

Social care - January 2020

Welcome to our social care newsletter for January 2020, focusing on fostering, child abuse claims and the impact of these cases.

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Foster Parents – the carers’ perspective might help your planning

Almost every year the Fostering Network publishes a State of the Nation’s Foster Care Summary report after surveying foster carers.

Nearly 75% of Looked After Children in the United Kingdom are with foster carers. Whilst the analysis we often consider with our clients focuses on the needs, requirements and perspectives of fostering agencies and social workers, this report surveys foster carers themselves.

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Potential liability for child sexual and criminal exploitation

The Children Act 1989 imposes a statutory duty on Local Authorities for Looked After and certain other young people as they prepare for adulthood.

Cynthia Watts looks into the circumstances that these statutory duties mean and what they need to develop the skills and personal resilience to prepare them for the independence of adulthood.

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What we have learned about costs claims in child abuse cases

The Courts are slowly accepting that these cases are very much now in the mainstream of litigation, they still do have their quirks which many judges consider separate them from the pool of general personal injury litigation.

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Understanding the risk - looked after children trends and the impact on claims

Last month the government published the latest annual update on the numbers of looked after children.

We find out the number of claims likely to come from these findings.

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