



dialogue

# Sector updates

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**Crime and Policing Bill Stage 2** and **Children Well being and Schools bill** both still in the House of Lords

## **Sexual offences**

Part 5 of the bill would introduce several measures aimed at tackling child sexual abuse and other sexual offending.

This includes implementing two recommendations from the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse. **It would make grooming a statutory aggravating factor when sentencing an adult for a child sex offence and create a statutory duty for certain individuals to report child sexual abuse.**

It would also introduce measures to tackle **the creation and possession of child sexual abuse material** and putting the child sex offender disclosure scheme, 'Sarah's law', on a statutory footing.

It would also introduce several **new offences relating to the taking of intimate images and voyeurism.**



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Safeguarding vulnerable people

There will be measures aimed at protecting children and vulnerable people, **including creating new offences of child criminal exploitation and 'cuckooing'**, often associated with county lines drug dealing.

It would also **establish new offences of spiking and encouraging or assisting serious self-harm.**

How many young people be cuckooed or be part of a group who cuckoo a vulnerable person ?

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/crime-and-policing-bill-2025-factsheets/crime-and-policing-bill-overarching-factsheet>



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- Youth radicalisation

Part 14 of the bill would introduce measures aimed at tackling youth radicalization.

These would take the form of '**youth diversion orders**', a counter-terrorism risk management tool available to people under 21. The police would be able to apply to the courts for an order, which could require or prohibit certain conduct, if necessary and proportionate to mitigate terrorist risk.

May also sit with a Channel plan

Could you effectively manage a Channel plan in the home with your team and as aprt of a wider stakeholder team ?

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- Home Secretary announced secondary legislation to introduce a new criminal **offence targeted against violence obsessed suspects**- this following on from the Rudakubana and Prosper cases.



# Useful to think about some focus areas which align with education and care at the moment

- Attendance - link to safeguarding / strategies in use
- Part time timetables - link to safeguarding
- Absence as risk- **are you mitigating the risk ?**
- Risk and contextual safeguarding
- SEND
- Communication and information sharing
- Online / social media harms
- New Ofsted inspection education framework
- Inclusion
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## Useful to think about some focus areas which align with education and care at the moment

- Phones policy-no phones in education during the school day- Ofsted focus at inspection. What if you are using an unregistered education provider- double check their policy with the LA or the provider
- Social media ban-take part in the consultation
- Schools white paper
- New Ofsted framework for social care
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# Send review

- Send review- **seven pillars or tiers?**
- Universal
- Targeted
- Specialist
  
- 3 key areas
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The SEND and AP partnership should jointly consider the 7 pillars:

**Pillar 1: Co-production with parents and carers and Children and Young People**

**Pillar 2: Effective system leadership and governance**

**Pillar 3: Accurate understanding of needs through effective use of data  
( Understanding and evidencing the needs of children and young people with SEND  
and children and young people who may benefit from AP )**

**Pillar 4: High Quality Service Delivery at universal, targeted and specialist level to  
promote inclusion**

**Pillar 5: Effective partnerships working across education, health and social care**

**Pillar 6: Skilled workforce across the partnership**

**Pillar 7: Targeted, judicious and sustainable use of resources including sufficiency,  
place planning and capital**

# SEND white paper

- Everyone is waiting for this to give much more detail
- LAs already asked to look at SEND within the tiers/ pillar approach as to lead into the white paper being published



# Information sharing

- <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/uk-gdpr-guidance-and-resources/data-sharing/a-10-step-guide-to-sharing-information-to-safeguard-children/>
- UK ICO video is useful <https://vimeo.com/864079799>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-practitioners-information-sharing-advice>
- Still proving to be problematic in terms of safeguarding
  - are you clear about this and is it secure in your setting?
  - early Southport Inquiry challenging lack of information sharing.



# Sector updates

- Any thoughts or queries?
- Lots more to come....

Thank you- Chris

