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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

[Wales' biggest hospital has been opened by Prince Charles to ease the pressure on the NHS from coronavirus.](#)

Welsh Government and Public Health Wales

[Public Health Wales - Housing, health, social care and support settings: Examples to inform implementation of the updated Infection Prevention and Control guidance – COVID 19](#)

[Welsh Government: Revised guidance for schools in Wales: supporting children eligible for free school meals](#)

[Welsh Government, Vaughan Gething AM, Minister for Health and Social Services Written Statement: COVID-19 and BAME Communities](#)

[Welsh Government Guidance - Services under the Mental Health \(Wales\) Measure: COVID-19](#)

[Welsh Government Guidance - Reporting suspected abuse, harm or neglect \(safeguarding\)](#)

[Welsh Government Guidance: Children's social services during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

Mental Well-being Updates

[Fears people with eating disorders will relapse or get worse during the coronavirus restrictions](#)

[Coronavirus: Impact on Young People with Mental Health Needs.](#) Read Young Minds' report looking at the impact of coronavirus on the mental health of young people and what they're asking of Government.

Education Updates

[Adobe Spark for Education is now available through Hwb – for free!](#)

[All Essential Skills Wales learners due to complete their qualification before the end of July will receive a calculated result, Qualifications Wales announces.](#)

Finance Updates

[Child Poverty Action Group have designed a new tool to help identify the support available to people whose work has been affected by the coronavirus outbreak.](#)

Policy, Research and Information

[Natural Resources Wales - Earth Day 2020: Climate change efforts more important than ever.](#)

Wales Carers Alliance has sent a letter to Welsh Government on the impact on unpaid carers. The Wales Carers Alliance is an alliance of Welsh charities that exists to uphold unpaid carers rights and champion the voice of carers across Wales. The Alliance has written a letter to Welsh Government to highlight the key issues and concerns carers have raised, caused by the impact of coronavirus. Children in Wales is Proud to be a signatory on this letter, which can be found in full [here](#)