

CHAPTER 7: Investigation and case planning

Assessment

L. Devine, (2017) [*The Limits of State Power & Private Rights: Exploring Child Protection & Safeguarding Referrals and Assessment*](#) London: Routledge

This book explores the theoretical, practical and legal boundaries of State power following safeguarding and child protection referrals in England.

Bilson, A., Featherstone, B., Martin, K., (2017) How child protection's 'investigative turn' impacts on poor and deprived communities. *Family Law* 47: 316-319. This article explores the increase in child protection investigations.

Planning

J. Harwin and M. Owen, 'The implementation of care plans and its relationship to children's welfare' (2003) *CFLQ* 15(1): 71. An interesting piece of research into what constitutes a good or bad care plan.

A critical commentary on conjoined cases involving the question of whether the courts should monitor the implementation of care orders by local authorities is provided by N. Mole, a leading human rights lawyer, in '*Re W & B, RE W (Care Plans) and Re S (Minors) (Care Order: Implementation of Care Plan) Re W (Minors) (Care Order: Adequacy of Care Plan)*'. A note on the judgment from the perspective of the European Convention for Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms' (2002) *CFLQ* 14(4): 447.

Investigation and child protection

A new challenging text on child protection as published in 2014 examining whether services reinforce deprivation in families subject to child protection inquiries or ameliorate them is B. Featherstone, S. White, and K. Morris, *Re-Imagining Child Protection: Towards Humane Social Work with Families* (Policy Press, 2014).

Biehal N. (2019) Balancing Prevention and Protection: Child Protection in England. In: Merkel-Holguin L., Fluke J., Krugman R. (eds) *National Systems of Child Protection. Child Maltreatment (Contemporary Issues in Research and Policy)*, vol 8. Springer, Cham. This article examines the tensions at the heart of state intervention and the need to balance the rights of children and parents.