

Child in the Centre: Getting it Right and Getting it Wrong in the UK

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This paper will discuss the ethics and responsibilities of statutory Child Protection work in Britain with a particular focus on the Rights of the Child and the Voice of the Child. I will outline the key responsibilities and principles in child protection work found in the legislation and the Professional Code of Social Work.

I will draw on examples from practice in order to consider the topic of Responsibilities and Ethics in Child Protection in the UK focusing on the following:

Where do they come from and what are they?

Ethical Dilemmas in Practice arising from issues such as "Personal v Professional", "Family Rights v Child Rights", "Protection in the Family v Protection in the Community".