



# updates

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Sector updates February 2024

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- Covid 19.
- Work with it as an endemic issue now.
- No major variant development at present.
- Look out for measles outbreaks / clusters.



# Guidance to support trans young people

Guidance for the support of trans young people- schools.

Consultation until March 12<sup>th</sup> 2024

<https://cass.independent-review.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Cass-Review-Interim-Report-Final-Web-Accessible.pdf>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/gender-questioning-children-draft-schools-and-colleges-guidance>

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# Other updates

- Parliamentary inquiry re. the role of Ofsted in education
- <https://committees.parliament.uk/work/7761/ofsteds-work-with-schools/news/199622/ofsted-and-government-must-rebuild-trust-and-make-major-changes-to-school-inspections-education-committee-says/>
- <https://schoolsweek.co.uk/think-tank-sets-out-blueprint-for-labours-ofsted-plans/>



# Some findings re Ofsted and education :

- Inspections are too short
- The nature of the reports is far too short balanced against the evidence taken
- Single word grades- not working
- Levels of distress for school leaders in particular
- Complaints process- not enough changes made
- Raises the workload of staff
- DfE to consult on an annual regulatory safeguarding review/inspection
- INADEQUATE grades only to be given if there is “evidence that the school is FUNDAMENTALLY failing to keep children safe “
- MATs must be inspected



# National Framework – updated Dec 2023

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childrens-social-care-national-framework>
- The National Framework brings together the purpose of local authority children's social care, the principles by which children, young people and families should be supported, the enablers that should be in place so the system is effective, and the outcomes that should be achieved so that children and young people can grow up to thrive. The National Framework puts the voices of children, young people and families at the heart of practice, so they can have a say in how they are supported.



# National Framework continued....

- Outcome The outcomes described in the National Framework are what children's social care should achieve for the children, young people, and families they support. They reflect the core purpose of children's social care.
- There are 4 outcomes:
- Outcome 1: children, young people and families stay together and get the help they need
- Outcome 2: children and young people are supported by their family network
- Outcome 3: children and young people are safe in and outside of their homes
- Outcome 4: children in care and care leavers have stable, loving homes

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# Any inspection or other feedback ?

- Some points which have arisen
  - agency staff and risk assessments re. rotas and staff on duty
  - supervision – not reflective , grounded in learning and development
  - fire drills and PEEPs not being up to date
  - R 40 s not made in a timely fashion
  - location risk assessments not being used dynamically
  - records not detailed enough / not capturing the views of young people





# Thank you.....

- Any thoughts or queries ?

- Chris

