CES Weekly Knowledge Exchange

News, Events, Policy, Research, Stats, Resources

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News

Child Protection and Welfare

Children in care homes ‘excessively criminalised’ (The Guardian)
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Date: 30.03.16

Children in foster care aren't waiting for a loving home – they are already in one (The Guardian)
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Date: 31.03.16

Child and Adolescent Health and Development

Girls in state care and care leavers still at high risk of teenage pregnancy (The Guardian)
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Date: 29.03.16

Ireland’s obesity rate among world's worst (The Irish Times)
Click here
Date: 01.04.16
**Poverty**

Children in poverty more likely to have problems with friendships, study shows (The Guardian)
Click [here](#)
Date: 30.03.16

**Education**

Three-quarters of teachers see pupils come to school hungry (The Guardian)
Click [here](#)
Date: 27.03.16

**Insights into school-going children (The Irish Times)**
Click [here](#)
Date: 28.03.16

**Mental Health**

Teen emotional problems linked to joblessness (Irish Health)
Click [here](#)
Date: 30.03.16

Young poor people 'more likely to have mental health issues than wealthy peers' (Belfast Telegraph)
Click [here](#)
Date: 30.03.16

**Housing**

Nearly 3,500 used homeless accommodation at end of 2015 (The Irish Times)
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Date: 31.03.16

Charity proposes new plan to solve housing crisis (The Irish Times)
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Date: 31.03.16

**Substance Use**

‘Often by the time the patient reaches us, the alcohol damage is irreversible’ (The Irish Times)
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Date: 29.03.16
Ban on legal highs delayed over concerns law is not enforceable (The Guardian)
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Date: 30.03.16

Service Implementation & Delivery
Are we doing enough to scale up what works? (The Guardian)
How can social care professionals grow the best services?
Click here
Date: 29.03.16

Most Irish hospitals have ‘poor cleanliness’, report finds (The Irish Times)
Click here
Date: 31.03.16

Public Service Reform
Health and Social Care Board chief warned Simon Hamilton that closure was big risk (Belfast Telegraph)
Click here
Date: 25.03.16

Schools funding could be boosted 23% by tax-back scheme (The Irish Times)
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Date: 30.03.16

Tools, Blogs, Resources, Publications

Tools
Reimagine Government (Civil Service World)
Reimagine Government is now live on CivilServiceWorld.com. Supported by KPMG, this section is a dedicated space for imagining new ways for government to achieve public policy objectives.
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Blogs
How to increase public support for policy: understanding citizens’ perspectives (LSE Impact Blog)
Policy-makers, we presume, want to solve social problems. Therefore, they select policy measures. In practice, these measures tend to trigger different reactions in society. How might a government avoid bad reactions, such as the tuition fees protests and ‘bedroom tax’ campaigns? Peter van Wijck and Bert Niemeijer present a framework which looks to align the perspectives of policymakers and citizens.
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Stigma increases psychological distress in people with intellectual disabilities (The Learning Disabilities Elf)
Blog post from the Learning Disabilities Elf looking at the effects and harm caused by stigma, particularly on those with intellectual disabilities.
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The best civil service leaders value trust, not grades (Civil Service World)
The civil service has always had great people, argues former senior Cabinet Office official Andrew Greenway – but it must get better at valuing trust over hierarchy.
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Resources
What works to enhance inter parental relationships and improve outcomes for children?
The review has been led by Professor Gordon Harold, an expert on the role of the family in children’s psychological development, and Dr. Ruth Sellers from the Andrew and Virginia Rudd Centre for Adoption Research and Practice at the University of Sussex.
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Realising Ambition: Programme Insights
This series of Programme Insights is designed to share reflections, learning and practical implications from Realising Ambition. They included Focus Pieces, Finding Pieces and Field Guides.
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Publications
Growing up unequal: gender and socioeconomic differences in young people’s health and well-being (World Health Organization)
This book is the latest addition to a series of reports on young people’s health from the Health Behaviour in School-aged Children (HBSC) study: a WHO collaborative cross-national study that has provided information about the health, well-being, social environment and health behaviour of 11-, 13- and 15-year-old boys and girls for over 30 years.
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Report highlights variation in maternity care across England (Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists)
Differences in the care received by women giving birth in hospitals across England are highlighted through a set of maternity indicators in a state of the nation report published by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG).
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Pregnancy and maternity-related discrimination and disadvantage: final reports (GOV.UK)
This research explores pregnancy and maternity-related discrimination in the workplace, including experiences related to breastfeeding. These reports provide the findings from interviews with over 3,000 mothers and over 3,000 employers in Great Britain.
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Boys don’t cry: improving identification and disclosure of sexual exploitation among boys and young men trafficked to the UK
This report focusses on the issue of boys and young men who have been trafficked into the UK and who experience sexual exploitation. It looks at the scale of exploitation and the barriers to it being identified for this particularly vulnerable group, detailing the views of professionals who have a frontline or strategic role in this area.
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Caring dads: safer children evaluation report (NSPCC)
This is the NSPCC evaluation report on Caring Dads: Safer Children (CDSC), a group work programme to help improve the parenting behaviour of fathers whose children have experienced living with domestic abuse.
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Policy, Research, Stats

Relevant Dáil and Assembly Debates
No Dáil sessions or parliamentary questions until a new government is formed.

Northern Ireland Assembly Questions
Mr Chris Lyttle asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety for an update on the review of the Families Matter Strategy.
Click here
Date: 22.02.16

Mr Peter Weir asked the Minister of Education why the Northern Ireland Teaching Council does not give full recognition to all teaching qualifications from other parts of the UK.
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Date: 23.03.16

Mr Fearghal McKinney asked the Minister of Health, Social Services and Public Safety whether he will bring forward legislation on adoption before May 2016.
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Date: 23.03.16

Policy
The EU Referendum and Northern Ireland (Research and Information Service Briefing Paper)
This paper provides information resources regarding Northern Ireland and the EU Referendum.
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Date: 25.03.16
Modern Crime Prevention Strategy (Home Office)
The modern crime prevention strategy builds on new research, techniques and technology to update the way we think about crime prevention.
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Date: 03.16

DfE: Education Secretary unveils a new blueprint for adoption (UK)
A brand-new strategy to transform the life chances of those children who spend up to 18 months in care waiting to be adopted - a tenth of their precious childhood - has been unveiled by the Education Secretary.
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Research
Bed-sharing by breastfeeding mothers: who bed-shares and what is the relationship with breastfeeding duration? (Open Access)
The aim of this study, published in the journal Acta Paediatrica, was to explore the link between breastfeeding duration and bed-sharing frequency among women reporting a prenatal intention to breastfeed.
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How much sugar is hidden in drinks marketed to children? A survey of fruit juices, juice drinks and smoothies (BMJ Open Access)
The aim of this study, published in the BMJ, was to investigate the amount of sugars in fruit juices, juice drinks and smoothies marketed to children.
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The Sounds of Intent project: modelling musical development in children with learning difficulties
The purpose of this paper is to set out the current status of the Sounds of Intent project, and explains some of the theoretical thinking that has underpinned its development over a period of 12 years. Sounds of Intent maps the musical development of children and young people with learning difficulties. It currently exists as an online resource that offers practitioners a framework for assessment (with an online recording tool), information and downloadable resources.
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Cost-effectiveness of motivational intervention with significant others for patients with alcohol misuse (Addiction Journal)
The study aims to estimate the incremental cost, cost-effectiveness and benefit–cost ratio of incorporating a significant other into motivational intervention for alcohol misuse.
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**Events**

**Centre for Global Education presents the Global Issues Seminar Series 2016**
*Venue:* 26 University Square, Queen’s University Belfast, BT7 1PB.
*Date:* April- May 2016
Click [here](#)

**The Budget Process and the 2016 Programme for Government (NICVA)**
*Venue:* NICVA, 61 Duncairn Gardens, Belfast, BT15 2GB.
*Date:* 18.04.16
*Time:* 9.30-11.30
Click [here](#)

**The Wheel Annual Conference**
*Venue:* Croke Park Conference Centre
*Date:* 25.05.16
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