

CGA/19/03 - Investigating the extent and impact of child language brokering within healthcare settings

Migrant children typically adapt to host countries more quickly than adults, including learning a new language. Consequently, they often act as language brokers for parents and other family members. Language brokering has the potential to impact on child wellbeing directly and indirectly through shifts in parenting practices and parent-child relationships. While it is acknowledged that children language broker in health settings there is limited evidence of the scale of, and impact, of these interactions. To support children, parents and healthcare providers, it is important to investigate how, when and how frequently child language brokering (CLB) occurs and its impact.