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Abstract	The aim of the study is to explore the expectations of social workers in the child protection services of the Child and Family Agency, of their supervision, the effectiveness of supervision under the CFA mandatory supervision policy in a child protection context and the presence of reflective practice within supervision. Social workers casually report different experiences. A non- randomised method of data collection was employed involving the distribution of a survey to all social workers in the child protection services in the mid-west local area. The research illustrated that the supervision policy has improved the frequency of supervision but overall lacks compliance. Reflective practice emerged as a vital aspect of child protection and its absence from supervision was noted. Furthermore, the research draws attention to the fact that the CFA Supervision policy states that supervisees have a responsibility to give their supervisor constructive feedback and seek the support required.
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