

## Webinar: Identifying and addressing the mental health needs of children in care

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**Please join us online Wednesday 3 June 2015 at 4pm. This invitation is extended to anyone with an interest in the mental health and care of looked after children.**

The webinar will focus on two mental health projects involving the Rees Centre at the University of Oxford:

Nikki Luke will discuss the key messages arising from the NSPCC/Rees Centre report '[What works in preventing and treating poor mental health in looked after children?](#)' The report considers the strength of the evidence for a range of interventions in this area. This should aid decision making by practitioners and service providers when selecting whether and how to use particular interventions with children and young people. The context in which these interventions operate will also be considered – how important is 'ordinary care' as an intervention itself?

Helen Drew from the University of Sussex will be talking about the research project '[Supporting the mental health of looked after children across the primary to secondary transition](#)'. This is a collaboration between the Universities of Sussex, Surrey, the Rees Centre at the University of Oxford, Sussex Partnership NHS Trust and Virtual Schools and schools across England. She will discuss why school transition is such a crucial time for looked after children, along with findings from a national survey of Virtual Schools regarding current provision for looked after children across these transition years. A longitudinal project tracking pupils across three school years with the aim of looking for risk and protective factors for later mental health problems will also be discussed.

The webinar will include an overview of both projects with plenty of time for discussion.

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To join the online event

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