

Hello,

Welcome to **Week 10 MSCOS**. Please check out this week's news, features and of course, our online pages and [discussion forums](#). You can find all of our previous weekly updates [here](#).



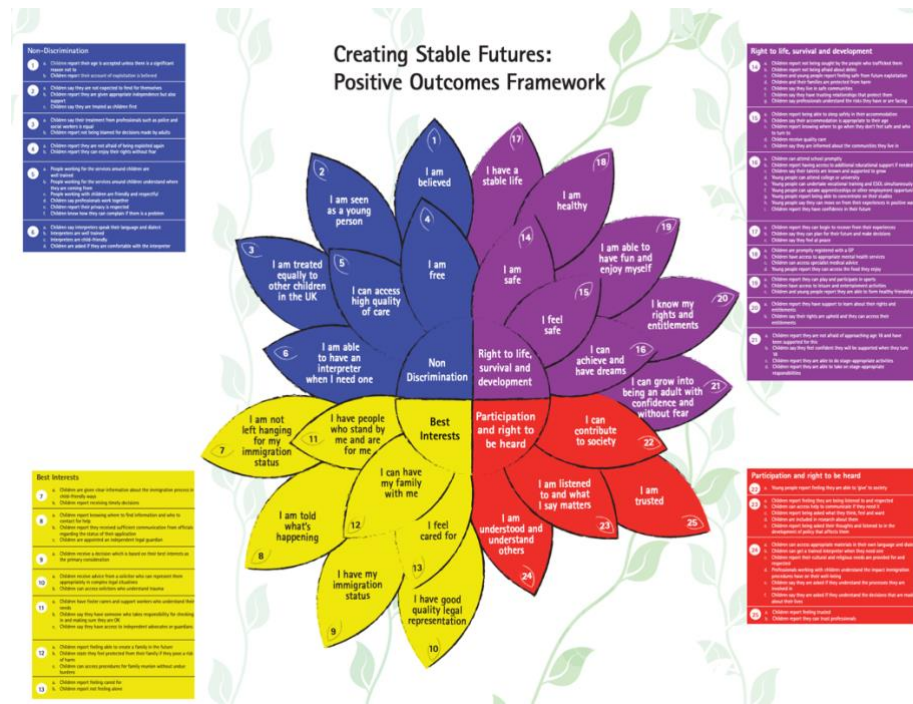
The MSCOS Community of Practice must have focus on the needs and risks of children and young people: those who are vulnerable to trafficking, those who have suffered trafficking, and those who are children of adults who have been trafficked. As we know, all of these children and young people are particularly vulnerable, regardless of their background or immigration status. They must be protected via access to child specialist professionals, mainstream child protection services and recognition of their rights in accordance with the [UN Convention on the Rights of the Child \(UNCRC\)](#). Practice for children must always be child-rights centred and trauma-informed.

This week we would like to thank [Patricia Hynes](#), **Professor of Social Justice at Sheffield Hallam University** who explains the [Creating Stable Futures Positive Outcomes Framework](#) for children and will be leading some child-focused online MSCOS forums. Thank you also to [Dr Kemi Komolafe](#), who explains the needs of vulnerable children from her perspective as a **clinical psychologist**.

[Frameworks and models for children and young people](#)

THIS WEEK'S FEATURE

This week we are pleased to be featuring core outcomes for [children and young people](#). We are proud to partner with the **MSCOS equivalent for children**: [Creating Stable Futures: Human Trafficking, Participation and Outcomes for Children](#).



Creating Stable Futures: Human Trafficking, Participation and Outcomes for Children

This research project aimed to understand what positive outcomes for young people would look like, and what the pathways towards these positive outcomes might be. It examines how to ensure protection and support for children who have experienced modern slavery. The research was led by the **Helena Kennedy Centre for International Justice at Sheffield Hallam University** and the **University of Bedfordshire’s Institute of Applied Social Research**, in partnership with **ECPAT UK (Every Child Protected Against Trafficking)**.

Professor Patricia Hynes, Professor of Social Justice at Sheffield Hallam University says:

*“**The Creating Stable Futures Positive Outcomes Framework** is the result of a 12-month participatory research study into understanding what young people affected by trafficking, who arrive in the UK, identify as outcomes that are important – and meaningful – to them. We now have a Positive Outcomes Framework which – for the first time – means we know what these young people identify they would need to see for positive change to happen in their lives and the lives of others, now and in the future. The four General Principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) that underpin this are centred within this framework, with Positive Outcomes such as ‘I feel safe’, ‘I can*

achieve and have dreams' and 'I can grow into being an adult with confidence and without fear' emanating from them. Young people we spoke to in workshops want to bring their resourcefulness and contribute to society and this framework could allow policy and practice to achieve this. Beyond the practical challenges of working with young people at the tail-end of a pandemic, a key challenge was the way in which the lives of these young people are framed in public discourse, the media and also policy and legislation. Being a partner with the **MSCOS Community of Practice** will allow us to share ideas and work with others in this space to inspire us further.

We developed this Positive Outcomes Framework with 25 distinct Outcomes and 86 associated Indicators based on what young people said in a series of workshops across England and Scotland. The Final Report and Positive Outcomes Framework were launched in October 2022 and there have been a number of welcome developments since then. Firstly, this research has brought the language of young people together with the language of outcomes and human trafficking, something which was absent from narratives previously. Secondly, it has resulted in initial conversations with Local Authority children's services on way it can be piloted in their area, subject to further funding. Importantly, the project has a significant positive impact on the individual young people who participated with many reporting increased confidence following their participation and expressing significant interest in further project of co-creation in the research space.

Operationalising this Positive Outcomes Framework is the key aim going forward. As a team we would like to take this to a more widely accepted and utilised framework embedded in daily practice within social care and other procedures."

For any enquiries, please contact Professor Patricia Hynes: p.hynes@shu.ac.uk

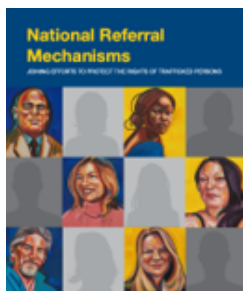


[Access to medical treatment
\(physical and mental
healthcare\)](#)

Dr Kemi Komolafe, Clinical Psychologist, Helen Bamber Foundation says:

"It is well known that childhood remains a vulnerable time for young people. Living in a context of trauma, exploitation and an increasingly hostile environment amplifies the risks to young people navigating the NRM system and/or asylum system. Their childhood is often blighted with PTSD symptoms, isolation and missed opportunities to make a meaningful impact.

*Children and young people's voices are often drowned out or distorted leaving them overlooked, at risk of significant harm or perceived as adults. **It's incredibly important for us to advocate and protect them through our work. That means working on the prevention of harm, intervening early and prioritising the mental health of known survivors and the children of adult survivors.**"*



The [ODIHR/OSCE International NRM Handbook](#) contains guidance from child experts throughout on appropriate systems and practice relating to children.

[ODIHR/OSCE International NRM Handbook](#)

[WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!](#)



Thank you for all your feedback last week! We'd like to continue to hear from you and have taken on the feedback to make it even easier for you to respond. You can do so via the link [here](#) to the Google form.

Please forward MSCOS to any colleagues or network connections that you think may be interested in our work, and they can sign up to receive newsletter invites via our contact form [here](#), or by a direct email to mscos@kcl.ac.uk.

The MSCOS Community of Practice content is designed and directed by Queenie Sit and Rachel Witkin.



Working with core outcomes as a set



Secure & suitable housing



Safety from any trafficker or other abuser



Long-term, consistent support



Trauma-informed services



Finding purpose in life and self-actualisation



Access to medical treatment



Access to education