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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](#)

Support for victims of Domestic Abuse - The Live Fear Free helpline is available 24 hours a day – call free on 0808 8010 800 any time, if you can do it safely. You can also text 0786 007 7333, email info@livefearfreehelpline.wales or webchat - <https://gov.wales/live-fear-free/contact-live-fear-free>. If you can't talk in safety, but you need help immediately, police forces across Wales will respond to a silent 999 call – dial 999 followed by 55 to indicate that you can't talk, but need help.

Citizen's Advice: [What coronavirus means for you](#)

[Information from the Welsh Government about vulnerable children and safeguarding during the coronavirus pandemic.](#)

Health Updates

Public Health Wales has launched a new wellbeing campaign to address the negative impact of COVID-19 on the mental, physical and social wellbeing of people in Wales.

[What should people with asthma do now? How to cut the risk of getting coronavirus and what happens to your usual asthma care](#)

Welsh Government and Public Health Wales

Vaughan Gething AM, Julie James AM and Jane Hutt AM have issued a [statement announcing a Covid 19 Moral and Ethical Advisory Group for Wales has been convened](#). The group will advise on issues relating to moral, ethical, cultural and faith considerations and provide a source of advice to health services. It will include representation from faith, non-faith groups and third sector organisations and will source additional expertise as required. Children in Wales are proud to be members of the group and provide specific input.

[Welsh Government has released guidance for healthcare services when making decisions during the coronavirus outbreak.](#)

[New app launched to track and trace coronavirus - First Minister & NHS Wales call on public to download app and log symptoms.](#)

[Minister for Health and Social Services, Vaughan Gething, has announced an extra £40m to support adult social care services during the coronavirus pandemic.](#)

Mental Well-being Updates

[Coronavirus and your wellbeing – support for young people](#)

[Free activities during Covid-19 lockdown](#)

[Tips to help you connect with loved ones you can't meet](#)

[Meic Cymru – 4 Ways to exercise while in lockdown](#)

Education Updates

[New ways for teachers to record screens and create videos to support distance learning - Hwb](#)

[Easter Break message from Kirsty Williams, Minister for Education.](#)

[Critical workers to get free childcare during the pandemic.](#)

[Further details of the next steps that will be taken for this summer's award of vocational qualifications impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic – Qualifications Wales](#)

[Indoor play ideas to stimulate young children at home from UNICEF](#)

Finance Updates

Please see below links to funding schemes that are now open for applications: ·

- Third sector resilience fund for Wales - <https://wcva.cymru/funding/social-investment-cymru/third-sector-resilience-fund-for-wales/>
- Voluntary services emergency fund - <https://wcva.cymru/funding/volunteering-wales-grants-scheme/>

Policy, Research and Information

[BookTrust Cymru HomeTime](#) – AmserGartref BookTrust Cymru is a digital hub to help entertain children and families at home and share books, stories and rhymes from some of Wales's favourite writers, illustrators and storytellers. It includes online stories and rhymes, how-to-draw sessions, interactive books and other activities, as well as listings for other online content in [English](#) and [Welsh](#).

[Coronavirus: What do all the terms mean?](#) - The coronavirus pandemic has introduced dozens of new words and phrases to daily life, from social distancing to herd immunity. But what do they all mean?

[The UK Government has committed a further £350m to support the devolved administration in Wales tackle coronavirus](#)