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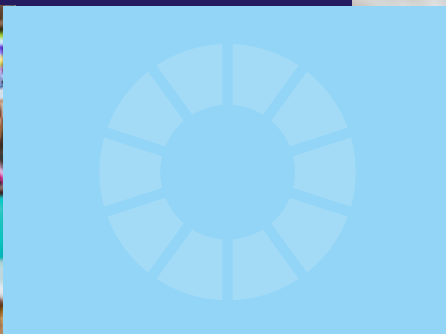
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Supporting children's services across schools and local authorities

At CACI we are focussed on outcomes. Our Impulse management information software enables schools and local authorities to focus on just that for the children in their services – learn how to improve service responses and outcomes.

A collaborative, modular system, you can use as much or as little as you need of Impulse to underpin or support your multi-professional service delivery. We can help you by automating vast swathes of your administrative operations, improving data accuracy, eliminating spreadsheets and re-keying information and, crucially, freeing up staff time for results-oriented activities.

Impulse is the next step on our education journey. We've redeveloped core modules and added new modules and functionality to help you deliver the best possible responses and outcomes for children and families using your services. We understand the complexity of working and communicating in multi-agency environments and have developed Impulse to be uniquely accessible and as agile as possible to match the local demands that you face.

We've listened to customer feedback and reshaped Impulse. We believe that Impulse is uniquely positioned to offer unparalleled flexibility to the education sector for schools, local authorities and parents/guardians. Via intelligent automation and specific rules matching for aspects such as data gathering, formatting and sharing, we can help support the vital work you contribute to your local authority community.

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Helping you improve outcomes in your education services

Supporting young people is one of society's most important roles. The experiences, opportunities and support we encounter in early life have a defining impact; it's an opportunity to continually learn to optimise distribution of resources to make a transformational difference.

It's a complex challenge, though. Each young person has a unique combination of needs and their own individual journey brings them into contact with any number of professionals, services and teams. If you're going to achieve better outcomes, you need to engage, discover, learn to see and communicate the whole story – that means you need to build, bring together and interpret the data that helps them. When you're handling a mounting workload in the face of relentless budget cuts, that's easier said than done.

CACI's Children & Young People's Services help professionals working with children join up siloed working processes and systems to build that crucial view of the whole journey. We provide leading software solutions for local authorities, universal education services, youth offending teams, colleges and universities. Our compliant solutions focus on building a complete picture of each child's journey from 0-25+. We help you realise time efficiencies so you can move from ticking boxes to proactively taking action to make a difference. All our services are delivered by a knowledgeable and responsive team with frontline experience who really understand what you do.

We're proud to support many of the leading groups of professionals in education, youth justice, children's services and the third sector daily, as they find innovative new ways to engage with and improve the life chances of millions of children.

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Join the dots with Impulse

Impulse is a single database application that allows your team to work more effectively, efficiently and collaboratively by using our centralised Impulse core record. This innovation gives you true insight into the journey of every child, by providing you with their personal history and their associated family/household information.

You can make this data readily and securely available to third parties and relevant professionals where necessary, too, with Impulse keeping you on the right side of data regulations. You can keep everything that you need securely in Impulse. No more external spreadsheets and manual searches.

Impulse is web-based with mobile optimisation, a selection of portals, dashboards and standard reporting functionality all ensuring your full statutory compliance. The three main portals ensure a holistic view of each child is available to all concerned

parties. The parent portal enables parents/guardians to submit admissions and appeals.

The school portal is the central record which contains all the information on the child's educational journey. The professional portal makes access by relevant third parties easy and secure.

Impulse broadens your view of every child's path through the education system by continually improving the integration of data from other agencies such as social care, removing the risk of potential blind spots and making sure you have visibility of everything you need to deliver the very best service possible.

Education services are central to every child's life. Impulse helps you to join the dots in every journey and use the wealth of data at your disposal to enhance and improve them.

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A flexible system tailored to your needs

Impulse can be easily configured to fit your local service context. If you need individual modules to support your immediate service goals within a local standard framework, we can implement that for you. If you need all of Impulse to underpin your strategic education service goals, we can implement that for you, too.

The modules

Admissions and transfers

Administering the school admissions process is one of the most time intensive processes that schools and local authorities face. By providing secure portals, Impulse makes it easier, more accurate and more efficient, with a data trail easily accessible for any appeals. This module is configurable to your unique rules engine, providing transparency and ease of access to parents/guardians, matching criteria with your rules and assigning places.
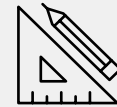
Additional Learning Needs

Impulse ALN is a multi-lingual solution designed to support the Welsh implementation of the ALN code. Working for children and young people from 0-25, it's designed to help with early identification and intervention, before providing ongoing support for each journey, ensuring correct provisions and support are in place. Information is easily exchanged and transferred throughout, keeping parents, schools and professionals fully aware of each young person's situation and requirements.

Appeals

Designed to helps parents/guardians to lodge appeals and schools to administer them, Impulse's appeals module ensures a fair and transparent process for all. Covering admissions and exclusions, as well as SEND/ALN, this comprehensive module keeps all parties updated as to the process.

Child protection

It is vital that schools are informed of each child's situation beyond the school gates. The child protection module provides reports of things such as allegations relating to a child so that schools are sufficiently aware of what's going. This module also helps schools to ensure that their teachers are appropriately trained as regards child protections policies.

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Claims management

Making and processing claims for free school meals and uniforms can be a time intensive administrative task. Impulse's claims management module makes the process straightforward for parents/ guardians and schools alike. Claims can be logged through the portal and verified automatically, reducing the need for manual intervention with accurate data pulled straight through into the system to resolve claims.

Communications

Communicating is a vital part of the education process, for schools, parents and students alike. This module enables schools to define lists of recipients, contact details and contact preferences in one central record. You can set up your templates and use them to send out all of your communications.

Core

Acting as a definitive database and central database for every child in your services, Impulse's core module can be the central hub around which you cater for every child. All of their details, documents, records and achievements are stored here, with every touchpoint recorded. Gathering data from the parent, school and professional portal into one, this is the ultimate record of every child.

Early years

Syncing with Ofsted, Impulse's early years module helps nurseries and early years providers such as child minders to get assistance with early years grants and the early years census. Furthermore, it helps those looking for work in the early years sector. It's a comprehensive module and the first touchpoint for many children on the 0-25 journey, with data, where necessary, being able to be passed on to their first school.

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Educational psychology

Where it is deemed necessary that a student receives psychological support, Impulse's educational psychology module helps caseworkers and managers to access behavioural support for the student. All management referrals and work records are stored in the module, enabling the relevant professionals to keep a detailed and accurate record of each student requiring such support.

Governors

Local authorities need to keep track of school governors and how long they have been in situ for. Via the Impulse governors module, all school bodies and the personnel who comprise them are made transparent and easy to access, enabling schools and local authorities to be responsive to any changes and keep tabs on each board.
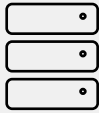
Hub

Providing a central mechanism through which to match and share data into and from Impulse and other software providers. Impulse hub is designed to easily work with any other provider and open data standards to create a central, federated view of each child. Information such as school census files, latest information from schools' management information systems and load joiner and leaver files from the Department of Education can be uploaded into Impulse via Impulse hub.

Results and tracking

Monitoring each child's progress via exam results and reports from teachers is a vital aspect of keeping abreast of their educational journey. Impulse's results and tracking module acts as a central data repository for this information, maintaining a consistent, accessible and transferrable record of achievement and reporting.

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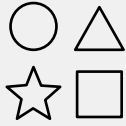
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) caseworker

Identifying SEND and providing ongoing support is made easier with Impulse's SEND module. All records can be stored within the module, accessible by schools and professionals alike to ensure that each child receives the requisite ongoing support for their needs. This module covers disabilities support, workflows, checklists, communications and appeals and tribunals.

Social inclusion

Looked After Children (LAC) require specific monitoring by local authorities, including keeping track of their AM and PM school attendance, requisite educational provisions and their PEP. Impulse's social inclusion module helps you to do this by feeding data in a streamlined, automated way from register to local authority, and acting as joined-up record of outcomes for all LAC.

Specialist support services

Defining the support services that each SEND student needs is important for improving their educational outcomes. Impulse's specialist support services module helps you to do this by acting as a central location for the needs of each student, defining their required outcomes, ensuring fair educational access for them, supporting disabled students throughout their educational journey and maintaining a central, transparent record of their progress and outcomes.

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About CACI

Impulse is a market-leading software solution for the UK education sector. We've been in the education sector for over 20 years and our team is comprised of ex-education professionals who know and understand the industry. We speak your language.

By combing modules of Impulse with your existing solution and software provider(s), you can continue to focus on improving outcomes for the children in your service and we can help you. Our dedicated implementation team can cleanse your data, establish your rules in the system and get you up and running. Our training team is on hand to get your team up to speed and a dedicated account manager ensures that you get what you need out of Impulse.

There's a reason why we're trusted by so many local authorities across the UK.

Get in touch

We'd love to hear from you. If you would like an informal chat about any area of Impulse or would like a demonstration of any of its modules, our door is always open.

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