



Registered Managers Forum – 24.6.21

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Updates:

- Themes and issues emerging from inspections
- Issues common to education and social care
- Covid 19- looking forward.



Pandemic related

- Ongoing related to the pandemic:
 - staff welfare / use of supervision to make deal with / explore staff own issues and concerns
 - Children / young people and their feelings about ongoing issues
 - Children / young people and the feelings and reflections on the last 16 months
 - <https://socialcareinspection.blog.gov.uk/2021/05/25/in-care-during-covid-19-what-children-told-us-about-lockdown/>



Pandemic related

- Vaccinations for children:
 - 12-18 years licenced
 - 6-12 years under discussion
 - Alternate methods of delivery (puffer / small nebuliser) being trialled.
 - current rate up ++ yr 12 to 35 years of age
 - R rate England 1.2-1.4 / SW England 1-1.5
 - Booster programme ? September onwards
 - New variant – variation of the Delta variant- being tested and explored re. transmissibility and vaccine avoidance

Ethical debate- should children be vaccinated to protect adults?

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Inspection :

Some themes , issues so far:

- safeguarding- all aspects across the whole arc and culture of the organisation.
- The child's journey – all areas of their lives from arriving with you to the current day or their transition from you to another placement or independent /semi-independent living



Inspections:

- hearing the voice of the child / young person – all areas of their lives , formally and informally
- Health and safety. There was no change in health and safety law/ regs from Dec 2019 to the end of the most recent lockdown. Some services could not get their checks carried out therefore requirements made.



Inspections:

General:-

- Annex A up to date?
- Changes to Statement of Purpose- common findings noted:
 - Names inaccurate
 - Workforce development plan out of date
 - Practice does not match that described i.e. The service has become more specialist / diversified and this is not within the document

Inspections:

- Reg 45 not submitted on time
- Reg 40- not made / made too many ?
- Be aware of any changes in legislation



General-

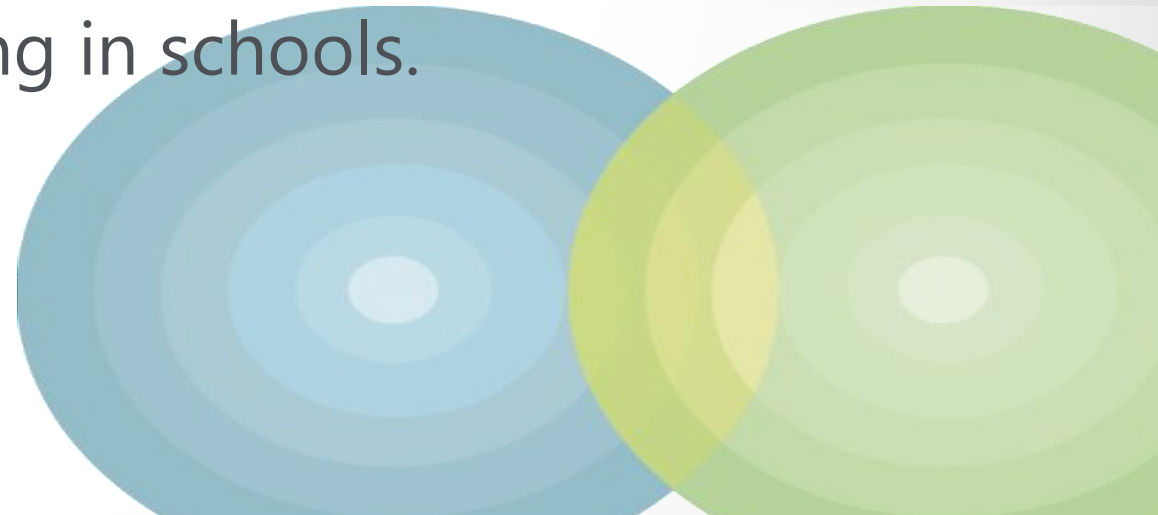
- Some inspectors asking RM's to send the inspectors' email out to staff so that they can respond directly to them with thoughts , comments , reflections.
Anything identified has then been followed up with the Manager at the time
- Some have commented they have not been Covid 19 checked on arrival – LFT etc.



Everyone's Invited.....

“**Everyone's Invited** is a space created for survivors to share their stories. Since the 8th of March 2021, over 15,000 anonymous testimonies have been submitted.....”

- many of these testimonies are linked to a range of education settings.
- as a result the Department for Education / Ofsted have carried out a short , focused review of safeguarding in schools.
- this was 4-5 weeks long



Everyone's invited...

- New guidance for schools
- Keeping Children Safe in Education 2021- some adjustments to be made
- “push” on how young people learn about consent , relationships etc- link to the quality standards
- Not just a school issue- one for society..... the government is likely to take this into review in terms of education, service reviews etc



Everyone's Invited.....

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/review-of-sexual-abuse-in-schools-and-colleges>
- This is a report which shocks in terms of our underestimation of online sexual abuse in particular.
- Should be read as there are recommendations which could equally apply to social care.
- CHALLENGE- would your teams recognise if this was happening for a young person in the home – signs ? patterns? themes? Would they know what to do?

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Anything else?

- Anything to add?
- Any questions / queries re. the covid 19 situation?
- Thank you.

