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Subject: RE: UKHSA and MoJ guidance
Attachments: DRAFT COVID-19 Additional Guidance SCH STC v2.0T.pdf; EDM CYP MHSMS FINAL v1.0.pdf

Dear Yvette,

As promised, and with grateful thanks to [REDACTED] NR who works with me on the National Health & Justice Team, I wanted to get back to you quickly in response to your concerns and queries re: management of COVID-19 in the CYPSE. To acknowledge initially that we in the National H&J team UKSHA completely agree that there is a need for a change in the language used in the guidance and completely support a person-centred 'child first' approach. Specifically, we will be updating the guidance to reflect this and I am assigning this as a priority task for members of my team. We are shortly due to update our published [Guidance : Preventing and controlling outbreaks of COVID-19 in prisons and places of detention](#) to align with recent policy changes. The revised policy is in its final stages of consultation with DHSC and we will incorporate revised language within the guidance. Please note that following agreed changes there is a process of clearance which includes "Triple Lock" (Cabinet Office, DHSC and No.10), and the time frame varies depending on the situation, but I can assure you that we are addressing the issue and the changes will be reflected in the next version of the guidance.

We have been supporting the children's settings through the pandemic especially with COVID-19 outbreaks and continue to provide public health guidance recognising the vulnerability and wellbeing of the resident children. We routinely update other guidance for infectious diseases in the Children's and Young People's Secure Estate e.g. seasonal flu guidance [Flu in the children and young people's secure estate - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) . Again, we will be minded to take account of child-centred language in these documents too, going forward.

As you are well aware that the secure children's settings are divided into secure, secure and welfare and welfare only, so we do have a mix of populations, commissioners, providers and therefore audiences for any guidance documents. We need to reflect that as there will be differences in process and how they link. The provision of Healthcare for the children and young people is commissioned by NHSEI Health & Justice. In April 2020 the initial COVID guidance (attached) drafted by NHSEI Commissioning services for children and young people with co-authors including YCS and HMPPS. PHE (at the time) H&J contributed to this document. The draft was updated again in Sept 2020 but wasn't published. In addition, the HMPPS/YCS authored an exceptional delivery recovery model for secure children and young people settings for the delivery of Mental Health, SMS and psychosocial delivery which we have supported. This is an internal document and again was not on a wide cascade (attached).

Having multiple documents has likely created some challenges and those authored by HMPPS may not be wholly applicable to Welfare settings. The 12-13 homes who meet regularly with DFE, YCS, NHSEI and UKHSA partners have consistently requested guidance to be updated to enable direction.

There are a number of guidance available for appropriate educational settings which are owned by DfE and we are trying to reach the owners of these pages to support the development of the setting specific guidance:

- Guidance for children's social care services <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-childrens-social-care-services/covid-19-guidance-for-childrens-social-care-services>
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) test kits for children's homes - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#).

Bringing all the documents together or at least cross referencing will be needed to ensure the guidance meets the needs across the diversity of the settings, including any guidance prepared by DFE, who we are very happy to link with. We are working with our Public Health Advice, Guidance and Expertise (PHAGE) team to link with the appropriate teams to work on this.

Going forward we also need to consider how we include/input exit strategies as we move towards the end of March 2022. This is a complex setting and we are committed to ensure that none of these settings fall through the gap due to complexities and differences in the policy, implementation and management. I hope I have been able to assure you that we continue to work with the children's vulnerable settings with appropriate sensitivity and plans are in place to address your concerns.

I look forward to working with you to improve our products. My team and I have been working hard throughout the pandemic to protect those most vulnerable, including children and young people. We will continue to work with key partners and stakeholders to embed learning in new products and are grateful for any support you can provide in ensuring our guidance and other materials are appropriate in all ways.

I hope you find this helpful.

Best wishes,

Éamonn



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Subject: FW: UKHSA and MoJ guidance

Dear Dr Arora and Dr O'Moore

The Department for Education contacted Ofsted recently with the UKHSA's views on our request in our email below.

Our understanding from DfE is that UKHSA intends to review the guidance. Government and the Youth Custody Service (YCS) are committed to changing the culture in the secure estate to one of 'child first' as set out in Charlie Taylor's review of the Youth Justice System in 2016. The language in this latest guidance, of which examples are provided in the email below, refers to children as prisoners and indicates a prison environment, which is not in keeping with the government's steer.

It is really important to this sector that they receive the guidance expediently to assist them in their care of very vulnerable children. Could you advise when reviewed guidance will be available please?

Our view is that children's secure establishments (Secure Children's Homes, Secure Training Centres and Young Offenders Institutions) should have sector-specific guidance in recognition that they all look after highly vulnerable children with complex needs.

I appreciate the amount of work the COVID-19 pandemic has created for us all, but feel this is an important matter and would ask that you consider our proposal.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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I want to highlight concerns with DfE over the document, 'UKHSA Preventing and controlling outbreaks of COVID-19 in prisons and places of detention Guidance' and ask that you raise the matter with relevant colleagues in UKHSA and MoJ.

The language used is inappropriate for secure children's homes (SCH) and secure training centres (STC). As you are aware, SCH also look after children placed for welfare reasons i.e. non-criminal matters, where a child is deemed a serious risk to themselves and not other provision can keep them safe.

The document is very heavily weighted to prisons and there are examples below of the language used that is inappropriate for use in SCHs and STCs.

- 'Prisoner or detainee'; Children placed in an SCH or an STC are 'children'. They are not known as prisoners or detainees.
- 'Custodial and detention staff'; Staff in SCH are generally known as 'care staff', not custody or detention staff
- 'Outside of their cell'; Children do not have 'cells' in SCH or STCs. They have 'bedrooms'.
- 'Patients or residents'; Children placed in an SCH or an STC are 'children'.
- Professional visitors should undertake an LFD test 24 hours before visiting the prison; SCH and STCs receive professional visitors
- Prisoners participating in visits; 'Children', not 'prisoners' in SCH and STCs
- Where a prison has an outbreak, mixing of wings should be avoided during visits. Wing based visits should be provided where possible; Children do not live in prisons or on wings in SCH or STCs

The Youth Custody Service (YCS) are committed to changing the culture in the secure estate to one of 'child first' as initially set out in Charlie Taylors review of the youth justice system in 2016. The language used in this guidance document is not in keeping with the YCS's aims and objectives and is not in keeping with [The Children's Homes \(England\) Regulations 2015](#) and the [Guide to the children's homes regulations and the quality standards](#).

It would be more appropriate to have specific guidance for SCH and STCs that acknowledges children are looked after by these provisions and where the language and terminology suitable and relevant to these settings.

I would be happy for you to suggest to UKHSA and MoJ that I am willing to assist in this matter by providing comments, feedback and suggestions where a document would then be more suitable for use by SCH and STCs.



Regards

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