Over many years, large differences have been observed between local authorities (LAs) in England in the proportion of children who are ‘looked after’ out of home, or the subjects of child protection plans.

Professor Bywaters proposes that such differences be re-conceptualized as ‘child welfare inequalities’ and suggests that reading across from the field of health inequalities opens up new directions for child welfare policy, practice, theory and research internationally.

Professor Bywaters will present the findings of research that examines the role of deprivation in explaining differences in key children’s services interventions between and within local authorities (LAs) in the UK.

The findings raise fundamental questions for research, policy and practice including whether the allocation of children’s service resources sufficiently recognizes the impact of deprivation on demand and how we judge whether a child protection system is effective at the population level.

3-5pm, Thursday 17th July 2014
Lecture Room 424, Education Building
Followed by light refreshments

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