CALL FOR PAPERS:
2009 Special Issue of *Children & Society*

‘Professional practice with children and young people – What do we know about the outcomes of integrated working?’

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The 2009 special issue will explore the outcomes of integrated professional work with children and young people.

Many countries have seen an increased emphasis on integrated work with children and young people, sometimes referred to as ‘joined-up’ working. Alongside this development has been a focus on ‘outcomes’ as a desirable measure of service delivery.

In the UK the shift towards integrated work is particularly strong in relation to process – for instance, the development of children’s trusts, children’s centres and youth offending teams – but always with the stated aim of improving outcomes. Whilst the reform agenda has been largely welcomed by the policy and academic community, there is a need to extend our knowledge of the outcomes of these emergent forms of working, both in the UK and in other countries. It is expected that a special issue focusing on these issues will be of considerable interest to researchers, policy makers, managers and practitioners.

Papers are invited that examine specific national contexts, as well as comparative studies and studies with a broader international focus. We welcome contributions that draw on original research, as well as critical commentaries and theoretical papers relevant to the issue of outcomes of integrated working.

Abstracts of 150-200 words should be sent to Professor Nick Frost (n.frost@leedsmet.ac.uk) by 31 March 2008. First complete drafts will be requested by 31 May 2008.