

Children's Social Care National Framework - one page summary

<p><i>Why does the CSC system exist?</i></p>	<p>Purpose</p>							
<p>To help children and families, to protect children by intervening decisively when they are at risk of harm and to provide care for those who need it so that children, young people and care leavers grow up and thrive with safety, stability and love.</p>								
<p><i>How should CSC practice?</i></p>	<p>Principles of practice</p>							
<p>Children's welfare is paramount and their feelings are sought, heard and responded to</p>		<p>Children's social care work in partnership with families</p>		<p>Children are raised by their families, in family networks or in family environments wherever possible</p>		<p>Practice engages partner agencies at every stage of support to identify and meet the needs of children, young people and families</p>		
<p>Practice and services are demonstrably poverty-aware and anti-discriminatory</p>								
<p><i>What should CSC achieve?</i></p>	<p>Outcomes for children and families</p>				<p>System enablers</p>			
<p>Children, young people and families stay together and get the help they need</p>		<p>Children and young people are supported by their family network</p>		<p>Children and young people are safe in and outside their homes</p>		<p>Children in care and care leavers have stable, loving homes</p>		
<p>The workforce is equipped and effective</p>					<p>Leaders drive conditions for effective practice</p>			
<p>Practice guides</p>								
<p>Proposed dashboard indicators</p>								
<p><i>How will CSC understand progress?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ % of referrals which are repeat referrals ▪ School attendance of children in need ▪ Rate of new entrants to care ▪ Rate of assessments completed ▪ Rate of children in care 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ % of section 31 proceedings that end with the child living with parents, and the age of the children in the proceedings ▪ % of children in care living with their family networks 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rate and number of section 47 investigations ▪ Rate of section 47 investigations which result in an initial child protection conference ▪ Rate of new child protection plans ▪ % of children whose plan was de-escalated and did not present again with unmet needs in 2 years 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ % of children in care living in foster care ▪ % of children in care living in residential care ▪ Distance of placements from home ▪ Stability of placements of children in care ▪ Strengths and difficulties questionnaire scores for children in care ▪ Progress and attainment in Key Stage results of children in care ▪ % of care leavers in education, employment or training ▪ % of care leavers in higher education ▪ % of care leavers in apprenticeships ▪ % of care leavers in unsuitable accommodation 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social worker turnover ▪ Agency social worker rates ▪ Social worker caseloads 						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Share of children's social care spend on children in care ▪ Turnover of Directors of Children's Services and practice leaders 		
<p><i>Outcomes that help children, young people and families to thrive</i></p>	<p>Long-term outcomes, achieved with partner agencies</p>							
<p>Good child development</p>		<p>Good education attendance, attainment, training, and progress</p>		<p>Good physical and mental health</p>		<p>Family stability, including housing and financial stability</p>		
<p>Family functioning, including strong family relationships and support networks</p>				<p>Preventing and tackling crime</p>				

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