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## Residential Care Bulletin June 2025

**dialogue** offers lots of support to the residential sector, we regularly review the latest research and publications, and offer a huge variety of training courses to support you and your teams.

In this edition:

- **Government Update** - plans for a new Child Protection Authority
- **RM Vacancy Research** - survey updates
- **Be part of the residential child care community for Children's Homes** - meetings every Wednesday 1-2pm
- **Update from the Children's Commissioner** - calls for urgent action on inequality in mental health care for children

- **Inspection Top Tips bulletin** – our weekly bulletin with analysis from live inspection data and suggestions for improvement, together with links to our weekly sessions
- **NEW Level 3 Award in Trauma Informed Practice** delivered by Trauma Informed services
- **Internet Matters** – Children’s views on restricting social media
- **June training highlight – Managing Inspections**, next course on 30th June
- **Nuffield Foundation Research** – Exploring racial disparity in diversion from the youth justice system
- **Excellent training** for your independent person, safeguarding lead, RI, NI, RSM, RM and staff.



## Plans for a new Child Protection Authority

At the beginning of April, the Home Office updated its plan to tackle child sexual abuse and establish a new Child Protection Authority (CPA) in England in response to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse.

The new CPA aims to prioritise vulnerable children, streamline the system, and improve support for child and youth victims of abuse through evidence-based practices.

A consultation will be launched to create a roadmap for the

CPA, with a clear program and timetable of activity to follow. Everyone involved in safeguarding children is encouraged to participate in the consultation process. We'll keep you informed as soon as we have more information.

[Read the updated policy paper](#)

## RM Vacancy Research

**dialogue** is coordinating some research on the high vacancy rate for registered managers.

Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete the RM/Head of Care vacancy survey over the last few weeks.

We have had 379 submissions and are now scouring the data to set out the key barriers together with suggested courses of action for the Department for Education, Ofsted, local authorities and providers. Your voice counts within this and we are grateful for your time.

We'll be sharing further updates as we progress with the review of data collected so far and continue our research.



# 2025 Membership for Residential Care

**Our membership offer for Children's Homes runs weekly meetings every Wednesday 1-2pm.**

The sessions are getting great feedback and there's lots to cover!

## Coming up...

- **4th June - 'Dynamic Risk'** - Rachael Courage will be joining us to deliver a bitesize session on how to recognise and plan for potential risks and empower staff to respond to situations as they arise.
- **11th June** - our fortnightly update session with inspection top tips, research, regs and responses to member queries with guest speaker Murray Kemp on changes to Fire Extinguisher Regs.
- **18th June - "Safer Recruitment"** - Carolyn Eyre will be joining us to look at how to run a recruitment process that puts as many barriers in the way of potential abusers as possible in order to keep service users safe.
- **25th June** - our fortnightly update session with inspection top tips, research, regs and responses to member queries with John Woodhouse and Brian Smith.

## You'll find more membership benefits on our site...

- **Individual members £99+vat.**
- **Whole home membership £395+vat.**
- **Whole organisation membership** get in touch for a quote.

[Members' log in here](#)

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## Inequality in mental health care for children

**The Children's Commissioner's annual report on the state of children's mental health services highlights huge inequalities when it comes to accessing support, with some young people waiting up to 17 times longer than others depending on where they live.**

In her fourth annual report, Dame Rachel de Souza sets out children's experiences with mental health services in England as data from 2023-24 shows nearly 60,000 children in England were referred for being 'in crisis' – more than 6% of all those referred to children's mental health services that year – and 50,000 more children with active referrals were still waiting for treatment to begin at the end of March 2024.

**Children's Commissioner report**



## Inspection Top Tips

Our team are combing inspection reports every week for key themes and issues. We've been talking to providers about what you find useful and we'll now be highlighting elements that Ofsted identify as great practice, and flagging some of the pitfalls, together with ideas to think about for your setting.

**In the last 4 weeks we covered:**

- Positive Home Environments
- Statement of Purpose
- Smoking and Vaping
- Short Breaks

**All the resources and back catalogue are available in the [members' area](#)**



**TRAUMA INFORMED  
SERVICES**

**NEW Level 3 Award in Trauma  
Informed Practice for Children and  
Young People**

This NCFE accredited Level 3 Award is delivered by Clinical Psychologists who have substantial experience across a wide range of settings and directly supporting those who have parental responsibility for children in care. This qualification will propel you on your journey to becoming a trauma informed practitioner, enabling you to understand, recognise, and respond to trauma in a way that promotes recovery and minimises re-traumatisation for the children and young people in your care.

This new Level 3 award is delivered by our training partners **Trauma Informed Services** and you can [find out more here.](#)



## Children's views on restricting social media

Internet Matters has published a report drawing on interviews with teenagers who would be affected by a ban on social media for under-16s.

Children's own words highlight the key findings, and reveal:

- Social media is entrenched in children's lives from an early age.

- Children acknowledged some benefits of a social media ban, but felt the negatives would outweigh the positives
- Children feel that online safety is a responsibility that should be shared between themselves, parents and carers, social media companies, and schools and the government.

[Access the report](#)



## Managing Inspection training

**As the Ofsted landscape continues to change, particularly for our colleagues in residential care and supported accommodation, this training will look at the inspection of children's homes and supported accommodation in detail, seeking to define and broaden our understanding of the process.**

Ultimately, this training will seek to empower and embolden, providing knowledge and practical support to help you manage your inspection.

### Course Outcomes:

- The basics – types of inspection, their process and judgements
- The holy trinity – regulation, statutory guidance and framework
- Preparation and evidence gathering – closing down key lines of enquiry, the use of regulation 40



notifications, or regulation 27 notifications, and when to walk away

- Escalation and representation

This full-day course, is suitable for Children's Homes staff and costs £132+vat, reduced to **£99+vat for members**.

**We also offer the same course for Supported Accommodation Providers** - get in touch to arrange your own date for your team or you can register interest on the button below.

**Our next training date for Children's Homes**, being delivered virtually, is running on the following date:

**10am-4pm on 30th June 2025**

You can read full details and make a booking for this date by clicking on the button below or by contacting one of our team at **admin@dialogueltd.co.uk**

[Read more and book training](#)



## Exploring racial disparity

**The Nuffield Foundation have investigated racial disparities in diversion from the youth justice system.**

Children from minority ethnic backgrounds are overrepresented in the YJS. This is partly explained by decisions about whether children who come to police attention are diverted through informal measures, or receive formal outcomes (charge or caution). The further through the justice system the more intense the intervention for Black children, offences are treated more severely and there is over-representation throughout. How will you anticipate and advocate for your young people where they engage with this system.

[Read the research](#)

## Upcoming Training Courses

Face to face training, virtual, at your setting or in our venue, we're ready to support you and your team.

Here's some of our upcoming courses, to see a full range of courses and memberships, please chose from the relevant options below:

[training for Residential Care](#)

[training for Supported Accommodation Providers](#)

[\(Children's Homes\) Managing the Inspection Process \(on 30th June\)](#)

[Safer Recruitment training \(on 3rd July\)](#)

[Young People going missing \(on 5th September\)](#)

[MCA and LPS \(on 9th September\)](#)

Safeguarding Supervision (starting on 18th September)

RI training (starting on 25th September)

Safeguarding Lead (starting on 24th September)

Online Safety (on 30th September)

Directors, the Board and Safeguarding (on 30th September)

Regulation 44 and Standard 3 (starting on 2nd October)

Reg45 Quality Review (on 3rd October)

Dynamic Risk (on 7th October)

### Want training on something else?

For a full list of training topics to support the residential sector, please visit [www.dialogueltd.co.uk/residential](http://www.dialogueltd.co.uk/residential)

We also design bespoke courses to meet the needs of you and your staff. Do get in touch to discuss.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

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independent visiting services for children's homes, residential schools and supported living providers. We prefer to work closely with you to identify areas of need and devise bespoke packages that demonstrably improve the lives of young people in your care. Training for managers, residential workers and other staff includes supervision, safeguarding, care planning & analysis, recording and much more.

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