

# Unclear about information sharing?

Confused about what information you can share, with whom and when?

Effective information sharing is key to delivering better public services that are coordinated around people's needs.

The Government has published guidance and supporting materials on information sharing, which have been updated to apply to those working with adults as well as with children and young people.

Widely endorsed by charities, governing bodies and professional organisations, the **guidance offers clarity on how to share information legally and professionally**, whichever sector you work in. It also outlines how organisations can promote and support good practice.

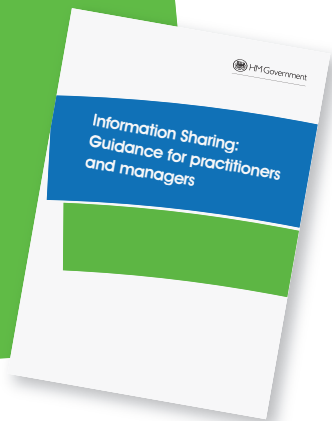
*"Every Children's Trust should assure themselves that partners consistently apply the Information Sharing Guidance...to protect children."*

**Lord Laming,**

Recommendation from *'The Protection of Children in England: A Progress Report'*, Crown Copyright 2009

## What resources are available?

Guidance, pocket guide, posters, quick reference guide, training materials and more. These include practical advice such as golden rules and key questions for information sharing.



## Who are they for?

**Practitioners** who have to make decisions about information sharing on a **case-by-case** basis, and the **managers** who support them.

*"This guidance offers clear advice and support for practitioners. It builds on current practice, and helps to explain a potentially difficult area of legislation."*

**Clare Tickell,**  
**CEO, Action for Children**

For more information and to order copies of the guidance and supporting materials, log onto the Every Child Matters website at:

**[www.ecm.gov.uk/informationsharing](http://www.ecm.gov.uk/informationsharing)**