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Residential Care Bulletin February 2024

January proved to be a very busy start to the year, and here at dialogue we've enjoyed discussions with many providers recently to support ongoing training and consultancy support for both Children's Homes and Supported Accommodation Providers.

dialogue offers lots of support to the residential sector, we regularly review the latest research and publications, and offer a huge variety of training courses to support you and

your teams.

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Children's Social Care National Framework - NEW animated guide

The national framework document is for those who work in local authority children's social care.

Statutory guidance shows what you must do to comply with the law. You must follow it unless there's a good reason not to. It includes relevant information for all safeguarding partners and agencies who work with children's social care.

The DfE have published advice for local authorities and safeguarding partners on how to embed the guidance, and also released an animated guide to the Framework to share with your young people.

[download the guidance](#)

[view the animated guide on YouTube](#)



Children's Commissioner - Independent Visitors

The children's commissioner has noted that Independent Visitors are underused. These roles provide any child in care who needs it with someone outside of the system to befriend, advise and assist them. This leads to immediate safeguards and support, but can also lead to lifelong transformative relationships. Have you reviewed this for your young people? It should happen at every child in care review...

[read more](#)

Upcoming Training Courses

Face to face training, virtual, at your setting or in our venue, we're ready to support you and your team.

Here's some of our upcoming courses, to see a full range of courses and memberships, please chose from the relevant options below:

training for Residential Care

training for Supported Accommodation Providers

Avoiding Medication Errors (starting on 21st February)

Return Home Interviews (on 23rd February)

Supervised Contact with Families (on 13th March)

Safer Recruitment (starting on 18th March)

RI / NI training (starting on 9th April)

Managing the Inspection Process (on 16th April)

Child Exploitation (on 17th April)

Safeguarding Supervision (starting on 17th April)

Regulation 45 (on 19th April)

MCA and LPS (on 25th April)

Managing Allegations (starting on 23rd April)

Harmful Sexual Behaviours (starting on 29th April)

Smoking & Vaping Cessation (starting on 2nd May)

Dynamic Risk (starting on 3rd May)

Regulation 44 and Standard 3 (starting on 3rd June)

Safeguarding Lead (starting on 10th June)

Young People Missing from Care (on 12th June)

Outstanding Care Children with disabilities (starting 17th June)



Join our team of specialists

dialogue has been central to ensuring Independent People get the recognition, support and training they need nationally, but now we are looking for your help.

We are recruiting for experienced associate Independent People and consultants for work with our highly qualified team. Successful applicants will be asked to evidence a positive track record in residential child care or inspection, with a strong passion and focus on the experience of young people and capacity building of staff and teams. You will bring a substantial level of experience to support leaders and managers, and attract consultancy rates for your work. This role can sit alongside other work you may do – we talk through how you might balance your Independent Person work with other work you may have.

If you'd like to apply, you can download the job description and application form below. **Please send your completed application form to admin@dialogueltd.co.uk.** If your application is shortlisted for interview, we will be in touch to arrange an interview time with our panel.

We're looking forward to hearing from you.

[dialogue application form](#)

[job description](#)

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Home again: reunification practice in England

Reunification is the most common way for children in England to leave care. However, the number of children who later return to care suggests that local authorities in England are facing challenges in delivering effective reunification practice.

The report, published by NSPCC Learning in collaboration with Action for Children, identifies a number of key findings to inform future research and policy development. It also makes recommendations to raise the profile of this policy area and to support local authorities to develop their reunification practice approaches.

[Read the key findings and full report here](#)



Return Home Interview Training

There are more than 70,000 young people and children who go missing each year, with incidents estimated at 215,000 for these children and young people.

Children and young people who go missing or runaway can be at risk, and return interviews are a way in which this – or any actual harm – can be uncovered and dealt with.

Our return home interview training supports independent people to focus on reducing the need for young people to go missing. This course explores how to equip participants with the knowledge and abilities to respond promptly to referrals and work alongside young people to understand the reasons they left, where they have been, and the level of harm they have experienced. Most importantly to work with local

agencies and the child's family and carers about what needs to change to reduce this in future.

The current course is suitable for those working in Children's Homes and Supported Accommodation.

This half-day course, delivered via zoom, costs £69+vat, reduced to **£52+vat for members**.

Our next training date, being delivered virtually, is running **12-3pm on 23rd February 2024** You can read full details and make a booking for this dates by clicking on the button below or by contacting one of our team at admin@dialogueltd.co.uk

[Read more and book training](#)



Department
for Education

Children's social care: reform statement

In February 2023 the Department for Education published [stable homes, built on love](#) which set out how the government will reform children's social care.

This latest reform statement outlines the Department for Education publications that give information on how they have met some of the commitments in that strategy, including:

- Championing kinship care: national kinship care strategy
- a national framework for children's social care
- Working together to safeguard children

- a data and digital strategy

Children's social care reform statement



Collaboration over competition, always

We are pleased to be working with the National Association of Supported Accommodation Partners with bite-size training sessions, co-chairing their peer to peer support sessions and supporting the NASAP Board.

We've set out a new page for supported accommodation providers highlighting the training most relevant for them and plan to work with the sector to create an NI guidance and support document in the coming weeks.

If you're interested in joining NASAP please [visit their page](#) to register

Training for Supported Accommodation Providers

Developing specialisms - communities of interest

As the communities continue to grow, we wanted to remind current members that these meetings are contain essential information to support your

statements of purpose, improve the care of the young people you support AND lighten to the load of the Registered Manager. If you miss a meeting you can also retrieve the resources from the archive in the members' areas, but the best way to get the most out of your memberships is to ensure the dates are saved in your diaries and you attend on the day.

Leading residential care can be an isolating experience and in truth is a job best shared. We've been working with leaders across the sector to create communities that regularly meet in line to discuss the issues that matter to you young people. By identifying leads for key areas, such as online safety, managers share the load with senior team members, then by connecting your team with similar leads in other homes we become less insular in practice and all learn how to improve.

The communities meet quarterly with 2-3 hours of CPD including updates on recent research, speakers, a surgery and sharing of great practice.

As always we've found ways to keep the costs very low and the more you engage the less you pay - joining one community is £99+vat for a whole year, additional groups at £79+vat each or we now have a **'whole home offer' paying just £399+vat annually, to have a staff member (can be different members for each community) from your home at each of the NOW SEVEN communities.**

TRY FOR FREE: We'll not send your first invoice until after your first session. If it's not for you, just let us know...

Click now to express interest and find out more.

whole home offer for all communities

Residential Leadership Group - 7th February

Participation Leads - 21st February

Online Safety - 5th March

Trauma Information Residential Leads - 6th March

Children with disabilities - 18th March

Exploitation Leads - 8th May

Safer Recruitment - 28th May

Want training on something else?

For a full list of training topics to support the residential sector, please visit www.dialogueltd.co.uk/residential

We also design bespoke courses to meet the needs of you and your staff. Do get in touch to discuss.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

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