



Children and young people's mental health

Source: Department of Health

The Department of Health in Northern Ireland has updated its "Still waiting" action plan, containing 44 actions to improve child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS). The updates reflect developments including the impact of the coronavirus pandemic and the publication of the 10-year mental health strategy. A progress report of the "Still waiting" action plan has also been published providing an update on the last 12 months.



Read the news story: [Health and wellbeing of children and young people a priority](#)

Read the progress report: [Interdepartmental action plan](#)

Online safety

Source: Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) has announced that the Online Safety Bill will be strengthened with a new legal duty requiring all sites that publish pornography to put robust checks in place to ensure their users are 18-years-old or over. This could include adults using secure age verification technology to verify that they possess a credit card and are over 18 or having a third-party service confirm their age against government data.



Read the press release: [World-leading measures to protect children from accessing pornography online](#)

See also on NSPCC Learning

> [Social media and online safety](#)

Early help

Source: Ofsted

Ofsted has published a report looking at early help and local multi-agency responsiveness to meeting the needs of children, young people and their families. The research carried out by Research in Practice (RiP) reviewed government and agency guidance produced between 1989 and 2021 relating to the provision of early help; and reviewed key policy documents, inspection reports and parliamentary reports. The report covers: what is known about current early help provisions; debates in policy direction; and agency perspectives on early help.

Read the report: [Early help: concepts, policy directions and multi-agency perspectives](#)