



The Childhood Wellbeing Research Centre is an independent research centre with funding from the Department for Education to provide high quality research, analysis and expert advice on the issues that promote or inhibit childhood wellbeing.

The centre is a partnership between the Thomas Coram Research Unit (TCRU) and other centres at the Institute of Education, the Centre for Child and Family Research (CCFR) at Loughborough University and the Personal Social Services Research Unit (PSSRU) at the University of Kent.

The centre's expertise covers five overlapping areas:

- Children and young people's wellbeing and participation in different settings;
- Parenting and family support;
- Safeguarding children;
- Addressing inequalities; and
- Economics of children's services



Current projects

Unit costs of children's services (Jennifer Beecham and Lesley Curtis) Research on unit costs for services relating to children and families

Scoping review on child injury and safeguarding data in England and other countries (Phase 2) (Emily Munro and Esmeranda Manful) This study explores the data published internationally on safeguarding children from physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, neglect and exposure to intimate partner violence and from child death and injury.

Completed research

Scoping review to draw together data on child injury and safeguarding and to compare the position of England and the UK with that in other countries (Phase 1) (Emily Munro, Rebecca Brown, Joe Sempik, Harriet Ward and Charlie Owen). Findings suggest different approaches to safeguarding children have an impact on the manner in which maltreatment is identified.

International regulatory frameworks summary for the Bailey Review of commercialisation and sexualisation of childhood (June Statham, Ann Mooney and Ann Phoenix) This paper gives a review of the international regulatory framework in six countries.

Childhood wellbeing briefing paper (June Statham and Elaine Chase) An overview of recent evidence in the field of childhood wellbeing.

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