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## December 2013

Welcome to December's edition of the CordisPulse - a monthly digest of key research and policy developments across the sectors in which Cordis Bright provides research and consultancy services, i.e., children and young people's services, criminal justice, and adult social care and health.

This month's Pulse includes a variety of developments that took place during November. For example, we were interested in the progress reported by the Department for Communities and Local Government in relation to the Troubled Families Programme. November also saw the publication of a guidance document on effective youth offending team governance in England by the Ministry of Justice, as well as a state of the nation report on dementia care published by the Department of Health.

As always, If you would like to discuss any of the issues raised in this month's Pulse please do contact us on 020 7330 9170.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes,

Dr Stephen Boxford  
Head of Research

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## Children and young people's services

### Policy and Research

#### **Ofsted: Pupils missing out on education**

A report by Ofsted finds that many children, often those who are most vulnerable, are either missing out on full-time education or not getting the part-time education they are entitled to. It finds that some local authorities are failing to properly arrange and monitor effectiveness of education for children directly in care.

[Click here to access the report](#)

#### **Department for Education: Education and training statistics for the UK 2013**

This report provides statistics relating to education in the UK, with chapters on post-compulsory education, qualifications and expenditure.

[Click here to access the statistics](#)

#### **Ofsted: High quality early education is the focus of Ofsted's revised inspection**

Ofsted issued a press release explaining that early years' providers will now be subject to an inspection framework where only provision that is good or outstanding is good enough for young children.

[Click here to read the press release](#)

#### **Department for Communities and Local Government: Progress on Troubled Families programme**

Half way through the three year Troubled Families programme, statistics from the Department for Communities and Local Government show that councils are working with 62,000 families across the country, of which 22,000 families have been seen to have had their lives turned around as a result of the programme's involvement.

[Click here to see these figures](#)

#### **Girlguiding charity: Equality for girls report**

'Equality for girls', a report published by Girlguiding charity reveals results from their fifth Girl's Attitude Survey. The report shows that 75% of girls and young women aged between 11 and 21 years old, battle sexism and gender discrimination on a daily basis.

[Click here for the full report](#)

#### **Groundwork charity: Report outlining suggestions for helping young people take ownership of youth services**

The environmental charity Groundwork outlined six suggestions for what commissioners can do to ensure that young people take ownership of youth services in the future.

[Click here for the full report](#)



## **Tools and guidance**

### **Training curriculum guide for social work**

A guide was published on continuous development training for social work. The intention of the guide is to improve and standardise social worker training in fostering, adoption, special guardianship and family and friend's care.

[Click here to access the guide](#)



## **Criminal Justice**

### **Policy and Research**

#### **Ministry of Justice: Restorative Justice Action Plan 2013**

The Ministry of Justice released an action plan outlining their commitment to develop a more strategic and coherent approach to the use of restorative justice in England and Wales. Outlined in the report is the ways that this will be achieved.

[Click here to access the action plan](#)

#### **Home Office: Evaluation of Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) pilot**

This report shows how the piloted domestic violence disclosure scheme (DVDS) worked and identifies lessons learnt that will inform decisions about roll-out.

[Click here to access the report assessing the pilot](#)

#### **Ministry of Justice: Second year results of the Justice Reinvestment pilots**

The Ministry of Justice released the results from the second year Justice Reinvestment pilots. These pilots aim to incentivise statutory partners to reduce their demand on courts, prisons and probation to reduce overall costs on the justice system.

[Click here to see these results](#)

### **Tools and guidance**

#### **Ministry of Justice: Guidance document on effective youth offending team governance in England**

This guidance document sets out how youth offending teams should operate. The report focuses on the responsibilities of local partners, governance arrangements and specific requirements for the delivery of local youth justice services.

[Click here to read the guidance document](#)



## **Adult social care and health**

### **Policy and Research**

#### **Care Quality Commission: State of Care report**

This report includes many key findings regarding the state of care in England. The report finds that avoidable emergency admissions among the elderly is increasing. The number of these avoidable emergency admissions varies from place to place (some parts of the country manage better than others). Additionally, where inspectors find poor care, it is often serious and has a large impact on people's health and well-being.

[Click here to read a more detailed account of these findings](#)

#### **Department of Health: Learning Disabilities Good Practice Project Report**

This report gives people who commission, design and deliver services a better understanding of how to improve the lives of people with learning disabilities. Six services are explored in detail because they demonstrate important indicators of good practice.

[Click here to read the report](#)

#### **Department of Health: State of the nation report on dementia care**

This report published by the Department of Health gives a review of the quality and extent of dementia care and support in England. It assesses the scale of the challenge and looks at prevention, diagnosis, living with dementia, dementia education and training and dementia friendly communities.

[Click here to read the entire report](#)

#### **Public Health England: Mental well-being survey results for North West England 2012/2013**

This report shows key findings from the North West Mental Well-being Survey 2012/13 and provides a comparison to the baseline survey conducted in 2009. The survey used 54 questions to measure the positive mental health and well-being of 11,500 people across the North West of England.

[Click here to read the results from this survey](#)

#### **Care Quality Commission: Changes to the ways that mental health services are inspected and regulated**

The Care Quality Commission have released a document which outlines the main changes that they are making to their inspection approach of mental health services, putting a greater emphasis on inspecting the care that people with mental health problems receive in the community. They state where these changes will be first piloted.

[Click here to read more about these changes](#)



## Tools and guidance

### **Department of Health: New dementia care interactive map tool**

This month, the Department of Health launched an interactive on-line map which allows members of the public to see the quality of dementia care and support in their local area simply by typing their postcode into the tool.

[Click here to use the interactive map](#)

### **Health and Social Care Information Centre: New interactive map comparing adult social care services launched**

This interactive map allows the public to see how carers and people receiving local authority funded care and support in their area rate their quality of life, satisfaction with care services and feelings of safety.

[Click here to use the tool](#)