Provide updates and pointers for court on particularly important subjects, such as FII, CSA, CPA and Neglect
- Improve your report writing skills
- Prepare you for giving effective evidence

<http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/events/child-protection-examination-court-previously-known-court-skills>

### **Improving the Life Chances of Children in Care Conference**

30<sup>th</sup> June 2011      London  
£225 - £545 + VAT

The Government is committed to improving the lives of children in care. However, new and persistent challenges confront those responsible for looking after children and young people under LA responsibility and those preparing to leave it.

This Conference examines the obstacles faced by practitioners. This agenda is designed to offer the latest guidance and innovative practice to help your organisation to empower children in care to achieve the best outcomes in life.

Topics for discussion include:

- How to prevent public sector spending cuts from impacting on the life chances of young people
- The new requirement for LAs to secure sufficient accommodation for looked after children in their area
- What you can do to protect children in care from the rising threat of sexual exploitation and recruitment into gangs

<http://www.capitaconferences.co.uk/public-sector-conferences/education/full-conferences/article/improving-the-life-chances-of-children-in-care-1.html>

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