

Foreword by Sarah Parsons:

There are a lot of interesting events to note and to plan for in this month's bulletin, and great to note the continued success and impact of the FJYPB event.

Please note the information in the bulletin about the Cafcass Learning – the new and improved system that will be replacing MySkills. There will be additional information on the intranet and at team meetings about this to ensure we all understand the reasons for the change, the benefits and what it means in practical terms.



Face to Face Training:

Cafcass Positive Parenting Programme

Over 100 staff are now trained in the CPPP across all operational areas and the pilot is ongoing following an initial evaluation outcome approved by OMT.

The pilot continues to be for 16.4 cases, so please remember to log such cases on ECMS under CPPP pilot!

Commissioned requests have been received from most areas for training of local teams – and these (if not already completed) will be delivered between September and November. Any areas who have not yet commissioned are welcome and encouraged to do so to ensure sufficient numbers of trained practitioners in each area.

For those areas who have already received training in recent months, the involvement and support of practice supervisors and managers has been really helpful and valued – so big thanks to you all!

Ongoing support consultations are available via the [NISSupport](#) team and for general enquiries, please contact [Holly Dare](#) or [Laura Mills](#).



Child Impact Assessment Framework (CIAF) Training

CIAF training will be taking place between September 2018 and January 2019, for all practitioners in EIT and FCAs undertaking WAFH (a briefing will be available for FCAs who only undertake public law). The training will be a full day, followed by group supervision sessions or workshops as needed. Sessions will be team-based and delivered by a centrally-trained HoP, SM or PS, alongside an NIS Improvement Manager.

Aims:

- To gain knowledge and understanding of the evidence base that underpins the new harmful conflict and refusal/resistance tools and guidance.
- To gain the skills to navigate between the various tools and guidance sections as set out in the new framework, using these documents to enhance understanding of the child's lived experience.
- To be able to formulate a powerful child impact analysis, ending with a recommendation to the court and the parents about the best way forward to help the child.

Your manager will advise you of the date for your team's training. Please email learning@cafcass.gov.uk if you have any queries.

DON'T FORGET...

If you are interested in becoming a Practice Educator, there are still a few spaces available on the upcoming training:

- 30th & 31st August – Cafcass Oxford
 - 18th & 19th October – Cafcass Middlesbrough
- Places can be booked via iTrent.

Self-Directed Learning:

CafcassLearning On 18th September Cafcass' Learning Management System provider will be changing from Learning Pool to Learning Nexus. This change will provide Cafcass with a brand new site to access all learning, delivering a new look and feel with increased functionality. In line with this transition, Cafcass' learning platform will be rebranded, including a change in name from MySkills to **CafcassLearning**. This new name will capture the platform's role as Cafcass' learning hub and will provide staff with the complete learning experience in one place.

What are the benefits CafcassLearning will bring?

- Booking onto learning events will no longer take place on iTrent, but will be done through the CafcassLearning platform. This will remove the current confusion amongst staff about where to access learning.
- This new booking system will link directly with individual Outlook calendars and will provide a much more efficient booking experience.
- Managers will be able to easily see the learning for their team.
- Single Sign On to CafcassLearning (to follow after the site's launch).

IMPORTANT - What do I need to do?

- Staff must complete any unfinished learning by 10th September. If left incomplete after this date, staff will have to restart the learning on CafcassLearning. Please be assured that all completed historic eLearning data will be transferred to the new site. To see if you have any learning in progress, staff are advised to follow [this guidance](#).
- Between 10th – 17th September staff will not be able to start or complete any new eLearning. If they do, it will not appear on their learning record on CafcassLearning.
- Cancellations or learning event bookings usually completed on iTrent must go through the Learning Inbox between the 10th – 17th September (learning@cafcass.gov.uk).

Further correspondence will be provided closer to the launch date. If you have any questions in the meantime, please email learning@cafcass.gov.uk.

Voice of the child – new eLearning module

This eLearning has been put together by the FJYPB and Cafcass. It aims to influence the working policy and practice of professionals working within family justice to ensure that the service they deliver is child inclusive, encouraging participation and reflective of the rights of the children and young people they are working with. You can find the eLearning and further FJYPB resources on [this link](#).



Looking Forward...

Reminder...

FCA's can be nominated to join a module with Sussex University; "Working with vulnerable children and young people". If you are interested please speak to your manager, as nominations will be made by your HoP/AD.

Cafcass Practice Experts:

We are pleased to announce there will be two new practice expert topics joining the project from September:

- **Child trafficking**
- **Gangs/county lines**

Look out for more information in next month's edition of the L&D Bulletin!

Emerging Talent: The next deadline for applying to join the Emerging Talent programme is 14th September. For more information about Emerging Talent, including guidance on the application process, case studies and the Emerging Talent newsletter please see the intranet: [here](#).