



Deborah Ghate, D. Phil Chief Executive



Profile

Deborah is an internationally acknowledged research and organisational leader and communicator specialising in implementation science and practice in child and family services. She has been Chief Executive of the independent non-profit Colebrooke Centre for Evidence and Implementation since 2011. The Colebrooke Centre is the UK's first centre dedicated to using the learning and tools from the globally emerging field of implementation (the science and practice of effective service delivery) to improve systems and services for children and families. Between 2008 and 2011 she was the founding Director and Chief Executive of the Centre for Effective Services in Ireland and Northern Ireland, funded by the Irish government and the Atlantic Philanthropies to promote and support evidence-informed approaches to children's policy and services. Between 1998 and 2007, Deborah was the director of the leading independent Policy Research Bureau in London, conducting and disseminating research and evaluation studies in policy and practice in child and family services. Deborah is the author of a large number of influential publications on services for children and families including books, reports, toolkits and journal articles. She currently serves on the planning committee for the second biennial Global Implementation Conference, 2013.

Education

D. Phil. Sociology, Nuffield College, University of Oxford - *Physical Violence against Children in the Home: Parents' behaviours, attitudes and beliefs*
B.A., M.A. (Hons.) Human Sciences, Wadham College, University of Oxford

Employment and Honorary Appointments

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| 2011- | Founder Director and Chief Executive, the Colebrooke Centre for Evidence and Implementation, UK |
| 2008-2011 | Founder Director and Chief Executive, the Centre for Effective Services, Rep. Ireland and N. Ireland |
| 2007-2008 | Principal Research Officer, Thomas Coram Research Unit, Institute of Education, University of London |
| 1998-2007 | Founder Co-Director, then Director, Policy Research Bureau, London |
| 1997-1998 | Programme Director (Children and Families), Policy Studies Institute, London |
| 1994-1997 | Senior Research Executive, Social Research Unit, Market and Opinion Research International (MORI), London |
| 1991-1994 | Researcher, Quantitative Research Unit, Social and Community Planning Research, (SCPR), London |
| 1989-1991 | Research Officer (Grade 1B) 50% time, Department of Applied Social Studies and Social Research, University of Oxford |
| 2002-2005 | <i>Visiting Professor in Social Policy Research Methods, Royal Holloway University of London</i> |
| 2012- | <i>Visiting Fellow, Centre for Child and Family Research, Loughborough University</i> |



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Selected publications

Toolkits and resources

1. *The What Works Process: Evidence-Informed Improvement for Child and Family Services, Version 1* (2011) Dublin: The Centre for Effective Services

Books, chapters, journal articles and reports

2. Barlow J., Schrader McMillan A, Kirkpatrick S, **Ghate D**, Barnes J and Smith M. (2010) 'Health-led interventions in the early years to enhance infant and maternal mental health: a review of reviews' *Child and Adolescent Mental Health* 15 (4) 178-185
3. Moran P, **Ghate D** and Van der Merwe A (2004) *What Works in Parenting Support?: a review of the international evidence* London: Home Office and Department for Education and Skills RR574
4. Moran P, and **Ghate D** (2005) 'The effectiveness of parenting support' *Children and Society* (19) 329-336 (invited research review)
5. **Ghate, D.** and Hazel, N. (2002) *Parenting in poor environments: stress, support and coping.* London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers
6. **Ghate D.**, Asmussen K., Tian Y., and Hauari H. (2008): *Reducing risk and increasing resilience: how did On Track work?* London, Department for Children, Schools and Families
7. **Ghate D.**, Hollingworth K., and Hauari H. (2008): Parenting Source Document (*Effective Practice in Parenting Support in the Youth Justice Context: a review of the international literature*) London: YJB
8. Utting, D, Monteiro H and **Ghate D** (2007) *Interventions for children at risk of developing antisocial personality disorder* London: Policy Research Bureau/Dept of Health