VSH Update

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Happy New Year!

> " Welcome to the first VSH Update of 2017. We've had a purposeful start to the year and are busy expanding our range of titles and looking for new ways to support schools, local authorities and virtual schools in particular. We wish you all the best for the term and the year ahead. "
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> James Bench-Capon, Editor

Helping staff to help young people

More than 70 virtual schools are now using *MyLibrary* to help their looked after children. In 2017, we're excited about using the same mobile learning technology to train staff as well.

Our *CPD Library* provides a growing range of reference material and training courses for adults who work with children and young people. Topics covered at the moment include attachment, pastoral issues, radicalisation, responsibilities of designated teachers, information handling and many more.

In many ways, using mobile learning resources with staff is more straightforward than it is with children and young people. Most staff already have a smartphone or tablet and the web version is available for those who do not.

We offer two versions of the *CPD Library* for virtual schools:

› A focused collection aimed at DTs, foster carers, residential home staff and social workers – see pearson.co.uk/cpd-virtual-schools

› A much more extensive set of courses that could be used with members of the wider virtual school team – see the full list at pearson.co.uk/cpd.

If you would like more information, please contact Jacquie on **01223 350555** or at j.cox@pearson.co.uk.
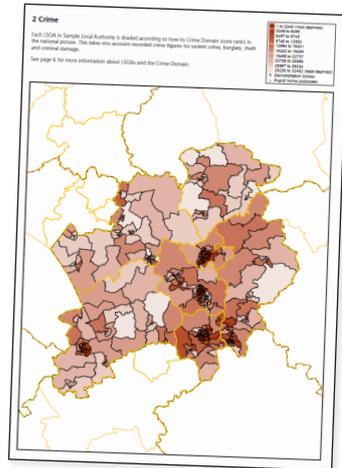

Could you be an author?

We are currently looking for authors to add to the growing list of titles in *MyLibrary* and especially the *CPD Library*. If you could write a short publication on a topic that is important to virtual school staff, we would love to hear from you. Contact Sarah Hardstaff at s.hardstaff@pearson.co.uk.

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Looking at deprivation data

We are always looking for new ways to help virtual schools and deepen our relationship with them. One way we have been doing this recently is by helping them to get an insight into the issues affecting their looked after children by using deprivation data.

National data is available on a variety of forms of deprivation, including crime, low income, barriers to housing and services, and education. Drawing on this, we are able to produce maps and data tables that give a very detailed picture of the specific issues affecting local areas.

The more you know about the nature of the communities in which your looked after children live, the better placed you are to support them. Our *Confidential Reports – Community Issues* service can help you to:

› plan interventions

› contribute to PEPs

› answer questions from elected members and senior managers

› justify placement changes

› explain issues to Ofsted inspectors

› argue for changes to placement policy.

If you are interested in this service, please see pearson.co.uk/confidential-reports or email crcommunity@pearson.co.uk.

A growing community

Now using *MyLibrary*:

Barking & Dagenham	Luton
Barnet	Merton
Bexley	Middlesbrough
Birmingham	Milton Keynes
Bournemouth	Newham
Brighton & Hove	Norfolk
Bromley	North Lincolnshire
Cambridgeshire	Northumberland
Cardiff	Oldham
Cheshire West & Chester	Oxfordshire
City of London	Pembrokeshire
Coventry	Peterborough
Croydon	Plymouth
Cumbria	Poole
Darlington	Portsmouth
Derby City	Rochdale
Durham	Slough
East Riding	Somerset
East Sussex	Southampton
Enfield	Southend
Gateshead	Southwark
Gloucestershire	Stockport
Greenwich	Suffolk
Hackney	Surrey
Hammersmith & Fulham	Tameside
Hampshire	Thurrock
Harrow	Torbay
Havering	Tower Hamlets
Herefordshire	Wakefield
Hillingdon	Walsall
Hounslow	Waltham Forest
Islington	Wandsworth
Kensington & Chelsea	West Berkshire
Kent	Westminster
Kingston upon Hull	West Sussex
Lambeth	Wiltshire
Lancashire	Windsor & Maidenhead
Leicester City	Worcestershire

New additions

Oxfordshire Surrey Torbay

Find out more

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