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This month:

- **In the News:** 'Coasting Schools'; SEND improvements in Maths and English; Parents struggle with aggressive children
- **Research, Reports & Surveys:** Tackling child sexual exploitation action plan; Family breakdown; Runaways at risk; Children's Commissioners call for reassessment of spending cuts
- **Guidance, Resources & Good Practice:** CAF in Swindon
- **Consultations:** 16-19 Funding Formula Review; Roles and Responsibilities of the Director of Children's Services and the Lead Member for Children's Services

### In the News

>> DfE - [Radical new approach to defuse 'ticking time bomb' of NEETs](#) - Nick Clegg unveils scheme to get 16- and 17-year-olds who are out of work and not in education, earning or learning again.

>> DfE - [New data shows that pupils miss out on core academic subjects](#) - figures "showed the huge positive impact the EBacc is having on future GCSE choices."

>> NCB - ['landmark opportunity' to create an NHS for children and young people](#) - The estimated potential saving from specialist interventions during a child victim's lifetime of £12 for every £1 spent.

>> The Children's Society - [Programme supports practitioners working with vulnerable families](#) - The move is designed to tackle the number of coasting schools that have remained stubbornly 'satisfactory' over a number of inspections.

>> The Children's Society - [Shocking destitution among asylum-seeking and migrant children](#) - Vulnerable young people are being left homeless, hungry and forced to resort to increasingly desperate means in order to survive, report reveals.

>> BBC - [Disabled children excluded from education](#) - One in three of the children around the world who do not have access to primary education have a disability, says a report from the charity Sightsavers.

>> BBC - [Special educational needs: MPs shocked by teens' plight](#) - almost a third of 18-year-olds with special educational needs are not in any form of education, employment or training.

>> BBC - [Children in care given 'little notice of placement moves](#) - More than half of children in care are given a week's notice or less of being moved to another foster home, research suggests.

>> CYPNOW - [Paediatricians call on government to scrap health bill](#) - Members of the Royal College of Paediatrics have called on the government to withdraw the Health and Social Care Bill.

>> CYPNOW - [Seven in 10 families on financial brink](#) - The survey of more than 2,000 mothers, carried out this month, found that one in five mums is missing meals so her children can eat.

>> CYPNOW - [Austerity measures threaten to exacerbate health inequality, ministers warned](#) - Children's campaigners have backed a stark warning from government health adviser Sir Michael Marmot that cuts to children services and increased taxes for poorer families threaten to increase health inequality.

>> CYPNOW - [Munro takes up College of Social Work role](#) - Professor Eileen Munro will take up the post of transitional chair for The College of Social Work next month.

## Research, Reports & Surveys

### Be Healthy

>> Adam Smith Institute - [Plain packaging of tobacco](#) - This report examines the case for plain packaging of cigarettes, including examples from around the world.

>> NCB - [Children and young people must have voice on health services](#) - 15 organisations, are backing amendments to the Bill to make explicit that new local HealthWatch organisations, must engage specifically with children and young people and not just adults and older people as they have done previously.

### Stay Safe

>> DfE - [Does training in a systematic approach to emotional abuse improve the quality of children's services?](#) - This research brief presents the findings from a study that examined whether training in a systematic approach to emotional abuse improves the quality of children's services.

>> Cafcas - [Care referrals reach all-time high](#) - Care applications have hit a record high, with more than 900 cases dealt with by the Child and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (Cafcass) in January this year alone.

>> Policy Exchange - [Fostering Aspirations: Reforming the foster care system in England and Wales](#) - Some 48,530 children are now in a care system that is letting many of them down and is in radical need of reform. While the UK currently spends £1.2billion a year on fostering services, the failures of the system will cost the taxpayer a lot more in the long term.

### Enjoy + Achieve

>> DfE - [A profile of pupil exclusions in England](#) - This research report focuses on presenting the data and statistical analyses that were provided to the Children's Commissioner.

>> Institute of Education - [More than 1 in 4 UK children facing multiple risks to development](#) - This study sheds fresh light on the number and diverse combinations of difficulties that young children have been exposed to during the first decade of the 21st century.

>> CYPNOW - [Organisations offered £2,200 to support teenagers into work](#) - The government is inviting organisations to bid for contracts worth up to £2,200 to help 55,000 16- and 17-year-olds who are out of work, education or training.

### + Contribution

>> Ofsted - [The value of volunteering](#) - This report *Choosing to Volunteer* surveyed the experience of young people involved in volunteering.

>> DfE - [How is parenting style related to child anti social behaviours?](#) - This research report presents the findings from a study that examined the relationship between parenting styles and a range of family factors and child anti-social behaviour.

>> DfE - [High Need Families Project: Development and piloting a new parenting intervention](#) - This report provides an overview of the phases of the High Need Families Project, drawing together the lessons learned and describing dissemination of the Helping Families Programme to date.

>> DCLG - [Volunteer push will create 10,000 youth group places for young people](#) - Eric Pickles announces a £10 million cash boost to train thousands of new volunteer leaders for national youth groups like the Scouts, Guiding and Police Cadets will give young people valuable skills and opportunities.

### Economic Wellbeing

>> Barnardo's - [Poorest families 'priced out' of heating homes](#) - This report looks at how the poorest families are scrimping on heat by up to £450 per year as they are 'priced out' of keeping their homes warm.

>> CYPNOW - [Safeguarding measures to shield children against bailiff action](#) - Children under the age of 16 and vulnerable people who are not the debtor will be protected where they are the only people present, meaning bailiffs will not be able to enter the property.

>> IPPR - [Young people and savings](#) - The polling reported here provides an opportunity to examine the attitudes young people have towards their future, looking at their expectations with regards to standards of living, home ownership and careers.

>> Barnardo's - [Replacement for Education Maintenance Allowance failing poorest students](#) - This report suggests that the Government's new Bursary Fund is failing to adequately support disadvantaged 16 to

## Consultations

- >> DoH - [Healthwatch England membership consultation](#) - **Closing Date:** 26 January 2012
- >> DfE - [Consultation on the Education \(Pupil Referral Units\)](#) - **Closing Date:** 20th March 2012
- >> MoJ - [Transforming bailiff action](#) - **Closing Date:** 14th May 2012

## Guidance, Resources & Good Practice

- >> Ofsted - [An innovative approach to observing and assessing children's learning and development: Highbridge Children's Centre](#)
- >> Ofsted - [Highly effective partnership working between small schools: West Tyne Church Schools' Collaboration](#)