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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

Statement from the four UK Chief Medical Officers on an update to Coronavirus symptoms

Statement by Chief Medical Officer for Wales, Dr Frank Atherton on Coronavirus: Face Coverings

Latest statement from Public Health Wales

Welsh Government

Written Statement: COVID-19 Testing in Care Homes Update

Education Minister sets out 'thinking' on return to schools

Information about school staff and their employment during the coronavirus pandemic.

Why travelling to Wales is not an option – important reminder from the Welsh Government

Updated information about vulnerable children and safeguarding during the coronavirus pandemic.

Mental Health & Well-being

£5m for mental health in schools will include new support for under-11s and teachers

More than half a million people have accessed online training that aims to prevent suicide in the last three weeks alone, the Zero Suicide Alliance has said

Education

Message from the Education Minister about the return to school

A new podcast for reassurance for parents about learning at home and how 'school' is happening during Covid 19

A study suggests young people in wealthier households do more learning at home than poorer peers.

Finance

Fines for breaching travel restrictions in Wales could rise

Citizens Advice: If you can't pay your bills because of coronavirus

Policy, Research and Information

Senedd research: Mental Health and coronavirus

Qualifications Wales blog: Unprecedented times call for decisions based on trust

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 the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak, and its management, on health and social care in Wales - The Health, Social Care and Sport Committee is undertaking an inquiry into the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak, and its management, on health and social care in Wales. The inquiry will consider the impact of the outbreak, and its management, on health and social care services in Wales. As part of this, the Committee will examine the response by the Welsh Government and relevant public bodies, as well as considering the impact on staff, patients and others receiving care or treatment in both clinical settings and the community. It will also consider the Wales response in the wider, UK context. The Committee is keen to hear from anyone with an interest in this inquiry. [Find out more, and how to submit your views here.](#)