

# Action on Rights for Children (ARCH)

## ***Databases, Assessment Tools and Data-Processing***

Children: Over Surveilled, Under Protected  
LSE

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# School Census and National Pupil Database (1)

- 3 times per year
- 'Individual' level: data taken directly from school computers
- All pupils in state-maintained sector & nursery schools
- From 2007: all early years providers

# School Census and National Pupil Database (2)

- 40+ data items prescribed by regulations
- Incorporates QCA system
- Statutory duty on schools to supply information
- Consent of data-subject unnecessary
- Data held on NPD

# CONNEXIONS (1)

- 'Holistic' service for 13-19s
- Identifying 'barriers to learning'
- Data held on CCIS
- Database populated via statutory duty on schools & discretionary powers of other agencies

# CONNEXIONS (2)

- Young person allocated 'PA'
- PA carries out APIR assessment
- Brokers access to services
- Consent to share information
- Takes 'informed consent' of young person

# 'Predicting' young offenders (1)

- **YISP:** aged 8-13
  - 'ONSET' in-depth assessment
  - Data held on YISPMIS
- **YIP:** 50 'most likely' aged 13-16
  - ID50 process
  - Data held on YIPMIS
- **Junior YIP:** aged 8-12

# **‘Predicting’ young offenders (2)**

## **CDRP (Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership)**

- ‘Prolific and Other Priority Offenders’
- First Tier: ‘Prevent and Deter’
- Any age – builds on existing provision
- Data held on local PPO system

# RYOGENS

## 'Reducing Youth Offending Generic National Solution'

- Web-based resource
- Supplies list of 'predictive' criteria
- Practitioner selects a 'concern'
- LA decides how many 'concerns' trigger 'alert'
- List of statutes used to override lack of consent

# Police Systems

Variety of systems at local level, e.g.

- **‘Nipper’** (York): details of low-level misdemeanour
- **MERLIN** (MPS): details of a child ‘coming to notice’ for any reason

# COMMON ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK

- Standardised in-depth assessment tool for use by all agencies when a child:
  - needs more services
  - is not progressing towards ‘5 outcomes’
- e-enabled & indicator to be placed on Children’s Index

# The Five Outcomes

- Being healthy
- Staying safe
- Enjoying and achieving
- Making a positive contribution
- Achieving economic well-being

# Integrated Children's System (ICS)

- Electronic Social Care Record' (ESCR)
- Still under development
- Possible future links to NHS system as part of ICRS

# Children's Index (1)

- Central 'hub' for all agencies
- Individual file for each child
- Directory of practitioners to enable information-sharing
- 'Basic' details of each child from birth

# Children's Index (2)

- Established under s12 Children Act 2004
- Details to be prescribed in regulations
- 12 current pilots
- Consultation during summer 2006
- Final regulations autumn 2006

# Children's Index (3)

- name
- address
- gender
- date of birth
- parent contact details
- name and contact details of educational institution
- name and contact details of LA specialist service
- name and contact details of primary health care
- child benefit claimant details

# National Identity Register

- All over 16s to be on NIR
- Citizen's Information Project
  - Single 'Population Register'
  - NIR + Children's Index?

# Consent

- 'Informed Consent'
  - Gillick Competence
  - Circumstances
- Data about others
- Use of discretionary powers

Confused picture – conflicting guidance