



updates

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Current situation

- R rate in the UK is currently 1.1-1.5 across areas
 - Surge is due to Omicron variants BA.4, BA.5. new variation of BA.2 under investigation currently. Appears to be easily transmissible- noted India, Australia, far east , USA, UK , some European countries
 - Vaccination rate- 87.4%
 - Booster / 3rd/4th Vaccination -68.8%
 - Cases-139,272 -up 29%
 - Deaths 454 – up 13.2%
 - Admissions-11028 – up 32.9%(all data 7 day rolling totals)
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Current situation

- 41% hospitals in England putting mask wearing back into place as well as some restrictions on visitors
- Wider consideration of mask wearing specially on public transport- health review with feedback to Government/ SAGE (scientific advisory group for emergencies)
- Move in European countries to firm up guidance to “must” wear masks on public transport in particular
- Covid figures are now rising- c.2million people in the UK have symptoms (combination of self reporting and medical diagnosis). This is 3% of the population
- JCVI-everyone over 50 years of age to be offered a booster in the autumn and some over 5’s with complex needs or living with an immune suppressed person.
- Be alert to the data
- Maintain your contingency planning



Updates and headlines: KCSIE 2022

- LGBTQ+ communities / safeguarding/ incorporation of understanding and information into the schools mandatory RSHE /PHSE curriculum.
- Clarity of school culture re. LGBTQ+ communities - incorporated into pastoral policies and procedures
- Governance / strategic direction and challenge / understanding of role/safeguarding governor training.
- Internet safety / online safeguarding
- Sexual harm
- Sexual violence- no separate guidance – incorporated into KCSIE 2022
- Disclosure- hesitancy
- Governance- challenge , robust



Updates and headlines: KCSIE 2022

- Education settings should consider conducting online searches as part of their due diligence during the recruitment process. The stated aim of this is that it “may help identify any incidents or issues that have happened, and are publicly available online, which the school or college might want to explore with the applicant at interview.”
- Learning from all allegations against staff investigations should be incorporated by schools and colleges, not just from those that are concluded and substantiated
- Schools and colleges can choose to whom low level concerns about staff are reported to, so long as it is clear in their policies. All staff should be aware of how to handle low level concerns, allegations against staff and whistleblowing, with KCSIE 2022 being clear that this information should be contained in the staff behaviour policy (also known as the code of conduct).



Updates
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headlines /
reading:

1.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-types-of-needs-do-childrens-homes-offer-care-for/what-types-of-needs-do-childrens-homes-offer-care-for>

2.
<https://www.communitycare.co.uk/2022/07/13/number-of-unregistered-childrens-homes-doubled-last-year-finds-ofsted/>

3.
<https://coramvoice.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2309-Staying-connected-Research-Report-0522.pdf>



Publications due/ published:

- Self harm: assessment, management and preventing recurrence
 - *Publish July 2022 (NICE)*
- Social, emotional and mental wellbeing in primary and secondary education
 - *Published 6th July 2022 (NICE) as:*
<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng223>

New:

- National DoLs court launched to handle children's deprivation of liberty cases
- Court will hear all applications to deprive children of liberty, which rose by 462% from 2018-21.
- This aligned to an average of 50 young people waiting for a bed in one of England's 13 services within the secure estate.
- Started 4.7.22.

New consultation : separate judgment for care leavers.....

- Yvette Stanley, Ofsted's national director for social care, said that while ILACS inspections have done much to highlight the experiences of care leavers and the work by local authorities to support them, "we think we can do more".
- "Introducing a separate judgement reflects the priority we think should be given to providing high quality support to care leavers," she added. "We encourage everyone to contribute their views through our consultation, to help us give [them] a clearer profile within these inspections."

Any other updates-

- Any updates or information for sharing with colleagues?
- Thanks Chris