CES Weekly Knowledge Exchange

News, Events, Policy, Research, Stats, Resources

Monday February 22nd – Friday February 26th
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### News

#### Child Protection and Welfare

Government details full scale of domestic violence impact on children (Children and Young People Now)

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#### Child and Adolescent Health and Development

Stormont backs ban on smoking in cars when accompanied by children (Belfast Telegraph)

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#### Early Childhood Care and Education

Call for ramped up investment in childcare and family leave (The Irish Times)

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Parenting and Family Support
‘It was good enough for me’: building bridges with disengaged parents (The Guardian)
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Date: 25.02.16

Education
Privately educated elite continues to take top jobs, finds survey (The Guardian)
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National Children’s Science Centre to open in 2018 (Irish Times)
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Apps can help children with dyslexia learn in a fun way (the Examiner)
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Mental Health
£175,000 for setting up mental trauma service (Belfast Telegraph)
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Police warn of mental health crisis as fifth in custody self-harmers (Belfast Telegraph)
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Housing
The horror of homelessness- Housing crisis (Irish Examiner)
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Date: 25.02.16

Record number of newly homeless families in January (The Irish Times)
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Substance Use
Research pinpoints devastating impacts of foetal alcohol syndrome (Medical News Today)
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Service Implementation & Delivery

Fewer male social workers leads to gender bias says Trinity academic (The Irish Times)
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Transforming social care starts with the smallest pieces of the jigsaw (The Guardian)
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Voluntary and community sector government funding at cliffs edge (NICVA)
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Cure to the short working life of a social worker (the Guardian)
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Date: 25.02.16

Public Sector Reform

Women to be offered their own £3,000 'birth budgets' (BBC News)
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Tools, Blogs, Resources, Publications

Tools

Business Engagement in Early Years Toolkit (Business in the Community Scotland)
A guide to creating sustainable, successful relationships with your local businesses and schools in order to help young children achieve their full potential and become responsible citizens.
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Good Finance
This website (currently in beta) was developed for charities and social enterprises.
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Blogs

Where's the evidence? (Medical Independent)
An article from the Medical Independent which looks at how health policies have been developed and the use of evidence by political parties to inform them.
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Using Twitter as a data source: an overview of current social media research tools (LSE)
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Local alcohol licensing policies associated with reduction in alcohol-related hospital admissions (The Mental Elf)
A blog post from the Mental Elf which looks at the statistics of adults in England drinking potentially harmful levels, and the cost of this misuse to the NHS.
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Is the timing of recommended childhood vaccines evidence based? (The BMJ)
Both sides of the argument make their case on whether the timing of childhood vaccines are evidence-based or not.
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Outcomes, outcomes, outcomes (Children and Young People Now)
Sara Tough identifies ten outcome related ‘obsessions’ with a particular focus on rising rates of children in care and children subject to a child protection plan, and discusses putting the ‘human’ back into human services.
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Resources
Teachers know best
This project, supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, involves researching digital tools that teachers want to use in the classroom. The project takes a data driven approach by consulting with 4,600 teachers, and will communicate the findings to developers. (Includes a nice infographic)
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Focus on: cyberbullying
This resource explains the different forms of cyberbullying, their impact on children and what parents, carers and schools can do to help a child deal with it.
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Life-skills based education for alcohol and drug prevention
This paper intends to provide governors, head teachers and teachers with practical guidelines to help them implement holistic life-skills based education programmes to ensure young people build resilience to alcohol and drug use.
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Publications
Improving Quality in the English NHS
New paper published by the Kings Fund. The paper argues that the NHS needs to make a strong commitment to a quality improvement strategy so that it can meet the needs of the population.
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Volunteering in Northern Ireland Research Report: Northern Ireland Omnibus Survey
(Northern Ireland Department for Social Development)
This publication presents the results of the Volunteering Module in the September/October 2015 Omnibus Survey. The main themes explored in the survey include levels of volunteering, support for volunteers and reasons for not undertaking volunteering roles.
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The five year forward view for mental health (NHS)
This is the final report of the independent Mental Health Taskforce, set up by the NHS as part of its Five Year Forward View to build consensus on how to improve services for people of all ages. It gives a frank assessment of the state of current mental health care across the NHS and proposes a wide ranging package of recommendations.
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Relevant Dáil and Assembly Debates
No Dáil sessions or parliamentary questions until a new government is formed.

Northern Ireland Assembly Debates
Ms Claire Hanna asked the Minister for Social Development whether he plans to reform the alcohol and entertainment licensing laws in Northern Ireland.
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Mr Stewart Dickson asked the Minister for Employment and Learning to detail the schemes that exist to help people with mental health problems obtain or resume paid work; and for his assessment of the effectiveness of these schemes.
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Mrs Dolores Kelly asked the First Minister and deputy First Minister for an update on what they are doing to maintain funding for childcare projects within the remit of the Childcare Strategy.
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Policy
Allocation of Ministers in the Northern Ireland Executive and Committee Chairpersons and deputy Chairpersons in the Northern Ireland Assembly 1998-2016 (RAISE)
This briefing note contains information on the selection of Ministerial posts by political parties since the first Executive formed under the terms of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. It also provides tables outlining the allocation of Chairs and Deputy Chairs in each mandate since the first Assembly and places these alongside the relevant Minister.
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Research

Fit to WHO weight standard of European infants over time (BMJ Open Access)
The 2006 WHO growth charts were created to provide an international standard for optimal growth, based on healthy, breastfed populations, but it has been suggested that Northern European children fit them poorly. This study uses infant weight data spanning 50 years to determine how well-nourished preschool children from different eras fit the WHO standard, and discuss the implications of deviations.
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Touch-screen technology usage in toddlers
This study aimed to establish the prevalence and patterns of use of touch-screen technologies in the toddler population.
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Drinking patterns of adolescents who develop alcohol use disorders: results from the Victorian Adolescent Health Cohort Study (BMJ Open Access)
This 20-year longitudinal study conducted in Victoria, Australia identifies drinking styles that place teens at greatest risk of later alcohol use disorders (AUD).
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What is the effect of regular group exercise on maternal psychological outcomes and common pregnancy complaints? An assessor blinded RCT (Open Access)
The aim of this study, published in the Journal of Midwifery, was to examine the effects of supervised group exercise on maternal psychological outcomes and commonly reported pregnancy complaints.
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Early life area-level mobility and subsequent mental health outcomes in adolescents and young adults (The European Journal of Public Health)
Early life events, such as childhood residential mobility, can have a substantial effect on later mental health outcomes. There are several aspects of such a change that may contribute to the overall effect on the individual. Area of residence is a factor that has previously yielded inconsistent findings due to methodological problems. This study utilises administrative measures aiming towards an unbiased examination of the association of area deprivation, social mobility and mental health and uses Northern Ireland statistics.
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Association between alcohol sports sponsorship and consumption: a systematic review (Alcohol and Alcoholism Advance Access) (Open Access)
Concerns have been raised about the impact of alcohol sports sponsorship on harmful consumption, with some countries banning this practice or considering a ban. This paper reviews evidence on the relationship between exposure to alcohol sports sponsorship and alcohol consumption.
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Tenders
Health Research Board
Health economist research service to support the work of the HRB’s Evidence Centre. The HRB’s Evidence Centre has expertise in public health, epidemiology, sociology, information science and evidence-based practice. Each year a number of the evidence reviews completed for the Department of Health require health economics input, an expertise the HRB does not have among its staff members. The research service will support strategies in the area of assisted human reproduction, breastfeeding amongst others.
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Combating stigma in social housing
Clúid Housing is inviting tenders for a research study on stigma in social housing. The primary research objective is to identify a range of strategies and measures that will aim to reduce the stigmatisation of social housing in Ireland.
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Empowering Young People (Big Lottery Fund NI)
Through Empowering Young People the Big Lottery will fund projects that give young people in Northern Ireland aged 8-25 the ability to cope with challenges in their lives. Funding ranges from £100,000 to £600,000, for projects that last between three to five years. This programme is all about putting young people in the lead. Big Lottery are looking for strong projects that involve young people in the planning and delivery, as well as their support networks and the communities which will help them to develop skills to cope with challenges in their lives.
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Events

Best Practice in the Early Years
Venue: Burton-on-Trent, UK.
Date: 22.06.16
Time: TBC
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Managing the media with Sarah Travers
Venue: NICVA, 61 Duncairn Gardens, Belfast
Date: 08.03.16
Time: 9.30-17.00
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Perinatal and infant mental health and the role of the voluntary and community sector (NCB)
Venue: London
Date: 08.03.16
One year on from future in mind - vision to implementation (NHS)
In March 2016 it will be a year since the publication of Future in Mind, setting the direction of travel for children and young people's mental health. The focus of this event will be how together we move from the vision of a joined up system to implementation.

Venue: London
Date: 16.03.16

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Eurochild InfoFlash. No. 7 Click here

The Wheel – Sector Connector Newsletter. Subscribe for weekly updates. Click here