

March 2016

Welcome to March'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 February, we were pleased to see a range of interesting reports and developments. The following gives a flavour of what is included in this month's Pulse:

- A report on promoting emotional health, well-being and resilience in primary schools published by the Public Policy Institute for Wales.
- Department for Education statutory guidance on special guardianship.
- Reports from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation on: special educational needs and their links to poverty; building better outcomes for children through evidence based practice; and how housing affects work incentives for people in poverty.
- Ministry of Justice reports on the subjects of: (a) child outcomes after parental separation and (b) what works in managing young people who offend.
- NICE quality standards on domestic abuse for healthcare practitioners and commissioners.

The following provides information about our upcoming seminar on domestic abuse.

Lessons Learned: effective commissioning for domestic abuse services seminar

This seminar will be jointly delivered by Cordis Bright, Hestia, Standing Together and Professor Darrick Jolliffe from the University of Greenwich and is specifically designed for those involved in commissioning domestic abuse and related services.



The seminar will present new research on key emerging themes that provide lessons for the effective commissioning of domestic abuse and related services.

The **agenda** will include presentations on:

- From victim to survivor: a study of the barriers facing over 200 women who have experienced domestic abuse (Hestia)
- Domestic Homicide Reviews: lessons learned from 45 independent reviews (Standing Together)
- A review of interventions for domestic abuse offenders (Professor Darrick Jolliffe, Centre for Criminology, University of Greenwich)
- What works in developing domestic abuse commissioning strategies and in conducting local and regional needs assessments (Cordis Bright)

Venue details are:

- **Time:** 9.30-13.30
- **Date:** Thursday 12th May
- **Venue:** Elvin Hall, Institute of Education, University College London, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL
- **Cost:** £50 per place including lunch

To book your place please contact Mark Norton at Cordis Bright on marknorton@cordisbright.co.uk or phone 020 7330 9170.

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,

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Children and young people's services

Reports

Public Policy Institute for Wales. Promoting Emotional Health, Well-being and Resilience in Primary Schools

This report provides a synthesis of research and policy evaluations relating to school-based strategies to promote emotional health, well-being and resilience among primary school pupils (aged 4 to 11 years). The report argues that: a) both universal support for all pupils and targeted work for specific groups and individuals can be very effective, and b) connected school systems help to translate the research evidence into sustained positive impacts.

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Department for Education. Single department plan: 2015 to 2020

The Department for Education outline their three overarching objectives for 2015 to 2020 designed to meet the goal of providing world-class education and care for all children and young people. These objectives are around a) safety and wellbeing, b) educational excellence everywhere, and c) being prepared for adult life.

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Joseph Rowntree Foundation. Special educational needs and their links to poverty

This report explores the links between special educational needs and disability (SEND) and poverty. It shows that poverty is both a cause and an effect of SEND and makes a series of recommendations. The report discusses how UK educational policy impacts on the educational experience of children with SEND from low-income families and makes a series of recommendations for improvement.

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

Joseph Rowntree Foundation. Building better outcomes for children through evidence based practice: An evaluation of the Evidence2Success project in Perth & Kinross

This article outlines learning points for local councils, the NHS and others looking to improve children's services, through analysing the international Evidence2Success (E2S) project, piloted by a cross-agency partnership in Perth and Kinross. The project seeks to improve children's outcomes by moving resources towards evidence-based services. The report found that the Bespoke E2S survey tools enabled the partnership to assess the developmental needs of local children and young people and identify priorities. A survey of over 8,500 school pupils aged 9 to 15 and over 800 parents of younger children yielded rich information. When linked to



council records, this provided striking evidence of unmet needs and the scope for preventive services.

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NSPCC. What children are telling ChildLine about the services they receive following sexual abuse

This report highlights what children and young people are telling us about their expectations and experiences of receiving therapeutic services following sexual abuse. It also looks at contacts to the NSPCC helpline by adults with concerns about child sexual abuse.

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NSPCC. Evaluation of the Letting the Future In service: Helping children and their parents move on from sexual abuse

This independent report, from University of Bristol and Durham University, draws on information from the largest randomised controlled trial of a service for children affected by sexual abuse and qualitative case studies. It provides evidence about what works well in the Letting the Future In service, and what works less well. The service designed by the NSPCC for children aged 4 to 17 years who have been sexually abused aims to help children come to understand and move on from their past experiences through activities such as play, drawing and painting and storytelling. It also offers support to parents and carers. This report is part of NSPCC's impact and evidence series.

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

Tools and Guidance

Ofsted. Safeguarding concerns: guidance for inspectors

Ofsted have published guidance on what an Ofsted inspector should do when a child or young person tells them that a child or young person is being harmed or at risk of harm.

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

Department for Education. Special guardianship statutory guidance

The Department for Education have issued statutory guidance for local authorities on the Special Guardianship Regulations 2005 (as amended by the Special Guardianship (Amendment) Regulations 2016).

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



Criminal Justice

Briefings

Home Office. Crime and policing news update: February 2016

February's update on the latest news and information on police and crime issues includes: (a) the introduction of the Policing and Crime Bill; (b) new legislation to restrict the use of police cells for those experiencing a mental health crisis; (c) the College of Policing's proposals to recognise, accredit and promote the professionalism of those working within policing; (d) the launch of a new Joint Fraud Taskforce; (f) Home Office launch of a child abuse whistleblowing helpline; (g) consultation on the definition of child sexual exploitation; and (i) consultation on age verification for pornography.

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Reports

Ministry of Justice. Child outcomes after parental separation: variations by contact and court involvement

This report presents findings from the Millennium Cohort Study (MCS). It describes variations in contact between children and non-resident parents, and use of court for settling contact or financial arrangements. The report also explores gaps in different child outcomes by their parents' marital status and whether post-separation contact with non-resident parents is associated with children's outcomes at age 11. The report discusses the over-representation of young people with clinical disorders in the youth justice system.

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

Ministry of Justice. What works in managing young people who offend?

This review, commissioned by the Ministry of Justice, considers international literature concerning the management of young people who have offended. It was produced to inform youth justice policy and practice. The review focuses on the impact and delivery of youth justice supervision, programmes and interventions within the community, secure settings, and during transition into adult justice settings or into mainstream society.

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



Clinks and the Prison Reform Trust. Inside Out: The role of the voluntary and private sector in providing opportunities for rehabilitation for people on temporary release

This joint report by Clinks and the Prison Reform Trust is based on a survey of voluntary and private sector providers of Release on Temporary License (ROTL) placements in the community. The report reveals that recent changes to the ROTL policy have had a significantly negative impact on the ability of voluntary and private organisations to provide work experience opportunities for people on temporary release.

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The Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research. Evaluation of the Reducing Reoffending Change Fund

This report presents the findings of an independent evaluation of the Reducing Reoffending Change Fund (RRCF). The aim of the evaluation was to provide a comprehensive assessment of the extent to which the Public Social Partnership (PSP) model delivers effective mentoring services that reduce the risk of reoffending and support reintegration. The report concludes that mentoring is an effective approach which helps mentees to learn and implement constructive, non-criminal ways of addressing problems in their lives and to reduce risk factors associated with offending behaviour, and that there is a strong case for the continuation and expansion of mentoring services.

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The Scottish Centre for Crime and Justice Research. What works to reduce prejudice and discrimination? A review of the evidence

This report presents a review of international evidence on prejudice reduction interventions.

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Statistics

Office for National Statistics. Focus on Violent Crime and Sexual Offences: Year ending March 2015

This overview covers statistics on violent offences recorded by the police and those measured by the Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW) based on the year ending March 2015. It also discusses CSEW data contained within the 'Nature of Crime' tables published alongside this release, which provide more detailed information on the circumstances of such offences.

[To view these statistics, please click here](#)



Adult Social Care and Health

Reports

NICE quality standards on domestic abuse for healthcare practitioners and commissioners

This quality standard means that people who go to health or social care services with signs of possible domestic violence or abuse are offered a private discussion about their experiences. This may help them to talk about any domestic violence or abuse, to know that they are not alone, to feel that they will be believed and that their experiences are not unusual. They will be offered help and support

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St Mungo's. Stop the Scandal: an investigation into mental health and rough sleeping

This report presents an analysis of information on people who are sleeping rough held on three databases: St Mungo's client information system (OPAL); the Combined Homelessness and Information Network (CHAIN) database administered by St Mungo's on behalf of the Greater London Authority and Oxford CHAIN administered by Real Systems on behalf of Oxford City Council. The report includes the largest ever national street outreach survey on rough sleeping and mental health problems involving 225 professionals. The report found that four in ten rough sleepers have a mental health problem, rising to over half of rough sleepers from the UK.

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NHS England. National Maternity Review: Improving outcomes of maternity services in England. A Five Year Forward View for maternity care

NHS England commissioned a review, led by independent experts and chaired by Baroness Julia Cumberlege, of maternity services in England. The intention was to enable maternity services to become safer, more personalised, kinder, more professional and more family-friendly. The report finds that despite the increases in the number of births and the increasing complexity of cases, the quality and outcomes of maternity services have improved significantly over the last decade. It also sets out wide-ranging proposals designed to make care safer and give women greater control and more choices.

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Care Quality Commission. The state of health care and adult social care in England 2014/15

The State of Care report draws on findings from inspections across all of the sectors that the Care Quality Commission regulate. This is used to build a comprehensive



picture of quality across England and identify the elements that drive high-quality care.

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Care Quality Commission. Monitoring the Mental Health Act in 2014/15. Annual Report

This report monitors the 57 mental health NHS trusts and 86 independent mental health hospitals registered with the Care Quality Commission. The services are monitored through visits and interviews with patients to review practice. The report found that during 2014/15, 51% of all mental health inpatients were subject to the Mental Health Act 1983 (MHA) with 19,656 detained inpatients on 31 March 2015. However, the report found that there is unacceptable variation in the way providers are applying the Code of Practice and that providers are failing to make sure patients receive the support they need to be involved in their care.

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The Health Foundation and Nesta. At the heart of health: realising the value of people and communities

This report explores the value of people and communities at the heart of health, in support of the NHS Five Year Forward View vision to develop a new relationship with people and communities. The intention is to strengthen the case for people taking an active role in their health and care by identifying evidence-based approaches that engage people and communities, and developing tools to support implementation across the NHS and local communities.

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Joseph Rowntree Foundation. How does housing affect work incentives for people in poverty?

This report explores how housing impacts on work incentives, and opportunities to progress in work, for those in and around poverty. It highlights a well-entrenched work ethic among people who are likely to command only modest wages, and the multiple disincentives they face arising from the cost of housing, transport and childcare.

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The Health Foundation. Under pressure: What the Commonwealth Fund's 2015 international survey of general practitioners means for the UK

Every three years, the US-based Commonwealth Fund coordinates a survey of general practitioners (GPs) and primary care physicians across 11 countries. This report provides UK-focused analysis by the Health Foundation of the 2015 survey, which included several UK-specific questions funded by the Health Foundation. The



report centres on three topics of particular interest: GP satisfaction, care coordination and use of electronic medical records. The survey findings show that there are certain aspects of care where the UK performs strongly. Indeed, in some cases (such as the use of electronic medical records) the UK is an international leader. However, the survey also highlights a number of areas of concern, in particular, that UK GPs find their job more stressful than any of their international counterparts.

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The Health Foundation. Acute hospital productivity

This analysis is an update to the April 2015 Health Foundation report, Hospital finances and productivity: in critical condition? The analysis shows that the productivity of acute hospitals in England has continued to deteriorate. Overall, the productivity of acute hospitals increased by only 0.3% between 2009/10 and 2014/15 – an average rate of 0.1% per year. Between 2009/10 and 2014/15 as a whole, activity growth and input growth have converged leading to the very low level of annual average productivity growth.

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Nuffield Trust and the Health Foundation. Winter pressures: what's going on behind the scenes?

This analysis from QualityWatch, a joint Nuffield Trust and Health Foundation research programme, tracks performance across 29 different indicators over the past five years (from Spring 2010 to autumn 2015) to explore the pressure hospital services experience in winter. The report finds that pressure normally seen during the winter months is now increasingly visible at other times of the year. The analysis also highlights that, in some areas, the NHS has been coping well with winter pressures.

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The King's Fund. Improving quality in the English NHS: a strategy for action

This paper argues that the NHS in England cannot meet the health care needs of the population without a sustained and comprehensive commitment to quality improvement as its principal strategy.

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The King's Fund. Public satisfaction with the NHS and health care

Since 1983, the National Centre for Social Research's British Social Attitudes (BSA) survey has asked members of the public about their views on, and feelings towards, the NHS and health and care issues generally. The latest survey was carried out between July and October 2015 and asked a nationally representative sample of more than 2,000 people about their satisfaction with the NHS overall, and of more than 1,000 people about their satisfaction with individual NHS services. The survey



finds that satisfaction with the NHS has increased, with 65% saying they are satisfied, up from 60% in 2013

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The King's Fund. What the planning guidance means for the NHS 2016/17 and beyond

The 2015 Spending Review (HM Treasury 2015) confirmed that the NHS is halfway through the most austere decade in its history, with overall health spending increasing by much less than was expected when the NHS settlement was first announced. The briefing attempts to consider key publications in the round (although focusing primarily on the planning guidance), alongside other recent policy announcements, to form a picture of what it might all add up to for the NHS in 2016/17 and beyond.

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Tools and Guidance

Department of Health. Guidance: How to report female genital mutilation: guidance for health professionals

This guidance applies to registered professionals in NHS and private healthcare settings, during the course of their work. If they are concerned that a child may have had FGM or be at risk of it, and they tell you that they have FGM or you observe physical signs that appear to show FGM, then a mandatory reporting duty applies.

[To view this guidance, please link here](#)

Statistics

Health and Social Care Information Centre. Adult Critical Care Data in England - April 2014 to March 2015

This is a report on adult critical care activity in English NHS hospitals and English NHS-commissioned activity in the independent sector. This annual publication covers the financial year ending March 2015. The data are taken from the Hospital Episodes Statistics (HES) data warehouse. HES contains records of all admissions, appointments and attendances for patients admitted to NHS hospitals in England. The publication aims to inform and support strategic and policy-led processes for the benefit of patient care.

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

Health and Social Care Information Centre. Quality Outcomes Framework (QOF) Recorded Dementia Diagnoses



The Department of Health (DH), on behalf of the Secretary of State and NHS England (NHSE), have directed the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) to establish a data collection in order to receive specific dementia diagnosis data to support the National Dementia Strategy and the Prime Minister's Dementia Challenge. The data shows that recorded dementia prevalence at 31st January 2016 is 0.754 per cent (1 person in 133), this indicates a progressive increase in recorded prevalence from March 2015 (0.738) to January 2016 (0.754).

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