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Introduction

To keep our members up to date with the ever changing circumstances, our members' e-briefing will now be released twice a week rather than weekly. Through this we hope to distribute relevant updates on the impact of Covid-19, as well as other relevant news.

Children in Wales News

In accordance with Government and PHW advice, all Children in Wales staff are working from home until further notice and the offices in Cardiff and Bangor are closed. However, we are still working. Find out more, and how to contact us [here](#).

New resource produced - Wellbeing during Coronavirus

The resource has been produced as part of the Getting Ready project, and is aimed at care experienced young people or any young person looking for advice or support during the outbreak. [You can download the resource here](#).

Useful Links

[A daily statement](#) by Public Health Wales on the Covid-19 outbreak can be found on their website. They have also released a number of useful resources and guidance that can be found here:

<https://phw.nhs.wales/topics/latest-information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>

Welsh Government have a dedicated webpage for advice, news and resources on the Covid-19 outbreak that can be found here: <https://gov.wales/coronavirus>

The Children's Commissioner for Wales website now has an information hub for information and advice and can be found here: <https://www.childcomwales.org.uk/coronavirus/>

NHS Direct have launched an online symptom checker that can be found on their website: <https://www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk/SelfAssessments/symptomcheckers/>

[Money Saving Expert](#) is producing financial advice guides online on subject matters including Mortgages & other debts, rental help, energy top-ups & more.

[COVID-19 Safeguarding Children - Bi-lingual-Information for display](#)

[Welsh Government safeguarding information for practitioners](#)

Welsh Government and Public Health Wales

Public Health Wales - [How to protect extremely vulnerable people \(Shielding\)](#)

Public Health Wales - [Stay at home and away from others \(Social distancing\)](#)

Welsh Govt - [Support for victims of domestic abuse](#). Specialist services are ready to help all those at increased risk of suffering domestic violence and abuse under the new stay-at-home rules to combat coronavirus.

Welsh Government and Public Health Wales (cont)

Welsh Govt - [Wales approves home abortions during Coronavirus crisis](#). Health Minister Vaughan Gething has announced that women in Wales will have access to abortion services at home during the Coronavirus crisis.

[Kirsty Williams, Minister for Education, Press Conference 1 April 2020](#)

Mental Well-being Updates

[Looking out for each other safely](#) - During this challenging time, it's really important that we take care of ourselves and others. And that's the case no matter where you live. Here is information on [how you can help your community safely](#), [how to volunteer](#), and [how to stay active safely](#).

[ProMo-Cymru's](#) next Creating Conversations webinar will be for youth workers and youth organisations. We'll be focussing on digital messaging with young people. Talking tech, processes and what works. Thursday, 13:30 - 14:15, [sign up here](#).

Education Updates

[Information about work based learning and apprenticeships during the coronavirus pandemic.](#)

[Information about further and higher education during the coronavirus pandemic.](#)

Health Updates

[WHO releases guidelines to help countries maintain essential health services during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

Updated advice from [AsthmaUK](#) as severe asthma sufferers fall into the high-risk category.

Finance Updates

Business Wales - [Support for your business during Coronavirus crisis](#)

Research and Policy Updates

The Progressive Policy Think Tank has published new research: The Children on the Pandemic, discuss the childcare crisis during the Coronavirus pandemic amongst other things. Find out more and the full report [here](#).

Other News

Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) 2019 income and employment deprivation counts have now been published in a file for download from the [2019 indicator data page on StatsWales](#).

New Household Below Average Income (HBAI) statistics have been released, showing 1000 more children living in poverty in 2018-19 than the previous year. Find out more about the results [here](#), as well as the Welsh [data from StatsWales](#), and the [UK Gov data](#).