

RM Forum– sector updates

Sector and general updates .

June 2024

Looking ahead

- The guidance for young people who are gender identity questioning is being finalised. The date of publication could be impacted by the publication of Joanne Cass' final report in respect of the independent review of gender identity services in England
- <https://cass.independent-review.uk/home/publications/final-report>
- https://consult.education.gov.uk/equalities-political-impartiality-anti-bullying-team/gender-questioning-children-proposed-guidance/supporting_documents/GenderQuestioningChildrennonstatutoryguidance.pdf

Looking ahead....

- Legislation in respect of banning the sale of cigarettes etc to young people born from 2009 onwards has lapsed as a part of the pre – election “wash up” in Parliament
- In terms of support and having a vaping / smoking cessation plan in place – are you confident of your evidence base

Looking ahead

- . Addition to the Criminal Justice Bill- the making of deepfake images(in categories) will be an offence even if not circulated- CJ Bill not part of the pre - election “ wash up ” in Parliament

Looking ahead

- . Addition to the Criminal Justice Bill-criminal offence in respect of not reporting /acting upon a disclosure of child sexual abuse- CJ Bill lapsed. Not part of the “wash up” pre election in Parliament.
- Think about on line safety / safeguarding/HR policies/code of conduct.

Looking ahead

- KCSIE- likely to be technical changes this year.

More substantive changes 2025

- Ongoing tensions in the adult social care market
- Ongoing issue re. staffing and recruitment across the board

Looking ahead

- Market tensions:
 - LA Budgets
 - 114 reports likely to increase.
 - Sufficiency/ capacity
 - Increase in CLA
 - Post pandemic impacts for children , young people and young adults and ongoing impact on MH services / CAMHS etc
 - General election outcome

Reading / research

- Jay review of criminally exploited children

Reading / research

- Removing profit from CH in Wales:
- <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/czkv09lvv0xo>

Look out for : Ofsted response.....

- “we also welcome the government’s response to the national panel recommendations about safeguarding disabled children. We must all learn from the awful abuse that happened at the Hesley schools. We will work with the government as they strengthen the whole system that safeguards children. And we welcome the opportunity to work with the CQC on improving the regulation of services.
We will respond in June 2024.”

Look out for : Ofsted comment.....

- “We still see a lot of confusion and inconsistency around **information sharing**. There must be consistent understanding across all agencies and professionals of what can be shared, with whom, and when. There must be good systems for information sharing. And professionals must be knowledgeable about them and confident in using them.”