

Knowledge exchange consent form – March 2026

Thank you for signing up to take part in this Knowledge Exchange (KE) conversation. The focus of the KE is to hear from the sector on how information is gathered from children and young people on their experiences of Children’s Social Care (CSC) involvement in their lives.

This KE is part of a feasibility study commissioned by DfE and led by Ipsos. The aim is to scope methods for drawing data together to build a representative, national picture of children, young people and families’ experiences with CSC. Research in Practice is working with Ipsos to draw sector expertise into this study.

The study seeks to explore what might be optimal methods for gathering the experiences of children and young people across a range of ages and intervention types. Meeting the challenges of ensuring any approach is meaningful, ethical, proportionate and safe.

The KE discussion will be recorded, all contributions anonymised and themes from the discussion will feed into Ipsos initial scoping phase of this project. As such, we need to ensure you are happy to consent to take part in this discussion. Please take time to read the information below and, if you are happy to take part, sign the statement at the end to show that you consent – you can still choose to withdraw later during the research.

Research information

Research title:	Children’s experiences of social care. Survey feasibility study
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Purpose of the research:	The study will explore the feasibility of a national survey of Children’s experiences of social care survey, combining a review of key messages and evidence from literature, the views and perspectives of children who have lived experience of social care, and the perspectives of professionals and experts.
Why have I been invited to participate?	You are invited to take part because you are a senior professional with experience and knowledge of methods currently used to collect data on children and young people’s experiences of social care. We are keen to hear your perspectives about the feasibility of a national survey.
How can I take part?	The first KE 23 rd March 2026. If you would like to take part please complete and return the consent form below. We will also contact you to take part in the follow up Knowledge Exchange later in 2026 to share key messages from the scoping study and hear your perspectives on these. The Knowledge Exchange events will be conducted online using MS Teams. We will record each session to have an accurate record of what you and others say.

Do I have to take part?	<p>Taking part in the KE is voluntary. You can choose how and when you contribute to the discussion.</p> <p>If you decide to take part in the first session, you do not have to take part in the second session – though it would be great if you can.</p>
What are the possible benefits of taking part?	<p>By taking part you can help us to understand the feasibility of a national survey to understand children’s experiences of social care. We are keen to hear from you about methods other than survey might be working well for you locally.</p>
What do you want to know?	<p>We will ask about your views and experiences on how data is currently collected, important considerations to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and young people, and your perspectives on viability of a national survey.</p>
Will what I say in this study be confidential?	<p>We will use quotes and analyse key themes from the feedback provided in the Knowledge Exchanges. We will not use names or organisation details to identify people who took part, but we will use job roles. We will report an overview of details of who took part, (number of participants; per region; job role)</p> <p>Knowledge Exchange recordings and transcripts will be stored separately from your name, job title and contact info and linked to an anonymous code. We will share the anonymised data across our research team of staff and associates but only for the purpose of this project.</p> <p>Recordings of Knowledge Exchange events will be stored securely and will be deleted securely three months after Ipsos final report is published.</p>
How will you keep my information safe?	<p>All our research complies with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. All personal information (names and contact details) and research data will be stored securely when not being processed, using encrypted computers and secure storage locations. Data will only be transferred across the research team using end-to-end encryption (such as secured email or shared drives). We will keep your data securely for up to 3 months after the study has finished; after which point it will be safely deleted.</p> <p>You can contact the Research Lead to request information about the data we hold about you.</p>
What if I change my mind?	<p>If you agree to take part but change your mind, you are free to withdraw from the study. You can withdraw before or during the Knowledge Exchange. This will not affect your rights in any way.</p> <p>After taking part your data will have been anonymised and combined with information from other people so it may not be possible to withdraw your information after this point.</p>
Who will see the end results of this research?	<p>We will contribute to Ipsos report for Department for Education which may be published by them. Research in Practice or other partners working on this project may present about the study at health and social care events or produce resources that use the key themes.</p>
How can I make a complaint or raise a concern?	<p>If you want to make a complaint or raise a concern about the research, you can contact the research team directly using the contact details at the top of this sheet.</p>