

1. Data protection: toolkit for schools

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Guidance to support schools with data protection activity, including compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/data-protection-toolkit-for-schools>

2. New support to help children living with alcohol-dependent parents

New plans announced by Health and Social Care Secretary Jeremy Hunt will help identify at-risk children more quickly and provide them with rapid access to support and advice. The package of measures is backed by £6m in joint funding from the DH and Social Care and the Department for Work and Pensions. It is designed to help an estimated 200,000 children in England living with alcohol-dependent parents.

The measures include:

- ☑ fast access to support and mental health services for children and their families where there is a dependent drinker
- ☑ quicker identification of at-risk children, including those undertaking inappropriate care responsibilities
- ☑ the provision of outreach programmes to get more parents successfully through addiction treatment
- ☑ early intervention programmes to reduce the numbers of children needing to go into care

LAs will be invited to bid for funding by coming up with innovative solutions based on local need, with priority given to areas where more children are affected. Public Health England will be responsible for working with the funded areas to monitor progress.

The package of interventions, totalling up to £6m, includes:

- ☑ a £4.m innovation fund for LAs to develop plans that improve outcomes for children of alcohol-dependent parents .
- £1m to fund national capacity building by non-governmental organisations
- ☑The new funding follows government investment last year of £500,000 to expand national helplines for children with alcoholic parents.

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-support-to-help-children-living-with-alcohol-dependent-parents>

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3. Modern slavery training: resource page

Modern slavery often includes slavery, servitude, forced and compulsory labour and human trafficking. The impact can be devastating for the victims. This resource is designed to share examples of training products available to public sector professionals and other individuals that might come across victims to help raise awareness, better spot the signs and increase confidence in reporting modern slavery when potential cases are encountered.

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/modern-slavery-training-resource-page>

4. Handbook for short, monitoring and unannounced behaviour school inspections

Guidance for Ofsted inspectors carrying out school inspections under section 8 of the Education Act 2005. This handbook sets out the arrangements for undertaking Ofsted inspections in the following circumstances:

- ☐ short inspections of schools judged to be good at their most recent section 5 inspection and those outstanding schools that are not exempt from section 5
- ☐ monitoring inspections of schools judged as requires improvement ☐ monitoring inspections of schools judged as having serious weaknesses ☐ monitoring inspections of schools judged as requiring special measures
- ☐ any inspection that is undertaken in other circumstances where the inspection has no specific designation, known as 'section 8 no formal designation inspection'
- ☐ unannounced behaviour inspections

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/handbook-for-short-monitoring-and-unannounced-behaviour-school-inspections>

5. Basic checks provided by DBS

A basic check is a criminal record check you can request for yourself, or you may be asked to request a basic check by your employer. Your employer can request a basic check for you, via a Responsible Organisation, if they have your consent. A basic check can be used for any position or purpose. A basic check will contain details of convictions and conditional cautions that are considered to be unspent under the terms of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (ROA) 1974. A basic check is £25.

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/basic-checks>