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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

Children in Wales, in partnership with the Welsh Government, the Children's Commissioner for Wales and the Youth Parliament for Wales has launched a national survey to gather the views of children and young people about how they've felt about lockdown. We are encouraging all our members and partners to share the survey with children and young people so that the Welsh Government hear their views. The survey is [here](#) and closes on 27 May 2020.

Children in Wales is now providing short on-line courses on topics like Safeguarding, LGBT and Knife Crime. Why not use this time to make sure that you and all your staff are up-to-date with your training needs? Visit our [website](#) for more information, and remember, you can access our courses at a cheaper rate if you are a [member](#).

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.](#)

[Meic Cymru](#) is the advocacy, information and advice helpline for children in Wales, helping the children of Wales through the coronavirus pandemic. They are contactable through their Freephone helpline on 080880 23456, free text service on 84001, and their online chat service via their website.

Health

Face masks: How is Wales' advice different to England?

Latest statement from Public Health Wales

Welsh Government

The Welsh Government has created a [resource](#) to help protect yourself from coronavirus crime.

Guidance from the Welsh Government: Taking all reasonable measures to maintain physical distancing in the workplace

Information from the Welsh Government about COVID-19 and what homelessness teams need to do.

Guidance from the Welsh Government on leaving home to exercise.

Mental Health & Well-being

Swansea University Health Board Strategies for managing stress, anxiety and uncertainty during COVID19. This is a 10 minute narrated presentation for parents and children, which provides techniques and you can access it [here](#).

Mental Health patients in crisis because of coronavirus cutbacks.

Mental health of NHS workers focus of new project.

Education

Situation for schools will not change on June 1st, Education Minister says

Webinars from Hwb to support teachers with distance learning.

Policy, Research and Information

Senedd research: Childrens' rights and coronavirus

Consultation: Scrutiny of Covid-19 and its impact on children and young people (including students in further and higher education)

The Children, Young People and Education Committee is exploring how the outbreak of COVID-19 is affecting all aspects of life for children and young people (including students in further and higher education). [A child-friendly version](#) of this call for views is available. Given current circumstances there is no fixed deadline by which to submit your views – share them with us as soon as you're able so that we can follow things up in as timely a way as possible. Find out more, and how to submit your views [here](#).

Consultation: Inquiry into COVID-19 and its impact on matters relating to the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee's remit. The Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee is undertaking an inquiry into the Covid-19 outbreak in Wales. The inquiry will consider the impact of coronavirus, and the response to it, on the following areas: Local government, housing, equalities, tackling poverty, human rights, and any other issues within the committee's portfolio.

The Committee is keen to hear from anyone with an interest in this inquiry. Given current circumstances there is no fixed deadline by which to submit your views, we ask you to share them with us as soon as you're able so that we can follow things up in as timely a way as possible. Find out more, and how to submit your views [here](#).