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Welcome to June's edition of the CordisPulse - a monthly digest of key research and policy developments across the sectors in which Cordis Bright provides research and consultancy services, i.e., children and young people's services, criminal justice, and adult social care and health.

During May there have been a number of interesting developments concerning vulnerable young people including: (a) a new fund set up by the Cabinet Office to help 26 volunteering programmes provide support for young people in vulnerable circumstances, (b) statutory guidance from the Department for Education for local authorities on helping care leavers aged 16 and 17 transition to adulthood, and (c) data from the Department for Education concerning the numbers of young people not in education, employment and training (NEET) by local authority.

We were also pleased to see a report from the King's Fund on developing collective leadership for health care which explains the interaction between collective leadership and cultures that value compassionate care, as well as outlining the main characteristics of a collective leadership strategy and a process for developing this.

In Wales the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 became law and provides the foundations for an overhaul of how adult and children's social services in Wales will operate.

If you would like to discuss any of the issues raised in this month's Pulse please do contact us on 020 7330 9170.

Best wishes,

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Children and young people's services

Policy

Cabinet Office: New Fund to help vulnerable people

This month the minister for Civil Society announced a fund to help 26 volunteering programmes provide support for young people in vulnerable circumstances, including young offenders and care leavers. An estimated 3 million young people up to the age of 18 are vulnerable and disengaged. Many of these fail to reach their potential at school or are not in employment, education or training (NEET).

[For more information, please click here](#)

Department for Business, Innovation & Skills: Review of enforcement in the childcare sector

This policy paper summarises the initial findings of the Focus on Enforcement review of the early years childcare sector. The review looked at regulation in relation to: childminders, nurseries and pre-schools for children in the early years age group.

[To read this policy paper, please click here](#)

Department for Education: Consultation Outcome. Adoption: getting it right, making it work

This Consultation outcome summarises consultation responses, the main reforms and the government's response outlining the next steps to be taken, which include changes to the statutory guidance and 4 sets of regulations.

[To read this consultation outcome, please click here](#)

Department for Education: Children Act 1989 - transition to adulthood for care leavers

Updated statutory guidance for local authorities on helping care leavers aged 16 and 17 prepare for adulthood has been published.

[To access this guidance, please click here](#)

Statistics

Department for Education: NEET data by Local Authority

This data gives an estimate of the number and proportion of young people not in education, training or employment (NEET) in each local authority.

[To access this data, please click here](#)

Department for Education: Special educational needs in England

This statistical first release brings together information available on special education needs (SEN) along with related information about special schools in England. This analysis includes information on primary type of need by age, gender, ethnicity, free school meal eligibility, national curriculum year group, first language and information on secondary type of need. It is based on pupil-level data



collected via the school census and local authority level data.

[To access this statistical release, please click here](#)

Cafcass: National statistics of care applications in England

This month, Cafcass released statistics which show the number of care applications received per 10,000 child population by each local authority in England with children services responsibilities. They show an increase from 5.9 applications per 10,000 child population in 2008-09 to 9.7 in 2012-13 but in 2013-2014 the rate of applications dropped to 9.2.

[To access these statistics, please click here](#)

Reports

Nuffield Foundation: Quality and Inequality

This report explores whether three and four year olds that attend settings and schools located in deprived areas experience lower quality early years provision than those who are in less deprived areas. This report also considers the drivers of quality to explore which kinds of providers are most able to offer good quality provision in deprived areas.

[To access this report please click here](#)

Tools

Ofsted: Release of Data Dashboards for further education and skills

The Data Dashboard can now be used by governors, leaders and senior managers to assess the performance of college or training providers. The Data Dashboard is a starting point for governors to access a high-level summary of performance data for individual colleges or training providers to generate questions about the quality and impact of the provision.

[To access this tool, please click here](#)



Criminal Justice

Policy

Youth Justice Board: Revised National Protocol for Case Responsibility

This month saw the publication of the new National Protocol for Case Responsibility for youth offending teams. The aim of this refresh was to better reflect legislative and practise since the document was launched in 2011. Also included is a set of principles which can guide decision making in complex situations.

[To access this guidance, please click here](#)

Statistics

Ministry of Justice: Local adult reoffending (January 2013-December 2013)

This statistical release presents data on the reoffending of adults under probation supervision, including breakdowns to the regional, probation trust and local authority level.

[To access this statistical release, please click here](#)

Women's Aid: Proportion of domestic violence victims that experience financial abuse

Women's Aid released figures today that showed high levels of financial, sexual and emotional abuse that women experience as part of domestic violence. Findings include that 57.4% of women in refuges and 49.7% of women using non refuge services had experienced financial abuse. These findings come from the Women's national survey of 522 women in refuge and 755 women using non-refuge domestic violence services.

[To access these figures, please click here](#)



Adult social care and health

Policy

Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014

The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 became law this month and lays the basis for an overhaul of how adult and children's social services operate in Wales. Changes include the creation of a National Adoption Service, portable assessments that follow individuals when they move between local authorities and a National Outcomes Framework that sets out what children and adults can expect from social services.

[To access this new Act, please click here](#)

Statistics

Local Government Ombudsman (LGO): Review of Adult Social Care Complaints 2013

For the first time the LGO has published its complaints statistics for private social care providers and local authorities. This report presents individual stories to highlight the impact that people feel when services let them down.

[To access this statistical report, please click here](#)

Health & Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC): Repeat use of the Mental Health Act

For the first time the HSCIC has published new analysis about the number of adults subject to more than one detention or short term order during the year 2012-2013. The analysis includes regional variation across clinical commissioning groups in England.

[To access this analysis, please click here](#)

Reports

The King's Fund: Developing collective leadership for health care

This report explains the interaction between collective leadership and cultures that value compassionate care by drawing on wider literature and case studies of good organisational practice. It also outlines the main characteristics of a collective leadership strategy and the process for developing this.

[To access this report, please click here](#)



The King's Fund: Supporting people to manage their health

With 60 to 70 percent of premature deaths caused by detrimental health behaviours, it is vital that people engage more with improving their own health. This report by The King's Fund introduces a way of conceptualising and measuring that engagement known as 'patient activation'.

[To access this report, please click here](#)

Department for Communities and Local Government: Local government transparency code 2014

This document sets out the minimum data that local authorities should be publishing, how frequently the data should be published and how it should be published. It intends to make it easier for local people to contribute to the local decision making process and help shape public services.

[To access this document, please click here](#)