



# updates

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# Current situation re. Covid 19

- R rate in the UK is currently 1.1-1.3 in the SW.
- Vaccination rate- 88.4%
- Booster / 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Vaccination -69.6%
- Cases-54,914(per 7 rolling days )
- Deaths 786
- Admissions-7.809
- Note slight fall in cases.



# Current situation

- Hospitals putting mask wearing back into place as well as some restrictions on visitors
- Booster roll out on the go ( slow for some age groups).
- Be alert to the data
- Maintain your contingency planning- especially around staffing
- Likely post Christmas increase which is likely to be compounded by 'flu cases



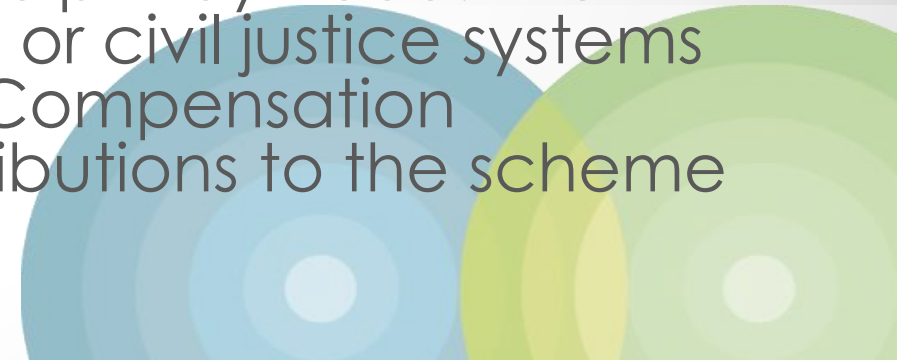
# What has been published?

- IICSA final report published 20.10.22



# IICSA- three core recommendations and others

- The first relates to the introduction of a statutory requirement of mandatory reporting. In effect, it requires individuals in certain employments (paid or voluntary) and professions to report allegations of child sexual abuse to the relevant authorities. Failure to do so in some circumstances could lead to the commission of a new criminal offence of failure to report an allegation of child sexual abuse when required to do so
- The second concerns the establishment of a national redress scheme for England and for Wales, to provide some monetary redress for child sexual abuse for those who have been let down by institutions in the past. This is a fixed-term scheme with straightforward processes to ensure that, as far as possible, victims and survivors secure efficient access to the help they need. The redress scheme is not a substitute for criminal or civil justice systems and it does not replace the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority. The government should seek contributions to the scheme from the institutions affected.



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- The third recommendation is intended to secure the long-term spotlight on child sexual abuse through the creation of a Child Protection Authority (CPA) in England and in Wales. The CPAs will have powers to inspect any institution associated with children. They will not replace current inspectorates in relation to the statutory authorities, but may require inspection of those authorities by existing inspectorates.
- The CPAs over time will become centres of expertise, and may extend their child protection functions to other forms of harm experienced by children. They will also, in due course, monitor implementation of the Inquiry's recommendations and report regularly on progress.

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- Other recommendations in this report include:
  - a single set of core data relating to child sexual abuse and child sexual exploitation;
  - the creation of a cabinet-level Minister for Children;
  - a public awareness campaign on child sexual abuse;
  - a ban on the use of pain compliance techniques on children in custodial institutions;
  - amendment of the Children Act 1989 to give parity of legal protection to children in care;
  - registration of care staff in residential care, and staff in young offender institutions and secure training centres;
  - improved compliance with statutory duties to inform the Disclosure and Barring Service about individuals who may pose a risk of harm to children;

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- extending the disclosure regime to those working with children overseas;
- extended use of the barred list of people unsuitable for work with children; Executive Summary 17
- more robust age-verification requirements for the use of online platforms and services;
- mandatory online pre-screening for sexual images of children;
- a guarantee of specialist therapeutic support for child victims of sexual abuse;
- a code of practice for access to records pertaining to child sexual abuse; removal of the three-year limitation period for personal injury claims brought by victims; and
- further changes to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme.





## What is coming up ? Community Care September 1<sup>st</sup> 2022:

- “The DfE has pledged to issue its response to MacAlister’s review – and those of the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel’s into the murders of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes and Star Hobson, and the Competition and Markets Authority’s into the children’s social care market – before the end of the year, alongside an implementation strategy. It is unclear whether this timetable will be affected by the imminent change of prime minister.
- MacAlister’s role involves supporting the transition of the review’s work, relationships with stakeholders – including people with lived experience of children’s social care – and learning to the DfE, while working through the recommendations in detail with officials and supporting them to carry out a thorough assessment of his conclusions.
- He will also advise on the contents of the implementation strategy, support the work of the implementation board – also set up to advise the DfE on the strategy – and provide “ongoing challenge and scrutiny on delivery and implementation plans”.
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## Continued:

- Ofsted reviewing the relevant areas and working with the DfE re:
  - Regulation
  - Standards
  - Role of the Regulation 44 Visitor
  - Fiscal / financial due diligence model

Ofsted very aware of the need for primary legislation change especially in respect of the Care Standards Act 2000



## What is ongoing / coming up ?

- Ongoing BBC and Guardian newspaper investigations re. the sector.
- Local government funding :unlike central government, local authorities cannot borrow to finance day-to-day spending, and so they must either run balanced budgets or draw down reserves – money built up by underspending in earlier years – to ensure that their annual spending does not exceed their annual revenue. But reserves can only be used once. Once reserves are spent, they cannot be spent again.
- At present the LA spend has been impacted by many factors- C19, adult social care , children's services , greater demand across the board , cost of living crisis- this IS going to impact children's services budgets going forward and thus the sector

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# Any other updates-

- Any updates or information for sharing with colleagues?
- Thanks Chris