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Residential Care Bulletin March 2026

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!



**Ofsted is running user research
sessions to explore how they can
improve the application process.**

Ofsted want an hour of your time to try out a prototype version of the application process. You'll share your screen and talk us through your experience as you go.

This is a test version for research purposes, so you won't be completing a real application. Everything will be confidential and anonymised and won't affect any future interactions or applications with Ofsted.

[**Read more and Register Interest**](#)



FREE webinar
Regulation 40 notifications for
Children's Homes

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 session explores 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.

Please see full details below to register to join one of these **FREE** sessions.

Children's Homes Reg40 on 20th April



KCSiE Consultation February 2026: Your guide to the changes

The guidance for schools has come out for consultation and is relevant to children's homes in lots of ways, not just in our work with schools, as it helps define government concern and thinking about wider society and how we bring up young people:

- The emphasis on serious violence and sexual violence as at the far end of a continuum should shape the way we think about capturing those learning experiences early
- The inclusion of racism and suicide has been long overdue and given the disproportionate impact of both on children in care should feature in your training plans
- The gender questioning guidance is bedded in the new consultation - lots of implications here around initial and on going responses to young people
- Our sited company, **Safeguarding Network**, have produced a booklet going through all the changes which are free to download below.

dialogue members will have a free, specific session on the implications of the guidance in the next few weeks

[Read more here](#)

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dialogue 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...

- **11th March 2026** – *bitesize training*
Transitional Safeguarding with Steve Baguley (NWG)
- **18th March 2026** – *'the dialogue'*
our fortnightly update session with inspection top tips, research, regs and responses to member queries.
- **25th March 2026** – *bitesize training*
The changes in April to Employment Law and HR with Chris Amys (RWK Goodman)

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



Inspection Top Tips

Our team are combing inspection reports every week for key themes and issues, and these are emailed out to **dialogue members'** each week. 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:

- **Gaming**
- **Supporting Children to Have a Voice**
- **Statement of Purpose**
- **Promoting Education Outcomes**

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

Not a member yet...[join here](#)



Plans to tighten online safety laws

Children's Commissioner Dame Rachel de Souza said:

“I've heard from a million children as Children's Commissioner, and thousands have told me about the harmful, extreme, totally inappropriate content they see online – often without looking for it. I've called for bold action to better protect children online because, despite the best intentions of the Online Safety Act, the risks online are evolving far more quickly than our legislation can keep pace with, allowing tech companies and social media firms to mark their own homework – with devastating results on children.

“I am pleased to see the Prime Minister has listened to my concerns and is working to close the legal loopholes that leave children at risk: tackling the use of AI chatbots, restricting VPNs used to undermine safety protections and limiting infinite scrolling. Urgent action is needed, and I will continue working closely with ministers to make sure changes reflect what children have told me about how to make the online world safer by design, including any decision to introduce a social media ban for under 16s.”

Read the statement and access our [Online Safety training below](#), delivered by the experts at SWGfL, on behalf of dialogue.

The next course is running on 19th May 2026 at 9:30am - 4pm

[Children's Commissioner Statement](#)

[Online Safety training with dialogue](#)



Introduction to Harmful Sexual Behaviours training

Young people in care have a greater need for protection, but may also have had experiences which create the conditions for them to pose a risk to others.

This **Introduction to Harmful Sexual Behaviours** training course examines the real dilemmas in working with young people, how to begin to identify risk, and keeps a strong focus on the rights to a healthy childhood for all the young people involved.

The trainer:

Maxine Bryant has a 30 year history of working within the social/health care field, she has been a Social Worker for 23 years and has extensive experience of multi-agency/disciplinary working, undertaking holistic assessments on adults (parents) and children; and delivering group work; one to one interventions and training. She has worked in a variety of fields including criminal justice, mental health, learning disability and child protection (specialising in sexual abuse and domestic abuse).

Maxine is trained in working with children who display sexually harmful behaviour, by undertaking Aim 3 assessments, Technology Assisted Harmful Sexual Behaviour assessments, and delivering treatment/intervention in the HSB field. Maxine also has

extensive experience in undertaking Fostering and Parenting assessments. Maxine is currently an Associate Lecturer and a Practice Educator at Plymouth University on the Social Work programmes; she also works on the BMBS (Batchelor of Medicine Batchelor of Surgery) at the Peninsula Medical School as a small group facilitator and reflective practice assessor.

Costs:

Priced at £160 + VAT, reduced to **£120 + vat for dialogue members.**

Our next training date is being delivered virtually, running on the following date:

9:30am-4pm on 15th June 2026

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

Introduction to Harmful Sexual Behaviours training

Upcoming Training Courses

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

Don't just take our word for it, here's a snippet of recent feedback below...

Don't miss out on our Safeguarding for Leaders training...

“

The trainer was absolutely fantastic!
So knowledgeable

It was the best training that I have
ever had within this field

”

Feedback from recent training participants (December 2025)

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 - Aspiring Managers Programme (starting on 7th April)

Safer Recruitment training (starting on 20th April)

Safeguarding Lead (starting on 23rd April)

Reg45 Quality Review (on 29th April)

Directors, the Board and Safeguarding (starting on 5th May)

Children's Homes Managing Inspection (on 12th May)

Regulation 44 and Standard 3 (starting on 14th May)

Online Safety Residential Leads (Level 1) (on 19th May)

Safeguarding Supervision (starting on 1st June)

RI training (starting on 15th June)

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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