



DEAR COLLEAGUE

We are pleased to introduce a roundup of FosterTalk and current industry news from across the UK which we hope will be relevant and interesting for you and your fostering team. If there is anything you would like us to feature in this newsletter, please let us know!

Just contact enquiries@fostertalk.org or call **0121 758 5013**.

Here is a summary of fostering news, just click each link to read more. Please feel free to pass this on to your colleagues and to foster carers.

FOSTERTALK NEWS

FOSTERTALK'S NEW CARER APP... TALKOUT!

Have you received an email from us stating that you're part of our pilot for our brand new app? If you have, click on the link today so that you don't miss out on experiencing it first! The app will allow you to communicate with other foster carers within your area, as well as having first hand access to our most popular resources all held on your mobile phone (or computer). All of our FosterTalk publications can be found within the resources section along with lots of mental health, finance and membership resources. The app will become part of our member's benefits package once the pilot has completed.

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DOWNLOAD TALKOUT HERE



IF YOU HAVEN'T RECEIVED YOUR EMAIL YET, EMAIL US ON ENQUIRIES@FOSTERTALK.ORG TO GET YOURSELF REGISTERED ONTO THE APP!

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GENERAL NEWS

CORONAVIRUS AND SCHOOLS: FAQs

The House of Common's Library has updated the briefing on Coronavirus in schools frequently asked questions (FAQs) following the release of examination results in summer 2020.

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CORONAVIRUS: CHILD AND ADOLESCENT TO PARENT VIOLENCE- RESEARCH REPORT

Researchers at the University of Oxford and the University of Manchester have published a report looking at families experiencing child and adolescent to parent violence (C/APV) during the coronavirus pandemic. Findings from an online survey of 104 parents who have experienced C/APV from their child aged 10-19 years and 47 practitioners who work with families experiencing C/APV include: 70% of parents reported an increase in violent episodes during lockdown; 69% of practitioners said they had seen an increase in referrals for families experiencing C/APV; and 64% of practitioners identified that the severity or incidence of violence had increased.

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CORONAVIRUS: CHILDREN'S QUESTIONS - PODCAST

Children's Commissioners' Offices for England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales have released a podcast in which children from across the UK asked government scientists their questions about the coronavirus pandemic.

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CORONAVIRUS: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S HEALTH

An article in the British Medical Journal (BMJ) discusses the impact of lockdown on children and young people's health. Findings from a snap survey of more than 4,000 paediatricians across the UK and Ireland at the end of April 2020 show that 32% of 752 emergency department paediatricians had witnessed delayed presentations. Diabetes mellitus (new diagnosis/diabetic ketoacidosis) was the most common delayed presentation, followed by delayed presentations of sepsis and new cancer diagnoses.

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ONLINE HARM CONSULTATION RESULTS PUBLISHED

Catch 22 has published findings from an online harms consultation carried out between June and July 2020. Responses from young people, frontline professionals, tech platforms and others show that: 32% of young people have seen harm occur offline because of something which happened online; 73% have seen content online that they've found concerning; only 27% feel safe online all the time and 40% said they report online harms to the platform they are using. 38% of frontline practitioners said they do not feel sufficiently trained to deal with online behaviour.

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ENGLAND

ARTICLE 39 GRANTED APPEAL OVER CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE EXEMPTIONS

Children's rights charity Article 39 has been granted an appeal following an unsuccessful judicial review over children's social care exemptions introduced by the government amid the Covid-19 pandemic. The charity has today been granted an expedited appeal over the DfE's failure to consult the commissioner with Court of Appeal Judge Lady Justice Macur saying it has a "real prospect of success."

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CORONAVIRUS: CHILDREN RETURNING TO SCHOOL IN ENGLAND

The Department for Education (DfE) has announced a #backtoschoolsafely campaign to reassure parents and students that schools and colleges in England are ready for their return in September.

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CORONAVIRUS: BACK TO SCHOOL ADVICE AND RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES WITH DISABLED CHILDREN IN ENGLAND

Contact has made available back to school advice and resources for families with disabled children in England who are returning to school in September.

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CORONAVIRUS: INTERNET ACCESS AND ALLOCATION OF LAPTOPS TO VULNERABLE CHILDREN

The Children's Commissioner for England has published data from the Department for Education (DfE) on the allocation of devices and 4G hotspots to disadvantaged children during lockdown shows that 200,000 devices and 50,000 routers were available, meaning that 37% of eligible children could not be allocated a device. Just over a third of disadvantaged children benefitted from the government's free laptop scheme, with 27 multi-academy trusts receiving only one laptop each, figures published by the children's commissioner for England reveal.

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UNACCOMPANIED ASYLUM-SEEKING CHILDREN ARRIVING IN KENT

Community Care reports that Border Force has taken responsibility for the care of new unaccompanied asylum-seeking children crossing the Channel into Kent after the local authority said it could no longer accommodate arrivals. The children and young people are staying at the Border Force intake centre in Dover until they can be transferred to other local authorities, to be cared for under the national transfer scheme set up to more evenly share the costs of supporting unaccompanied children. Figures show that 448 unaccompanied asylum-seeking children had arrived in Kent up to 17 August 2020 compared with 199 up to the end of August in 2019.

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OFSTED: VISITS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE PROVIDERS TO RESUME

Ofsted has announced that it will begin visits to local authorities and children's social care providers in England from September 2020. Ofsted has updated the framework and guidance setting out arrangements for focused visits in light of the impact of the coronavirus pandemic and updated the guidance on assurance visits to children's social care providers that Ofsted will carry out from September 2020.

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A-LEVELS AND GCSES: U-TURN AS TEACHER ESTIMATES TO BE USED FOR EXAM RESULTS

A-level and GCSE students in England will be given grades estimated by their teachers, rather than by an algorithm, after a government U-turn. It follows uproar after about 40% of A-level results were downgraded by exams regulator Ofqual, which used a formula based on schools' prior grades. GCSE results in England, Wales and Northern Ireland come out on Thursday. Ofqual chair Roger Taylor and Education Secretary Gavin Williamson apologised for the "distress" caused.

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OFSTED TO FOCUS ON IMPACT OF CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE EXEMPTIONS AS LOCAL AUTHORITY VISITS RESUME

Ofsted is set to assess local authorities on the impact of controversial exemptions to children's social care legislation on services during the Covid-19 pandemic as so-called assurance visits resume in September.

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TOOLKIT PUBLISHED

The Department for Education (DfE) have produced a toolkit to help support children and family social workers with attendance conversations in schools and other education settings in England. The toolkit, available on the Skills for Care website, includes a range of guidance and resources to help explain the benefits and importance of attendance at summer activities, school clubs and formal childcare as well as the return to school, college, early years and childcare settings in September 2020.

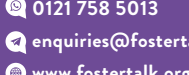
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