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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 new pieces of legislation announced in the Queen's Speech including: a) The Offender Rehabilitation Bill b) The Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Bill and c) The Care Bill. We were also very interested to see the year one progress report on the Troubled Families Programme which overlaps with evaluation support that we have provided to clients relating to these issues. These and other developments where we have experience of supporting clients are covered in this month's edition of the CordisPulse.

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

Department for Education: Apprenticeship bursary scheme for early years

The Department for Education has announced a transitional scheme (ahead of the early years educator qualifications in 2014) where those aspiring to a profession in early education can apply for a bursary of £1,500.

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Reports

Department for Education: Post adoption support: a rapid response survey of local authorities in England

The Childhood Wellbeing Research Centre (CWRC) carried out a fast response survey of local authorities in England. The aims of the study were to look at how post adoption support teams and services are structured and to identify barriers and facilitators to effective provision.

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National Foundation for Educational Research: Indicators to identify the disengaged report

The National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) has published a research report, building on an earlier scoping study, based on mixed methods research that seeks to further improve the system of identification of young people at risk of disengagement from learning but who do not face multiple and complex barriers. The report is designed to help with the development of practical tools to identify the reasons that young people disengage.

[For more about this click here](#)

Economic and Social Research Council: How teenagers cope with inner city risks

Ethnographic research by the ESRC on young people in areas of social deprivation, crime and gang activity has identified gender differences between the response to risk of young men and women.

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Report of the Children and Young People's health outcomes forum published

Children and Young People's Health Outcomes Forum was tasked with identifying the health outcomes that matter the most to children and young people and consider how well these are supported by the NHS and Public Health Outcomes framework. Their report sets out the Forum's proposals on improving health related care for children and young people, and includes the reports of mental health, disability and prevention among others.

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Department for Communities and Local Government: Troubled families year 1 progress reports

The Department for Communities and Local Government has produced progress reports showing the number of families worked with by the programme at the end of year 1 of the three year payment by results initiative. It showed that 35,618 troubled families were being worked with, up from 22,000 in December 2012, compared to the 41,835 target for year 1.

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[Please here to read Children and Young People Now's view](#)

Public Health England report shows obesity more likely in children from deprived areas

A Public Health England trend analysis report which considers changes in children's body mass index between 2006/07 and 2011/12 has been published showing that children from deprived areas are almost twice as likely to be obese than those in affluent areas.

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Cabinet Office update on transformation of public services

The Cabinet Office have published the second annual update on the government's programme of public services reform in education, health and neighbourhood service among others.

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Department for Education: Letting children be children progress report published

The Department for Education has produced a progress report on the recommendations of the independent review of the commercialisation and sexualisation of childhood by Reg Bailey.

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Tools

National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) guidance issued

Guidance has been issued by the Local Government Association and Public Health England about the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). It outlines how the programme can be carried out and supported by local councillors. The NCMP became a statutory public health duty for local government in April 2013 and aims to understand how widespread obesity is and national and local trends.

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Department for Education: Improved support for care leavers

The Minister for Children and Families announced an improved package of support for children leaving care which includes £200,000 to the National Care Advisory Service over 2 years to help support outcomes for young people leaving residential care.

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Criminal Justice

Policy

Ministry of Justice: Anti-social, policing and crime measures unveiled

The new Anti-social behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill has been announced in the queen's speech. It includes measures to create new and simpler powers to tackle antisocial behaviour, make forced marriage illegal and improve professional standards for police

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Ministry of Justice: Offender Rehabilitation Bill

The Ministry of Justice has published the Offender Rehabilitation Bill which makes provisions about the release and supervision after release of offenders including provisions for young offenders. Young offenders (even if they are imprisoned for a short period) will be supervised for a year if they leave custody aged 18.

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Reports

Ministry of Justice: Support for victims – findings from the crime survey report

A report from the Ministry of Justice examines the various types of information, advice and support wanted and received by victims of crime and draws out the key messages for victim support service delivery and provision.

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Centre for mental health: Report shows that young women with links to gangs are the most at risk group in youth justice

The centre for mental health report, "*A need to belong*", shows that girls with links to gangs are, on average, three times more vulnerable than most other children in the Youth Justice system. The report is based on analysis of risk factors of 8,000 young people in the youth justice system.

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Ministry of Justice: Year 1 results of the Local Justice reinvestment Pilots have been announced

Sheffield Hallam University has published the of the year 1 evaluation report on the Local Justice Reinvestment pilots (in Southwark, Lewisham, Greater Manchester, Croydon, Lambeth and Hackney) which use payment by results in youth justice settings. The findings suggest there are wide variations in the results of the pilots between areas, determined by their affect on offending related work.

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News

Ministry of Justice: plans shelved to transfer custody budgets to local authorities

The Ministry of Justice has shelved plans to transfer custody budgets to local authorities despite support from the Youth Justice Board (YJB) for devolved budgets in youth custody. After the end of the youth justice reinvestment pathfinder scheme the trial approach will end according to an MOJ response to a justice select committee report on youth justice.

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Adult Social Care and Health

Policy

Department of Health: Care Bill published

The Department of Health has published the Care Bill which introduces legislation setting out new rights for carers, emphasises the need to prevent and reduce care needs and introduces an eligibility threshold for care support. It also takes forward elements of the government's initial response to the Francis Inquiry on Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust.

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Department of Work and Pensions: Social Justice – Transforming lives one year on

The Department of Work and Pensions has published a progress report of the work that has been completed as part of the Social Justice strategy outlined in the report *Social Justice: Transforming Lives* which emphasised early intervention and prevention for the most disadvantaged families and individuals. The report considers progress made with supporting families, young people, work and disadvantaged adults.

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Reports

Welsh Government: Third stage of living longer ageing well strategy launched

The third phase of Welsh government's Strategy for Older people in Wales has been launched. The latest phase of the strategy (originally launched in 2003) focuses on well-being and will form the basis of a 10-year action plan for Wales.

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National survey for Wales 2012: Research results published

Headline results from the National Survey for Wales produced by the Welsh Government have been published. The release includes information from the first full year of fieldwork and includes results on schools and parental engagement, wellbeing and access to health services.

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JRF: Older people with high support needs in housing with care round up report

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) has produced a round up report which covers key messages and practice examples from JRF studies into three aspects of Housing with care (a model which they consider to be promising for people with high support needs). The three areas are: promoting supportive and positive relationships; boundaries of roles and responsibilities; and affordability, choices and quality of life.

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SCIE: Research shows that integration is essential to truly personalised care

Think local act personal has produced the 2nd National Personal Budget Survey with 22 volunteer councils in England. The findings showed that people are benefiting from the control and freedom of the self directed budgets offer, but local authorities need to simplify processes and focus on the outcomes that matter most to people.

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Department of Health unveils new measures to protect people if care providers fail

The Care and Support minister announced that legislation would be introduced to give the Care Quality Commission (CQC) powers to oversee the financial stability of the largest care providers. The role of local authorities is also to be clarified so that if a care provider fails the local authority will have ultimate responsibility for continuity of care.

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Department of Health announces plans to join up health and social care

The Care and Support Minister has launched plans to join up health and social care in the framework document: *“Integrated care and support: our shared commitment”*. This document sets out how local areas can use existing structures like Health and Wellbeing Boards to bring together local authorities, the NHS, social care providers, education, housing services, public health and others to make further steps towards integration. 12 of the national leaders of health and care have also signed up to a series of commitments on how they will help local areas integrate services.

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