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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 Resources from the Getting Ready Project

[A new suite of resources](#) has been produced by the Getting Ready Project to enhance care experienced young people's knowledge and understanding of their rights and entitlements when planning to leave care. These resources can be used by young people and professionals to provide support for young people to safely transition from care, reducing the risk of homelessness and achieving housing stability amongst care leavers. You can access the full suite of resources [here](#). We will also be tweeting out the resources of the course of the week to highlight the launch and would encourage our members to retweet and share.

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.](#)

Welsh Government and Public Health Wales

[Welsh Government: Revised coronavirus rules for Wales unveiled](#)

[Welsh Government: Wales has become the first country in the UK to guarantee ongoing funding for children to continue to receive free school meals throughout the summer holidays in response to the coronavirus pandemic.](#)

[Welsh Government: First Minister announces path to lead Wales out of coronavirus pandemic](#)

[Welsh Government: Revised guidance for staying at home and away from others.](#)

[Public Health Wales: Parents urged to continue to attend immunisation appointments for young children during the COVID-19 lockdown](#)

Mental Well-being Updates

[Meic Cymru: Putting things into perspective](#)

[Meic Cymru: Staying in control – Covid 19](#)

Education Updates



To celebrate International Children's Book Day, [PlayWales](#) are launching a new storybook about children's right to play, Fun in the Garden. The book is for primary school children and parents, supporting children to make sure they have the right to play and for parents to advocate for local play. It will also be a useful resource to support those working with children and families. To find out more, and how to get a copy of Fun in the Garden, [click here](#).

[‘Digital poverty’ in schools where few have laptops](#)

[How do you social distance in schools?](#)

Finance Updates

[Online training for furloughed workers](#)

Policy, Research and Information

[Updated information on the support offered by the NSPCC](#)

[NYAS survey for care experienced young people: What the Coronavirus lockdown has meant for you.](#) The survey is open until Thursday 30th April. NYAS will use the information gathered to shape NYAS' campaigning on behalf of the young people we support and can also feed into your survey.