





Research in Practice support with the Children's Social Care reform programme

Social Care Reform is moving at pace. Evidence-informed workforce development is critical in implementing what is arguably the most significant programme of change since the Children Act 1989. Research in Practice has an excellent track record engaging across regions and supporting change at local system level.

This flyer offers selected examples of ready-to-use resources for leaders, managers, and practitioners across early help, targeted support, and statutory services. New releases for 2026 will continue to provide professional development that connects with the national picture.

Supporting the workforce through change

Change requires leadership at all levels. These resources, informed by up-to-date evidence, support leaders build and maintain a resilient organisational culture.

-  **Read** A briefing for leaders on how organisations can [retain experienced social workers](#) through maximising 'pull factors'.
-  **Watch** A series of videos exploring the role of **leaders** [in building and sustaining a resilient system](#).
-  **Listen** This podcast explores resources on [organisational resilience](#) and how they can be used by **practitioners** and **supervisors**.
-  **Do** Draw on our expertise in delivering effective practice leadership development programmes.

To commission for your organisation contact learning@researchinpractice.org.uk. Or purchase individual places on a [multi-organisational leadership development programme](#).

Families First: working with family networks

Resources to support embedding a whole-family approach.

-  **Read** Read this blog for **leaders** on [family group decision making and the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill](#). Share this briefing to [support practitioners work inclusively and effectively with men](#) where children's welfare and safety is a concern. **Practice** decision-making about [brothers and sisters](#) involved in public law proceedings.
-  **Watch** Using [Family Group Conferences](#) to enable family-led decision-making: videos for practice leaders made in partnership with Family Rights Group. These [videos](#) explore North Yorkshire's innovative approach to family time for children in care and their networks.
-  **Listen** Share this podcast with **practitioners**, exploring the [importance of working together with fathers](#), from the perspective of the Journey Project in Leeds.
-  **Do** Share [these workshops with practitioners](#) supporting contact for children who are adopted, fostered or in kinship care.

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Early help and Family Help: supporting Lead Practitioners

Succinct, robust resources for shared learning and skills development in multi-agency teams.



Read

[Enabling creative participation with children](#)
[Using genograms in practice](#)
[Using chronologies in practice](#)
[Legal literacy across housing and social care](#)
[Using attachment theory in children's social care.](#)



Watch

A video learning programme to support **practitioners** [working with trauma experienced parents in children's social care](#).
[These videos](#) featuring Professor Eileen Munro support **practitioner** decision-making in working with uncertainty and risk.



Listen

[This podcast](#) supports **practitioners** develop productive relationships with parents.
[A co-produced three-part podcast series](#) provides unique insights into the complexity of child protection work in the context of domestic abuse.



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Share these [practice pointer webinars](#) – introducing resources to support core areas of practice.
Share [this learning pathway](#) for self-directed learning in critical reflection and analysis.
Book [development workshops](#) for your teams.

Leading multi-agency practice

Resources to support building an integrated multi-agency system and workforce.



Read

For **leaders**:
This report on our work for the [national Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel](#) builds the quality of learning from serious incidents.
Explore key elements of [anti-racist systems leadership](#).
Support families effectively at the [intersection of social care and housing](#).
This blog shows that [effective supervision](#) is at the heart of social care reform.

For **supervisors**:

The 2025 supervision hub for our acclaimed resources for [practice supervisors](#) includes [this practice tool for interprofessional supervision](#). [Defensible decision-making](#): a resource pack to support **practice supervisors** facilitate reflective supervision, develop recording skills and lead team learning.
The accompanying [CPD guide](#) contains all required to run three CPD sessions for practice supervisors.



Watch

This video for **leaders** discusses the importance of [multi-agency working across social care and housing](#).
Learn from Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton's [collaborative model of safeguarding](#).



Listen

Listen to this podcast for **leaders** exploring Somerset's experience [developing a single digital view of a child](#).



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