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Residential Care Bulletin November 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.

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- **Excellent training** for your independent person, safeguarding lead, RI, NI, RSM, RM and staff. **New courses now live to book!**



Anti-Bullying Week 2025: Power for Good

Anti-Bullying Week 2025 will take place from 10th to 14th November, with the theme: Power for Good. The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) is the official organiser of Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th, with adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Get Involved!



Children's social care questionnaires 2025: what children and young people told Ofsted

The annual Ofsted questionnaire was published on 6th October. Ofsted use the responses along with other information they have, such as previous inspection findings or any concerns, to decide when to inspect and what to focus on when they do.

Children and young people share their experiences of living in social care settings, including children's homes, boarding schools, residential special schools, and living with foster carers.

[Read the Ofsted findings](#)



FREE webinars on serious incidents

There's a duty on providers to notify Ofsted of serious incidents, but when is serious "serious"?

Back by popular demand, our FREE 1-hour bite-size sessions explore the regulation, draws on experience and additional clarifications, and follows the process through from incident to evidencing the learning required for good practice

in difficult times.

We run a session on Regulation 27 notifications for Supported Accommodation Providers and a separate session on Regulation 40 notifications for Children's Homes. Please see full details below to register to join one of these FREE sessions.

You can register to attend one of our free sessions, using the buttons below...

Children's Homes Reg40 on 14th January

Supported Accommodation Reg27 on 13th February



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...

- **5th November - Curiosity, Courage and Care:** Starting conversations about race in residential practice with Professor Prospera Tedam (SFHEA)
- **12th November** - our fortnightly update session with inspection top tips, research, regs and we'll also have

Tom Fradley joining us to review a new semi-independence tool.

- **19th November - In(ter)dependence Framework/Leaving care – Thriving Into Adulthood** Dougie Stringer (Path to Independence Ltd)
- **26th November** - our fortnightly update session with inspection top tips, research, regs and responses to members queries.

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.

You'll find the sessions and support invaluable, but if you're not sure add the code **TRYFORFREE** to the invoicing details and we will defer your first invoice a month. Simply let us know you'd not like to continue and we'll cancel the invoice altogether.

Members' log in here

Find out more & join dialogue today



Presumption of parental involvement review

Following the [presumption of parental involvement review](#), the Government has announced it is planning to repeal

this aspect of the Children Act 1989 and also to automatically restrict parental responsibility in cases where a parent has been convicted of a serious sexual offence against a child, and where a child is born of rape, under amendments to the Victims and Courts Bill.

This may impact on children's contact arrangements in your setting, potentially providing relief where there is some pressure. It does not prohibit contact in any way where this is in the young person's best interests. It doesn't affect Reg14 requirements to follow the care plan or that the majority of children in care should maintain contact with their family. Supervising time with families is complex and a regular inspection theme.

dialogue offer a great training course on [supervised contact with families](#) with the hugely experienced Rachael Courage.

[Read the Review here](#)

[Read more on Supervised Contact Training](#)



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:

- Models of Care
- Escalation
- Children coming into Care
- Staff Qualifications

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



The Children's Plan: Vision for Care

Every child deserves adults in their life who are ambitious for them and a coherent plan set out by the services supporting them to help them achieve their potential. We cannot leave it to chance. It requires hard work and bold thinking. It will require a shared vision across the country of what 'good' looks like within all services – and a refusal to allow anything less for these children.

Above all, it will require children's voices and experiences to be listened to and placed at the centre of urgent reform. Children in care, or with a social worker, must no longer be an afterthought to any serious public sector reform.

[Read the Report here](#)



Young People going Missing training

One in ten young people and children go missing, usually multiple times, twenty times the average young person not in care, and they often experience significant harm. The lead up to Christmas can also be a significant 'push/pull factor' for our young people.

To keep young people safe, agencies and professionals need to be proactive to help prevent missing episodes. Reporting them as missing to the police does not resolve the reasons or reduce the recurrence as to why they were not where they were expected to be.

Every effort should be made to prevent a young person or child from going missing in the first place and this course aims to reduce the likelihood of these events occurring, whilst equipping you with the knowledge and skills to support young people in returning should these unfortunate circumstances occur.

Our Young People Going Missing training analyses the levels of intervention model, alongside exploring the use of a contextual safeguarding approach. We also consider the dynamic risks involved to work with local agencies, and the young person's family and carers, about what needs to change to reduce these episodes in future.

The trainer:

Rachael Courage is a trainer and consultant for dialogue who runs our Children's Homes course. Rachael holds a masters degree in Social Work, as well as a level 5 NVQ in Management. Rachael has 20 years experience as a Social worker, and is currently practicing as a Chair for Child Protection Conferences for a Local Authority. She is an experienced trainer in child safeguarding, and child

protection, and has managed sexual exploitation and missing services for Barnardos, including setting up services in new areas and working with Child Safeguarding Assurance Partnership around their strategic response to child sexual exploitation. Rachael has been the safeguarding lead for the children and young people's service within a hospice and has worked for the NSPCC delivering individual and group therapeutic interventions for children who have experienced abuse.

Suitable for: The next course running is suitable for those working in Children's Homes, but we also offer the same training for Supported Accommodation Providers too. You can register your interest using the buttons below.

This half-day course is delivered over zoom and costs £82+vat, reduced to **£62+vat for members**.

Our next training date (for children's homes) is being delivered virtually, running on the following date:

9:15am-12:15pm on 15th December 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**

Young People going missing training (Children's Homes)

Young People going missing training (Sup Acc)



Understanding the Challenges of Online Reporting survey

SWGfL is leading Project Ember, a new anonymous research study funded by Safe Online, that explores the online experiences of young people (13-24 years) and how they view and respond to harmful online behaviours. The aim is to reach a diverse group of young people across the UK to better understand the challenges they face online, their understanding and views about reporting online harmful behaviour and improve the support services available to them.

[Read the press release and share the survey](#)

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](#)

[\(NEW\) Introduction to Harmful Sexual Behaviours \(on 1st December\)](#)

[Young People going missing \(on 15th December\)](#)

[Dynamic Risk training \(starting on 13th January\)](#)

[Regulation 44 and Standard 3 \(starting on 15th January\)](#)

[Safeguarding Supervision \(starting on 15th January\)](#)

[Safeguarding Lead \(starting on 15th January\)](#)

Leading Supported Accommodation (starting on 15th January)

(Children's Homes) Managing the Inspection Process (on 28th Jan)

Reg45 Quality Review (on 30th January)

Managing Allegations (starting on 6th February)

Safer Recruitment training (starting on 20th April)

(NEW) Leaving Care training (new dates TBC)

RI training (new dates TBC)

Want training on something else?

For a full list of training topics to support the residential sector, please visit 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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