

# Transparency release

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**The independent review  
of children's social care**

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# Transparency release – final review report

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In developing recommendations and the final report, the review team sought the views and insight of our expert boards and key stakeholders. We also provided draft copies to government to fact-check our understanding of existing policy and legislation, and to enable government to provide an initial response on the day of publication.

In chronological order, below are details of what we sent and to who:

- In late January 2022, we presented our early thinking on the recommendations to the **Evidence Group** (24/01/22), the **Design Group** (25/01/22) and the **Expert by Experience Board** (31/01/22), as part of our regular meetings. The membership of, terms of reference for, and minutes of the meeting discussions for the Experts by Experience Board can be found [here](#), and for the expert Groups [here](#).
- We shared an initial draft version of the report for comment with our **Experts by Experience Board and Design and Evidence Groups** on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
- On 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022, **we also shared an initial draft version of the report with the Department for Education**. With our permission, officials from the Department for Education shared this document with relevant colleagues across government for comment. See **List A** below for a list of government departments who received the document.
- We discussed many of the **report's recommendation annexes with individuals from the Experts by Experience Board and expert Groups** with a particular interest or expertise in the subject matter throughout March and April 2022.
- On 8<sup>th</sup> April, a **second draft report with a draft version of the recommendation annexes** was sent to the same government departments found at List A.
- Where there were **draft recommendations about specific organisations**, we discussed our plans for recommendations with them in March 2022 and then shared early versions of the report, chapters or excerpts in March and April 2022 – see **List B**. These organisations also received embargoed copies of the report between 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May before it was published, amongst other stakeholders (see next bullet point).
- Between 19<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May, we gave a selection of stakeholders **either advanced notice of the date government anticipated publishing**



**the report only, or advanced notice of the anticipated date alongside an embargoed version of the final report.** Those who were notified of the anticipated date of publication only included, but was not limited to, those who had provided case studies and local authorities who had taken part in our deep dives. The decision to share the embargoed report was based on stakeholders broadly falling into the below categories. See **List C** for more detail.

- Membership of our expert Groups and Experts by Experience Board. The members of these Groups and Board received the report in an individual capacity as members of the Board and Group, rather than to share with their organisations where they are part of one.
  - Key children's and family support charities
  - Evidence partners
  - Key political figures and relevant All-Party Parliamentary Groups (APPG)
  - Arms-length bodies impacted by recommendations
  - Previous reviewers
  - Unions
  - Wider inspectorates
  - Organisations or individuals who had actively fed into the process and development of the review
- We sent an **embargoed version of the final report** to news outlets/journalists on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to maximise coverage of its publication. The list of outlets who received a copy can be found at **List D**.



## **List A: Government departments who received a copy of the report via the Department of Education (in alphabetical order)**

- Cabinet Office
- Department for Culture, Media and Sport
- Department for Education
- Department for Health and Social Care
- Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Community
- Department for Work and Pensions
- Her Majesty's Treasury
- Home Office
- Ministry of Justice
- Number 10
- Youth Justice Board



## List B: Organisations who received an early draft version of the report, chapters or excerpts (in alphabetical order)

- Association of Directors of Children's Services
- Council for Disabled Children
- Early Intervention Foundation
- Local Government Association
- National Network of Designated Healthcare Professionals
- National Police Chiefs Council
- NHS England
- Office of the Children's Commissioner
- Ofsted
- Social Work England
- The Child Safeguarding Practice Review National Panel
- What Works for Children's Social Care
- Youth Endowment Fund
- Youth Justice Board



## List C: Stakeholders who received advanced notice of the anticipated date of publication, or were notified of the anticipated date and received an embargoed copy of the final report prior to publication (in alphabetical order)

*Stakeholders who received advanced notice of the anticipated date of publication only are specifically labelled. All other stakeholders received advanced notice of the date alongside an embargoed copy of the final report.*

- Action for Children
- Adoption and Special Guardianship Leadership Board
- Adoption UK
- Alma Economics
- APPG for Adoption/Permanence
- APPG for Children
- APPG for Kinship
- APPG for Looked After Children
- Association of Directors of Children's Services
- Barnardo's
- Become
- Bridget Phillipson MP (Shadow Secretary of State for Education)
- British Association of Social Workers
- Care Quality Commission
- Catch22 (advanced notice of anticipated date of publication only)
- Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel
- Children England
- Children and Family Court Advisory Support Service (CAFCASS)
- Commission on Young Lives
- Confederation of School Trusts (advanced notice of anticipated date of publication only)
- Coram
- Design Group
- Disabled Children's Partnership
- Drive Forward Foundation
- Early Intervention Foundation
- Edward Timpson MP (Chair of the independent review of school exclusion)
- Eileen Munro (Chair of the independent review of children protection)
- Esmee Fairbairn Foundation
- Experts by Experience Group
- Evidence Group
- Family Division of the Court
- Family Rights Group
- Fiona Duncan (Chair of The Promise, Scotland)
- Fostering Network



- Gavin Williamson MP (Former Secretary of State for Education) (advanced notice of anticipated date of publication only)
- Helen Hayes MP (Shadow Children’s Minister)
- Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services
- Home for Good
- House of Lords Public Services
- Kinship
- Law Commission
- Leeds City Council (advanced notice of anticipated date of publication only)
- Lemn Sissay (poet and care experienced campaigner)
- Local authority deep dive areas (advanced notice of anticipated date of publication only):
  - Bath and North East Somerset
  - Camden
  - Cumbria
  - Darlington
  - Enfield
  - North Lincolnshire
  - Nottinghamshire
  - Peterborough
  - Southampton
  - Wolverhampton
- Local Government Association
- Lord Laming (Chair of the Victoria Climbié Inquiry, and Chair of the independent review of child protection procedures)
- National Children’s Bureau and Council for Disabled Children
- National Network of Designated Professionals
- New Beginnings (advanced notice of anticipated date of publication only)
- New Local (advanced notice of anticipated date of publication only)
- NHS England
- NSPCC
- Office of the Children’s Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza
- Office of the Leader of the Opposition, Keir Starmer MP
- Ofsted
- Principal Social Workers’ Network (advanced notice of anticipated date of publication only)
- Public Law Working Group
- Pure Insight (advanced notice of anticipated date of publication only)
- Regional Adoption Agencies
- Robert Halfon MP (Chair of the Education Select Committee)
- Sir Alan Wood (Chair of the independent review of local safeguarding children boards, and Chair of the independent review of multi-agency safeguarding arrangements)





- Sir Martin Narey (Chair of the independent review of children’s residential care in England, and Chair of the independent review of foster care in England)
- Social Justice Caucus
- Social Work England
- The Centre for Family Safeguarding Practice (advanced notice of anticipated date of publication only)
- The Child Safeguarding Practice Review National Panel
- The Children’s Society
- The National Police Chiefs Council
- UK Trauma Council (advanced notice of anticipated date of publication only)
- Unison
- What Works for Children’s Social Care
- Youth Endowment Fund
- Youth Justice Board



## List D: News outlets who received an embargoed copy of the final report (in alphabetical order)

- 5 News
- Al Jazeera
- Asian Express
- BBC
- Bauer Media
- Big Issue
- Bloomberg
- Byline Times
- Channel 4 News
- Children & Young People Now
- City AM
- Community Care
- Daily Mail
- Dods
- Economist
- Evening Standard
- Express
- FE News
- Financial Times
- First News
- Foresight News
- Future News (FENS)
- Global
- Good Morning Britain
- Guardian
- Ham & High
- Huffington Post
- I News
- ITN
- ITV
- Jewish Chronical
- Kantar Media
- LBC
- Local Government Chronical
- Metro
- Mirror
- News UK
- Observer
- PA Media
- Parliament Today
- Politico
- Politics Home
- Pride Magazine



- Public Finance
- Randalls Monitoring
- Sky
- Social Work Today
- Sunday Express
- TES
- Talk Radio
- Telegraph
- The Independent
- The Sun
- The Week Junior
- Times
- Times Radio
- Yorkshire Post

