



## **Welcome to the Making Research Count Northern Hub Newsletter 1**

**We hope this email finds you safe and well in these challenging times. We have put together some resources that you might find helpful during this period when we are unable to hold our usual face to face events.**

**This first edition includes;**

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## 1. Finding research publications

If you are looking for research publications, we recommend searching via Google Scholar, <https://scholar.google.com/>. Google Scholar only searches scholarly literature, so filters out the 'white noise' (blogs, etc., and grey literature) that's retrieved with other search engines.

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## 2. Weathering the Storm: How can social workers maintain their emotional resilience during the coronavirus pandemic?

Sarah Rose is a social worker and PhD student at the University of Edinburgh, researching the emotional resilience of social workers.



The outbreak of the coronavirus and the impact it is having on our lives certainly feels like a stormy situation that we need to navigate as best we can. Emotional resilience helps us to cope with adversity and find ways to adapt so that we maintain our wellbeing throughout, remain functional and avoid longer term emotional repercussions. But resilience is not infinite for any of us therefore it is important to find ways to maintain it.

Based on her current research into the emotional resilience of social workers, Sarah provides some guidance on maintaining resilience while we ride out the storm. It is available on BASW's website

at: <https://www.basw.co.uk/media/news/2020/apr/weathering-storm-how-can-social-workers-maintain-their-emotional-resilience>

### 3. Care Act 2014 Easements in the Coronavirus Act 2020

Section 15 and Schedule 12 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 sets out significant amendments to a local authority's duties under the Care Act 2014. These are designed to ensure that the best possible care and support can be delivered in the face of the unprecedented pressures placed on already stretched adult social services departments by Covid-19. But what exactly are these new powers and duties and, more importantly, what as a matter of practice do adult social services departments need to do to implement these new provisions lawfully?

This webinar, held on the 8th April, was designed to give local authority legal and client departments an overview of the new provisions and some pragmatic



advice on what this might mean in practice. The event was recorded, and is available on Cornerstone Barristers' website at:

<https://cornerstonebarristers.com/events/zoom-webinar-care-act-2014-easements-coronavirus-act-2020-what-do-they-mean-you/>

#### **4. Vulnerability and Disadvantage in Times of Covid-19**

**Gottfried Schweiger, University of Salzburg**

**Vulnerability is not only a natural feature of all humans, but is strongly influenced by the social context in which people live. We see this especially now in times of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is to be feared that those groups who are affected by poverty, exclusion and other disadvantages will become victims more than most.**

<http://www.transformingsociety.co.uk/2020/04/14/vulnerability-and-disadvantage-in-times-of-covid-19/>

#### **5. Professional Practice Guidance for Hospital Social Work with Adults During Covid-19**

**BASW guidance to prepare for face to face social work in hospitals**

**This guidance provides a professional risk framework to prepare for face to face social work in hospitals with adult patients, families or carers during Covid-19. It is not a comprehensive guide to hospital social work. Its aim is limited to planning for and managing risk during Covid-19 – whether with adults who are Covid-19 positive, negative or infection status unknown. It may be transferable to social work with children and young people in hospital.**

<https://www.basw.co.uk/professional-practice-guidance-hospital-social-work-adults-during-covid-19>



## **6. Key Change**

**Open Clasp Theatre Company**

Devised with women in HMP Low Newton to tour to male prisons, this critically-acclaimed film carries their voices over the razor wire in a raw, illuminating portrayal of women in prison. It is available to view online at:

<https://www.openclasp.org.uk/productions/key-change/#watch-online>

## **7. The Hidden Scourge of Modern Slavery**

**Prof Gary Craig, University of Hull**

If you stopped someone on the street ten years ago and asked them what came to mind when you mentioned the word slavery, the chances are they would say William Wilberforce, something to do with the Transatlantic Slave Trade, or perhaps refer to exploitation in countries thousands of miles away. Although many people believe that slavery was abolished two hundred years ago, the truth is that it never went away, but morphed into other forms.

<http://www.transformingsociety.co.uk/2020/03/16/the-hidden-scourge-of-modern-slavery/>

## **8. Protecting Vulnerable Children While Social Distancing**

**Clive Diaz**

<http://www.transformingsociety.co.uk/2020/04/10/protecting-vulnerable-children-while-social-distancing/>



**9. Make Every Child Count**

**A new study shows that the number of children in England with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions has continued to rise over the last 17 years.**

[New research reveals a significant rise in the number of children with life-limiting conditions](#)

**10. Academics at the University of York are to examine the legal and societal impact of Covid-19 in two separate studies**

<https://www.york.ac.uk/spsw/news-and-events/news/2020/covid-implications/>

**We hope you find this useful. Please get in touch if you think there are any research or resource related matters we can help you with.**

**We are working to bring you further resources, including online events, reading lists, and access to 'Panopto' presentations (slide shows with voice-overs by presenters) and will be in touch with details of those as they become available.**

**With very best wishes for your continued safety and wellbeing,**

**Angela and Lisa  
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