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Welcome to October'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.

During September a number of important reports were published, especially in the area of adult social care and health. These included the King's Fund final report on the future of health and social care in England and the Commission on Residential Care's final report outlining "A vision for care fit for the twenty-first century...". Both reports detail action plans and steps that need to be taken for arriving at their respective visions for adult social care and health.

With regards to children's services, the Cabinet Office and Department for Education announced the establishment of the Centre for Youth Impact, which could help to raise the capacity of the youth sector to monitor and improve impact. Interesting reports in the area of children's services were a DfE study on the extent to which free schools are using innovative approaches and the long-awaited results of the EPPSE study on the influences of children's educational outcomes from age 3 to 16, which once again underlines the importance of pre-school.

In the area of Criminal Justice we were pleased to see the Ministry of Justice policy paper on improving support for victims as well as HM Inspectorate of Prison's review of current offender resettlement provision in anticipation of the 2015 reforms in this area.

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

Best wishes,

Dr Stephen Boxford
Head of Research

Cordis Briefings - don't miss out...

We're conducting the Cordis Bright adult social care and children's services briefings aimed at the independent sector on 6th November.

In the adult social care briefing we'll be discussing issues including:

- Living wage week: results of our original research into local authority attitudes to the living wage



- Focus on health and social care funding: including updates on how it varies across the four home nations and analysis of the latest social care annual spending data
- Update on deprivation of living standards

In the children's services briefing we'll be discussing issues including:

- Child sexual exploitation: actions for providers
- Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0-25 years
- An analysis of children with special educational needs across the country including an update of the Cordis Bright stress test

If you'd like to find out more and sign up to come along please contact:

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Children and young people's services

Policy

Cabinet Office & Department for Education: The Centre for Youth Impact

The Cabinet Office is providing start-up funding for the Centre for Youth Impact (CYI). This initiative will help organisations that work with and for young people to measure and increase the impact of their services. It will signpost to existing resources, and provide bespoke, practical help.

[To read the full brief, please click here](#)

Department of Health: Transfer of 0-5 children's public health commissioning to local authorities - fact sheet.

From 1 October 2015, the Government intends that local authorities take over responsibility from NHS England for commissioning public health services for children aged 0-5. This fact sheet explains how this transfer is intended to work as well as its underlying rationale and evidence base. It also contains links to supporting resources.

[To read this fact sheet, please click here](#)

Reports

Department for Education: Childminder agency trials - key learning points for organisations setting up a childminder agency

This report sets out some key learning points for organisations setting up a childminder agency (CMA). It draws upon relevant findings from an independent evaluation of the CMA trial, a service intended to increase the provision and quality of childcare. Its key learning points include considerations around high level and specific business models, organisational structure, marketing and recruitment, quality assurance, training and CPD.

[To read this report, please click here](#)

Department for Education: Students' educational and developmental outcomes at age 16 - Effective Pre-school, Primary and Secondary Education (EPPSE 3-16) Project

This research report outlines the findings of the longitudinal Effective Pre-school, Primary and Secondary Education (EPPSE) study, which has followed nearly 2600 young people from early childhood since 1997, at age 16. It explores the most important influences on developmental pathways that lead to GCSE achievement, mental well-being, social behaviours and aspirations for the future. It also assesses changes in the patterns of influence across different stages in education and influences across different groups of students. Consistent with their previous studies, they found lasting positive effects of pre-school up to age 16.

[To access this guidance, please click here](#)



Department for Education: Are free schools using innovative approaches?

This report explores how free schools are making use of the freedoms available to them and working with other schools. The study suggests that the majority of free schools are developing innovative approaches, particularly with regard to opening times and the school calendar. It also finds that the majority of free schools are working in collaboration with other schools.

[To access this report, please click here](#)

Ofsted: Below the radar - low-level disruption in the country's classrooms

This report draws on evidence from Ofsted's inspections of nearly 3,000 maintained schools and academies between January-July 2014. It also combines results from a parent and teacher survey. They found low-level disruption to be a common occurrence in some English schools with the result that pupils are potentially losing up to an hour of learning each day. They also compare the responses of teachers and middle and senior leaders to this problem and provide best practice guidance for how senior leaders can tackle the problem.

[To read this report, please click here](#)

The Sutton Trust: Improving social mobility through education

In this manifesto, the Sutton Trust is urging fairer admissions to comprehensive, grammar and independent schools as part of a 10-point Mobility Manifesto setting out ten practical policy steps designed to put social mobility at the heart of the 2015 election campaign.

[To read please click here](#)

Statistics

Ofsted: Serious incident notifications from local authority children's services

This official statistics release reports on statutory notifications of incidents affecting children aged under 18 years, including incidents of serious harm and deaths.

[To read this statistical release, please click here](#)

Welsh National Statistics: Referrals, assessments and social services for children

This Welsh National Statistics First Release summarises information on referrals, assessments and social services provided to children by Welsh local authorities. The release presents key results at the Wales level and is based on the year 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014.

[To read this statistical release, please click here](#)

Welsh National Statistics: Adoptions, outcomes and placements for children looked after by local authorities – Welsh annual survey

This National Statistics First Release presents figures about children looked after by Welsh local authorities, between 1 April 2013 and 31 March 2014.

[To read this statistical release, please click here](#)



Tools

Department of Health: Children with special educational and complex needs - Guidance for Health and Wellbeing Boards

This guidance aims to help support all Health and Wellbeing Boards in supporting the needs of children and young people with complex and special needs. The guidance also includes questions which an HWB may wish to consider in managing its organisation, building up a picture of local need and looking at local commissioning. It pays particular attention to how HWBs can best oversee and monitor joint strategic needs assessments and health and wellbeing strategies to meet the needs of children with special educational and complex needs.

[To read this guidance, please click here](#)



Criminal Justice

Policy

Ministry of Justice: Our Commitment to Victims

This document sets out the government's commitment to doing more to help victims of crime. In particular, the government aims to help victims navigate the criminal justice system, access the information and support they need, protect vulnerable victims and witnesses in court, and to guarantee their rights in law. It identifies five objectives, including the establishment of a new nationwide Victims' Information Service by March 2015.

[To access the policy paper, please click here](#)

Reports

HM Inspectorate of Prisons: Resettlement provision for adult offenders - Accommodation and education, training and employment

In April 2015 far reaching changes will be introduced to 'transform' the way that offenders are rehabilitated and to reduce the risk they reoffend. This joint thematic review aims to inform the development of these new services by examining the effectiveness of existing arrangements to help offenders obtain suitable and sustainable accommodation and education, training and employment (ETE) on release as resettlement provision. The report follows a cohort of 80 offenders from prison through the gate into the community. Six key learning points are highlighted.

[To access this report, please click here](#)



Adult social care and health

Reports

Annual Report of the chief medical officer 2013: Mental Health Priorities, Investing in the evidence

This 'advocacy' volume, one of two annual reports by the Chief Medical Officer, Professor Dame Sally Davies, concentrates on public mental health. Chapters are authored by a range of experts in many areas of mental health. It includes a focus on the epidemiology of public mental health and the quality of the evidence base, 'horizon scanning' of innovation in science and technology, the economic case for good mental health and chapters outlining the importance of both treating mental health as equal to physical health and of focusing on the needs and safety of people with mental illness. The chapters also include authors' suggestions for improvement.

[To access this report, please click here](#)

Department of Health: Premature Deaths of People with Learning Disabilities - Progress Update

This progress update summarises action taken or underway to tackle premature deaths among people with learning difficulties, an issue highlighted in the Confidential Inquiry (2013). Examples of local good practice are included as well as national initiatives. It argues that we need to step up the pace and make a concerted national effort to see more equal access to services and health outcomes for people with learning disabilities. The report also identifies practical steps that local areas can take to do this.

[To access this report, please click here](#)

The King's Fund: A new settlement for health and social care - Final report

In its final report the Independent Commission on the Future of Health and Social Care in England sets out a range of recommendations about how health and social care need to be reformed, funded and provided to create a system fit for the future. The recommended approach redesigns care around individual needs, with a graduated increase in provision as needs arise. The report also concludes that a more generous and equitable social care offer, whilst keeping entitlements to healthcare unchanged, could be affordable if phased in over a decade.

[To access this report, please click here](#)

Demos: "A vision for care fit for the twenty-first century..." The Commission on Residential Care

Over the past 12 months the Commission on Residential Care has investigated the state of residential care for disabled and older people and its potential future in the UK, as summarised in this report. In it, they make a case for change and outline an action plan to deliver it – identifying what needs to be done and who needs to be responsible for these actions.

[To read this report, please click here](#)



Age Alliance Wales: Wales – A Good Place to Grow Old?

Following on from their 2012 report into what it is like to grow old in Wales, in this report the Alliance revisits 6 'key indicators' of change to monitor the progress of services working with older people. Despite some improvements, overall they argue that too many older people in Wales are still receiving inadequate health and social care with the quality of these services dependent on where they live.

[To read this report, please click here](#)

Welsh Government: Independent Review of the Supporting People Programme Transition Year

This independent review is the final report of an evaluation of the Supporting People Programme which followed its transition to a new structure and funding model from 2012. The service aims to help vulnerable people gain and retain independence by remaining in their own homes. The report evaluates the effectiveness of these changes and makes recommendations for the future running of the programme.

[To read this report, please click here](#)

University of Bristol: Men living with long-term conditions - exploring gender and improving social care

This research focused on gender among men living with long-term conditions, particularly Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), and their experience of social care services. It found that social care in its broadest sense did little to support a positive sense of masculinity or male gender for men with (DMD) who took part in this study.

[To read this research, please click here](#)

Welsh Government: Welsh Health Survey 2013

This is the latest in the series of annual reports providing key findings from the Welsh Health Survey. It includes statistics on health status, illnesses and other conditions, health-related life style and the health of children.

[To read this report, please click here](#)

Statistics

Welsh National Statistics: Assessments and social services for adults, Wales, 2013-14.

This National Statistics First Release summarises information on assessments and social services provided to people aged 18 and over by Welsh local authorities. The release presents key results at the Wales level and is based on the year 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014.

[To read this statistical release, please click here](#)

Health and social care information centre: Mental Capacity Act 2005, Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (England), Annual Report 2013-2014

This summary provides the key findings from the Mental Capacity Act 2005, Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) data collection for the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014.

[To read this this report, please click here](#)



Tools and guidance

Monitor: Estimating NHS and social care spend: a tool for commissioners

The 'Care Spend Estimating Tool' is a simple Excel tool designed to approximate how the local care economy spends its money by age group, patient group and care settings, and how this may evolve over time. It is intended to be used by commissioners.

[To access this tool, please click here](#)

Monitor: Application of the Competition Act 1998 in the healthcare sector: guidance for providers

This guidance is designed to help healthcare providers make the best decisions for patients by explaining how competition rules should be applied in the healthcare sector. It also explains how any breach of competition rules might have negative effects on patients, and how Monitor expect their interventions to maintain or improve service quality or innovation, or deliver better value for money. The document contains links to other resources which together comprise the whole set of guidance.

[To read this guidance, please click here](#)