

# Safeguarding Newsletter

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The Duchess of Cambridge has launched a UK-wide survey to help improve early childhood.

Source: BBC

The five-question online survey aims to "spark a national conversation" to help create "lasting change for generations to come", Kensington Palace said.

Catherine is marking its launch with a 24-hour UK tour, visiting Birmingham, London, Cardiff and Surrey.

The NSPCC said the project would be a "vital source of information".



In the online survey, called **Five Big Questions**, participants are asked for their opinion on what influences development and what period of childhood is most important for children's happiness.

**The Royal Foundation website says** Catherine believes "many of society's greatest social and health challenges" could be "mitigated or entirely avoided" if young children are given "the right support".

Kate Stanley, from the NSPCC, says the duchess's survey will "provide fascinating insight into how we think about the early years and it will be a vital source of information for the sector".

Asked about the value of the questionnaire, she told **BBC Radio 4's Today programme** on Tuesday the results of the survey would help inform "the kind of conversation we need to have" with parents about the importance of a child's early years.

You can take the survey by going to this website: <https://5bigquestions.org.uk/>

## Mandatory Training on Learning Disabilities and Autism Bill 2019-2020

Source: UK Parliament

The Mandatory Training on Learning Disabilities and Autism Bill, a Private Members' Bill sponsored by Baroness Hollins, had its first reading in the House of Lords on 16 January 2020. The Bill seeks to introduce mandatory training on learning disability and autism for all health and social care staff undertaking regulated activities in England.

Read the latest news on the Bill: [Mandatory Training on Learning Disabilities and Autism Bill 2019-20](#)