

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN  
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**Safeguarding Disabled Children: Practice guidance (09/07/09)**

Children's Minister Delyth Morgan today announced the publication of new guidance on the safeguarding of disabled children. The guidance, produced by The Children's Society for the Government, will advise local organisations on how to best safeguard and promote the welfare of disabled children.

Research shows that disabled children are more vulnerable to abuse than their peers.

According to an American study involving 40,000 children, those with disabilities were 3.4 times more likely to be abused or neglected than non-disabled children. (06/07/09)

Research in the UK has indicated similar levels of abuse to that found in the US. The Government has asked Ofsted to undertake a review of SEN and/or disabilities provision and outcomes, which will be published during summer 2010.

By setting out practical measures needed to identify abuse, such as how to communicate with disabled children about their experiences and needs, LSCBs and others will consider the processes for assessing the needs of individual children and young people, the type and quality of provision provided, and the evidence of the outcomes for the children and young people who use children's services. There will be a particular focus on the ECM outcomes achieved by children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

The published report will provide recommendations for improvements in provision to promote the best outcomes for children and young people. It will feature case studies of good practice, including examples of children's services which have had a positive impact on the outcomes for children and young people.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/News/Ofsted-s-2009-10-review-of-the-framework-for-children-and-young-people-with-special-educational-needs-and-or-disabilities>

**The Roles and Responsibilities of the Lead Member for Children's Services and the Director of Children's Services (July 2009)**

While it is the responsibility of LA Leaders and Chief Executives to ensure political and professional leadership and accountability for delivering the ECM programme, these arrangements will in the main be provided by the DCS and the Lead Member for Children's Services (LM), who between them should provide a clear and unambiguous top line of accountability for children's well-being.

This guidance on the roles and responsibilities of the LM and DCS has been updated to take account of the good progress already made, existing practices which have been shown to work, and the importance of the LM and DCS as leaders and champions for children, young people and their families. It also looks to ensure that these arrangements are supported within each LA and Local Strategic Partnership.

The document aims to explain how the roles are both distinct and complementary, and how by working together as a team, the DCS and the LM can be most effective in driving improvements in outcomes for children, young people and families.

<http://publications.everychildmatters.gov.uk/default.aspx?PageFunction=productdetails&PageMode=publications&ProductId=DCSF-00686-2009&>

This poster outlines the support available to help meet the costs of childcare for learners

It provides an overview of the eligibility criteria for the LSC and Jobcentre Plus schemes.

The eligibility checker can be used by

### **Further education colleges get help with health and well-being (06/07/09)**

FE colleges can now get help to improve the health and wellbeing of their students and staff through the Healthy FE programme. The programme will also help colleges to meet new health and wellbeing targets, being introduced into Ofsted inspections from September 2009.

The main themes are: healthy eating, physical activity, mental health and emotional wellbeing, alcohol and drugs misuse and sexual health.


A web resource will be launched in September on the Healthy FE section of the Learning and Schools Improvement Service (LSIS) Excellence Gateway, which will provide tools and guidance including:

- an online self-review tool – including a facility to generate a bespoke health action plan
- good practice examples
- information about regional networks of FE colleges and their health partners
- website chat forums

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/everychildmatters/news-and-communications/news/060709nihealthyfe/>  
<http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/hfep>

### **Personal tutors**

As part of the ECM agenda, by September 2010, every secondary school student in England will benefit by having a named personal tutor – known to them, their parents or carers.

Through personal tutorship the academic progress of young people across all school subject areas can be monitored, ensuring they achieve their very best. A personal tutor will help young people succeed, guiding 

them towards additional resources and/or putting them in touch with staff that have specialist expertise that can help further. Additionally the role of the personal tutor is to be someone a young person can trust who will help to build their confidence and self-belief.

Anticipated benefits of the programme include higher levels of attainment and achievement and the improved well-being of young people, greater involvement of parents in a young person's development, and staff who are more fulfilled.

<http://www.tda.gov.uk/about/publicationslisting/tda0712.aspx>  
[http://www.tda.gov.uk/remodelling/extendedschools/howtodeliveres/personal\\_tutorship.aspx](http://www.tda.gov.uk/remodelling/extendedschools/howtodeliveres/personal_tutorship.aspx)

### **ADCS Annual Conference**

This is a transcript of a speech made by Ed Balls at the ADCS Annual Conference on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2009 in Manchester. He talks about child protection issues including Haringey, the social work profession, the National Safeguarding Delivery Unit, strong local leadership and accountability.

He also set out the following principles for the government approach:

- set out expectations very clearly;
- ensure that the inspection framework and accountability system empower local leaders;
- look at the role of the profession in driving sector-led improvement;
- back our frontline workers but also challenge them to demand to be the best they can.

[http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/speeches/search\\_detail.cfm?ID=931](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/speeches/search_detail.cfm?ID=931)  
<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/speeches/speech.cfm?SpeechID=931>

**The Impact of Integrated Services on Children and their Families in Sure Start Children's Centres (10/07/09)**

This report evaluates the impact of integrated services on children, parents and families in 20 children's centres.

The effective integration of services is having a positive impact in terms of support for children and parents in over half of the centres visited. Three centres were judged as making an outstanding difference.

Challenges remain with onward links with primary schools, in reaching the most vulnerable families and in developing data on outcomes for parents and children. The least effective partnership working seen was between the children's centres and Jobcentre Plus.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Publications-and-research/Browse-all-by/Documents-by-type/Thematic-reports/The-impact-of-integrated-services-on-children-and-their-families-in-Sure-Start-children-s-centres>

**Response to the Consultation on Overseas Criminal Record Checks for Transport Staff**

On 11/03/09 a consultation was issued to transport stakeholders including owners and operators, contractors, representative bodies, trades unions and other government departments. 23 responses were received – 9 from owner/operators, 6 from representative bodies, 3 from trades unions, 3 from contracted companies and 2 from other government departments.

This document provides a response to the consultation's questions. For each question, a summary of stakeholder responses is followed by the Government's response.

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/closed/rc/response.pdf>

**New national programme to help care leavers into employment (06/07/09)**

The Children's Secretary has launched a national programme to encourage and support organisations across the country provide life-changing employment opportunities for young people leaving care.

The From Care2 Work programme funds the National Care Advisory Service to work closely with national employers and LAs to offer opportunities for work experience and mentoring to support care leavers into work. Since plans for the programme were announced as part of the New Opportunities White Paper in January, there has been unprecedented interest, with some of the nation's biggest employers signing up, including Tesco, O2, Aviva and Marks and Spencer.

The DCSF announced an additional £250,000 to ensure that every LA will receive the invaluable advice and support of NCAS providing even more opportunities for care leavers to employment in a range of sectors.

[http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn\\_id=2009\\_0126](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2009_0126)

**Family Procedure Rule Committee Annual Report 2008 (10/07/09)**

The family procedure rule committee is a non-departmental public body set up under the Courts Act 2003 to make rules of court for use in family proceedings. This report includes references to rules made during the period of the report, the Committee's terms of reference, membership and dates of meetings.

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/latest-updates/family-procedure-rule-committee-annual-report-2008.htm>

**The impact of integrated services on children and their families in Sure Start children's centres (10/07/09)**

Effective integration of services, a positive ethos and a 'can do' approach by professionals at Sure Start children's centres are providing invaluable support for children, their families and the local community, according to this Ofsted report.

Surveying 20 children's centres in 6 LAs – all within the 30% most deprived areas in the country – this small scale survey found over half of the centres are providing effective integration of services in supporting children and their parents making life changing differences. Leadership and management are rated good and outstanding in 15 of the centres visited.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/News/Effective-integration-of-Sure-Start-services-has-positive-impact-on-children-parents-and-the-community>

**Healthy Eating in Schools Measure passed in Wales (09/07/09)**

The Healthy Eating in Schools Measure has been passed by the National Assembly for Wales.

The measure aims to ensure that healthy eating is promoted and support in schools across Wales. It also imposes a duty on schools and local education authorities to encourage the take up of school meals and to promote the take-up of free school meals amongst those eligible.

<http://www.childreninwales.org.uk/policy/news/11899.html>

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-legislation/bus-leg-measures/bus-legislation-meas-hes.htm>

**Final adjustments to comprehensive area assessment (07/07/09)**

Following the final round of consultation with local public services before CAA reports to the public for the very first time in December, local partnerships will have up to 10 days to ask for a review of their area assessments.

The 6 inspectorates responsible for CAA have announced the extended review period, double the 5 days originally written into the published framework. The decision applies only to red flags in the area assessments – the narratives that tap into people's perceptions of their local services and quality of life.

The publication date for CAA assessments is now agreed as 10 December 2009.

CAA is a partnership between the Audit Commission, Care Quality Commission, Ofsted, and Her Majesty's Inspectorates of Constabulary, Prisons and Probation.

It will look at how well local services are working together to improve the quality of life for local people, making straightforward independent information available to people about their local services, helping them make informed choices and to influence decisions.

<http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/Pages/07072009caadecemberlaunch.aspx>  
<http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/localgov/audit/caa/pages/caaframework.aspx>

**The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2009 – SI 1818**

This instrument expands the list of employments exempted from The ROA 1974 to include the following groups:

- a) persons working in regulated activity as defined by the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006. The relevant provisions of the Act come into force on 12th October 2009 in England and Wales;
- b) regulated immigration advisers;
- c) persons working for the CRB;
- d) those named on applications for licences to handle or supply controlled drugs and precursor chemicals; and
- e) those seeking membership of the Master Locksmiths Association.

The Order also confers the right to ask questions about persons working in the Channel Islands where similar laws regarding the rehabilitation of offenders apply. This right to ask excepted questions about spent convictions and cautions etc will bring questions from the Channel Islands within the definition of exempted questions for the purposes of Part V of the Police Act 1997, so that the CRB can issue disclosures for the Islands. This in turn will enable the Islands to participate in the Vetting and Barring scheme under the SVGA in due course, and will ensure that they have access to all necessary information in the meantime.

[http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/em/uksiem\\_20091818\\_en.pdf](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/em/uksiem_20091818_en.pdf)

[http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/uksi\\_20091818\\_en\\_1](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/uksi_20091818_en_1)

**The Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order 2009 – SI 1797**

This Order:

- provides that persons with any of the learning difficulties specified in the Order are not to be treated as vulnerable adults when they receive a service or participate in an activity that is provided specifically for persons with those learning difficulties. Individuals will not, therefore, be engaging in a regulated activity relating to vulnerable adults when they provide these services or activities;
- specifies the circumstances in which a regulated activity relating to children (or, as the case may be, vulnerable adults) is not to be treated as a regulated activity. The circumstances relate to a person, in limited circumstances being able to foster a child when on a barred list and to the provision of ancillary first aid to children or to vulnerable adults;
- specifies the children's and adults' barred lists kept by the ISA under the law of NI as corresponding to the ISA children's and adults' barred lists under the Act, so that individuals barred from regulated activity in NI are also barred from regulated activity in England and Wales; and
- inserts a paragraph in the list of supervisory authorities in the Act, to add the Welsh Ministers, in relation to the exercise of functions under the Children Act 1989, to the list of supervisory authorities under the Act.

The Government proposes to commence this Order at the same time as the barring provisions in relation to the new VBS, intended to come into force on 12/10/09  
[http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/em/uksiem\\_20091797\\_en.pdf](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/em/uksiem_20091797_en.pdf)  
[http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/uksi\\_20091797\\_en\\_1](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/uksi_20091797_en_1)

**The Data Protection (Processing of Sensitive Personal Data) Order 2009 – SI 1811**

The purpose of the instrument is to enable the MoJ to provide MPs with information about certain high risk of harm offenders at the point of their release from custody. The information will include the offenders' names and licence conditions.

Members will then be able to assure themselves, through further consultation with the local Chief Constable or Chief Officer of Probation, where necessary, that there are robust risk management plans in place to manage the risk of harm presented by the offenders concerned.

[http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/em/ukxiem\\_20091811\\_en.pdf](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/em/ukxiem_20091811_en.pdf)

[http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/ukxi\\_20091811\\_en\\_1](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/ukxi_20091811_en_1)

**The Education (Independent Educational Provision in England) (Unsuitable Persons) Regulations 2009 SI 1633**

This instrument sets out the types of work in an independent educational institution that, if carried out by a person who is unsuitable to work with children because they are subject to a direction, order or decision, may lead to the institution's removal from the register of independent schools. The regulations also set out the directions, orders and decisions which indicate a person is unsuitable.

It is an offence to operate an institution which is not registered and the proprietor would be liable for prosecution if the institution remained open after having been removed from the register.

The Regulations come into force on 12/10/09

[http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/em/ukxiem\\_20091633\\_en.pdf](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/em/ukxiem_20091633_en.pdf)

[http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/ukxi\\_20091633\\_en\\_1](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/ukxi_20091633_en_1)

**Enhancing the Family Man programme for male prisoners (08/07/09)**

The Minister for Children, Schools and Families, has launched a revised version of *Family Man*, which teaches prisoners how to work within a family, how to reflect and act on their responsibilities as a family member, and how to articulate their own ambitions.

The revised Family Man course features 2 principal new developments:

- Enables prisons to involve a 'family supporter', e.g. a prisoner's adult relative or significant other, in the sentence planning process. Their joint Plan of Action is shared through the education department with the Prison Service's Offender Management.
- More integrated follow-through when the course is complete, because the prisoner and his supporter are exposed to a range of other interventions associated with the prison. This approach helps to establish more robust and achievable progression opportunities for the Family Man student. Practices to support evaluation have also been built into the improved programme.

[http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn\\_id=2009\\_0125](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2009_0125)

**Youth conditional caution code of practice (08/07/09)**

This document summarises the responses to a consultation paper inviting views on the draft code of practice for Youth Conditional Cautions for 16 and 17 year olds that is planned to be piloted during 2009.

Out of 32 responses, 9 indicated that they were satisfied with the draft Code, 5 were not satisfied and 5 were unsure. Detailed amendments to the draft Code have been made as a result of the consultation.


<http://www.justice.gov.uk/latest-updates/youth-conditional-caution-cop.htm>

### **New Help to Tackle Children's Communication Problems (08/07/09)**

As part of a £12m investment to implement the Government Action Plan, *Better Communication*, a £5m package of measures is being rolled out to help improve services for children and young people with communication problems.

Communication problems can lead to serious disadvantages in later life – from initial frustration at not being able to express oneself, to bullying, reduced educational achievement, fewer job prospects and even the descent into criminality. Speech, language and communication needs can exist on their own – such as specific vocal impairments or a stammer – or be related to another need – like autistic spectrum disorders, hearing impairments or physical disabilities.

The latest package of measures includes:

- The Government is now recruiting for a new Communication Champion to raise the profile of these issues, drive delivery of reforms, improve local performance and lead the National Year of Speech, Language and Communication (2011- 12).
  - 16 pilot areas have been chosen to identify good practice in providing support for children with speech, language and communication needs through the joint working of organisations such as PCTs and LAs. This will be used to develop a national framework to improve the way services are delivered for children.
  - The University of Warwick has been selected to lead a consortium delivering a 3 year, £1.5m research programme on the cost-effectiveness of interventions for children with speech, language and communication needs and to improve the evidence base.
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- 12 organisations working to support children with alternative and augmentative communication needs have been chosen to share grants totalling £500,000 this year as part of Becta's commitment to provide £1.5m of funding over the next 3 years. These grants aim to support delivery and provision of services.

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/Content/Detail.aspx?NewsAreaId=2&ReleaseID=404459&SubjectId=2>

### **What is needed to end child poverty in Wales (25/06/09)**

Previous JRF studies argued that radical changes to UK Government policy are needed to end child poverty by 2020. The new child poverty strategy is an opportunity to include some of the recommendations in areas devolved wholly or partially to Wales. The Welsh Assembly Government should consider measures needed to radically change employment, childcare, skills and the taxation and:

- increase help for parents to find employment;
- dramatically improve childcare provision;
- promote flexible and good quality employment;
- encourage public and voluntary sector employers to participate in Local Employment Partnerships;
- considerably improve the skills and qualifications of adults; and
- review benefits, grants and allowances administered by the Welsh Assembly Government and local authorities and promote benefit take-up.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/poverty-wales-2009>

**GTC approves new Code for teachers**  
(06/07/09)

The new Code, from October 2009, sets out expected standards of conduct and norms of practice for 540,000 registered school teachers in England. Its expectations for standards of conduct also apply to trainee teachers who are provisionally registered with the Council.

The new Code affirms teachers' commitment to helping children develop a love of learning, and to trying to ensure that all children and young people achieve and thrive. Teachers are expected to involve children and young people in decisions about their own learning, to reflect on and develop their teaching skills throughout their careers, and to support their school to tackle bullying or discrimination.

The new Code will also be used within the GTCE's disciplinary proceedings where it is alleged that a teacher's conduct or competence has fallen seriously short of required standards. Clear guidance is given within the Code on the types of misconduct or incompetence that have led to the GTCE imposing sanctions on a teacher. Allegations must reach a threshold of seriousness before they are considered and disciplinary action is normally considered only when a teacher has been dismissed or has resigned where dismissal was a possibility. Criminal convictions and cautions are notified to the GTCE, which must assess whether the teachers' conduct is sufficiently serious and relevant as to affect their registration.

[http://www.gtce.org.uk/media\\_parliament/news\\_comment/gtc\\_approves\\_new\\_code/](http://www.gtce.org.uk/media_parliament/news_comment/gtc_approves_new_code/)  
[http://www.gtce.org.uk/documents/publications/code\\_of\\_conduct\\_2009](http://www.gtce.org.uk/documents/publications/code_of_conduct_2009)  
[http://www.gtce.org.uk/teachers/code\\_of\\_conduct/code\\_consult2009/](http://www.gtce.org.uk/teachers/code_of_conduct/code_consult2009/)

**Gun and Knife Crime Final Report 2009**  
(07/07/09)

The Children's Commissioner for England has published a new report and a film on gun and knife crime, both bringing forward the views of children and young people.

The report, called Standing Together, sets out 10 key principles on the subject and explores risk factors, parenting support, education, support for victims and their relatives and friends, interventions and sentencing.

The report in particular highlights the need for good relations between children and young people. Other principles include:

- the need to understand better the causes of offending, particularly by undertaking qualitative research with young offenders;
- parenting support for families, education about the risks, dangers and consequences of weapon-carrying;
- the need to reduce fear of gun and knife crime among children and young people;
- the need for interventions to be multi-agency and locally based, combining prevention and suppression;
- support for victims of gun and knife, and for relatives and friends of victims;
- penalties and sentences for gun and knife offences which are designed to reduce re-offending; and
- the need for high-quality research and assessment.

<http://www.11million.org.uk/adult/news/details.cfm?guid=7fb432578c8746f395ecbf9263d0ce9d>

**Plans to increase transparency and confidence in family courts (09/07/09)**

In recognition of the important and life-changing role played by the family courts, the Justice Secretary will be asking the Family Procedure Rules Committee to consider whether court rules can be made to allow journalists to report the substance of children's cases.

Courts will still be able to use existing statutory powers to protect the identity of those involved and the government will be working with the media to explore ways in which the privacy of families can be protected. The plans are aimed at increasing public understanding of and improving confidence in the family justice system and will build on the successful reforms in April that allowed the media, for the first time, to attend these hearings and report the gist of proceedings.

There will also be legislation in the next parliamentary session to put a new statutory framework in place that will enable reporting of the substance of family proceedings, while protecting the identities of families and children. It will also provide courts with discretion to disapply this safeguard upon conclusion of the proceedings but only where a court considers it to be in the public interest and safe to do so.

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/news/newsrelease090709a.htm>

**Online "Safeguarding" Training Course (22/06/09)**

Me Learning, a specialist provider of social care training, is releasing a new 'Safeguarding' online training course for all professionals involved in the care of children and young adults. Me Learning's



Safeguarding module will provide a comprehensive introduction to safeguarding and child protection and will form part of its ECM suite that covers every aspect of training all professionals working with children and young adults require.

Safeguarding will take approximately 90 minutes to complete and consists of 17 overview tutorials covering the following topics: safeguarding; child abuse; physical abuse; sexual abuse; emotional abuse; neglect and the child protection process. The tutorial also includes several examples of scenarios where abuse may be present and asks the user to choose the next course of action. This, together with learning games and quizzes, ensures the knowledge learnt is continually tested and re-enforced as the user progresses through the course.

<http://www.egovmonitor.com/node/25812>  
<http://www.melearning.co.uk/index.php>

**New website helps tackle anti-social behaviour (13/07/09)**

The Home Office Anti-social Behaviour Action Website serves two purposes:

1. to provide contact details for your local anti-social behaviour team so you can contact them if you have questions to ask or need to report anti-social behaviour in your area
2. to enable you to see how your local council, police and other partners are tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB). Locally, these partners are known as a Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) in England and a Community Safety Partnership (CSP) in Wales.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/about-us/news/anti-social-behaviour-website>  
<http://www.respect.gov.uk/sasurvey.aspx?id=12864>

### **Safeguarding in Youth Participation**

Participation Works is running training courses on 'Safeguarding in Youth Participation' developed and delivered by NCVYS. The courses are free for third sector attendees and £85 for the statutory sector.

15th July 2009 Manchester

7th October 2009 Birmingham

28th October 2009 Exeter

4th November 2009 Leeds

2nd December 2009 Norwich

3rd February 2010 Bristol

24th February 2010 London

24th March 2010 Nottingham

<http://www.ncvys.org.uk/>

<http://www.participationworks.org.uk/events-training/products/safeguarding-in-youth-participation>

### **Legislation Committee supports**

#### **Innovative Rights for Children**

The Welsh Assembly has published a report on proposals to extend children's entitlement by providing rights to make SEN appeals and claims of disability discrimination to the SEN Tribunal for Wales.

The report supports the principle of the proposed Measure and the need for legislation. It also acknowledges that legislation will ensure compliance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The Measure would create a universal right of appeal and claim for children, which is not based on age or competency.

<http://www.assemblywales.org/newhome/new-news-third-assembly.htm?act=dis&id=136614&ds=7/2009>

<http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-legislation/bus-leg-measures/business-legislation-measures-ed.htm>

## Consultations

**Inspection of Children's Centres:  
Consultation (07/07/09)**

Ofsted has been asked to inspect all children's centres. This consultation seeks the views of everyone with an interest in children's centres on proposals for inspecting children's centres.

Closing date: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Publications-and-research/Browse-all-by/Documents-by-type/Consultations/Inspections-of-children-s-centres>

**Consultation: Amendments to the  
Education (School Teachers'  
Qualifications) (England) Regulations  
2003 (09/07/09)**

This consultation seeks views on proposed amendments to the Education (School Teachers' Qualifications) (England) Regulations 2003 which govern who can gain qualified teacher status (QTS).

Closing Date 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1660&external=no&menu=1>

## Conferences

### **Post-adoption contact: The way forward**

14<sup>th</sup> September 2009 Manchester

This conference will look at recent research on post-adoption contact between adoptees/adoptive families and birth families, as well as the broader issue of openness within adoptive families.

<http://www.baaf.org.uk/res/training/index.shtml>

### **Child Health Conference**

17th September 2009 London

£195 - £545 + VAT

This Conference will provide the most up-to-date policy and practical guidance on how to implement and realise the Government's vision for joined-up child health services.

The Child Health Strategy, *Healthy Lives, Brighter Futures*, has set the challenge for stakeholders to turn policy into practice.

This event will focus on identifying successful ways to ensure children and young people get the healthy start and continued support they need in life. Issues addressed include:

- Using joint commissioning, information exchange and workforce upskilling to improve child health support services
- How effective cross sector multi-agency partnerships can facilitate efficient service delivery
- Identifying good practice in boosting the health of children and young people in early childhood, school age and adolescence
- Focussing on specialist service provision for disabled children

<http://www.capitaconferences.co.uk/NR/rdonlyres/AE713909-E00A-45DC-8726-504C9280ADCC/0/ChildHealthMKRG.pdf>

### **Healthy lives, brighter futures – The strategy for children and young people's health**

Confirmed dates for upcoming Child Health Strategy regional events are as follows:

2<sup>nd</sup> September – GO and East Midlands SHA

15<sup>th</sup> September - GO and London SHA

16<sup>th</sup> September – GO and North East SHA

18<sup>th</sup> September - GO and East of England SHA

24<sup>th</sup> September - GO South-East and South Central SHA/South-East Coast SHA

Further details to follow

### **Vetting and Barring scheme - Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults in sport**

11<sup>th</sup> September 2009 Loughborough University £75 - £110 + VAT

The ISA was established to enhance safe recruitment practices by ensuring as far as possible that unsuitable people are prevented from working with children and vulnerable adults.

This seminar will give an overview of the safeguarding process relating to sport, specifically for children and vulnerable adults as laid down by the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006. It will examine the scope and impact of the V&B scheme, and provide an opportunity for delegates to share experiences and have their questions answered.

<http://www.isa.gov.org.uk/default.aspx?page=388>

[http://www.isa.gov.org.uk/pdf/CPD\\_SafeGuardChildrenLO.pdf](http://www.isa.gov.org.uk/pdf/CPD_SafeGuardChildrenLO.pdf)

## Conferences (continued)

### **Make Good Practice, Standard Practice to Better Safeguard Children**

**Pre-Event Half-Day Workshop** (bookable separately)

16<sup>th</sup> September 2009 London

Get to grips with practical implementation of new safeguarding recommendations, concentrating on the category of neglect, and be equipped for future best practice.

Examine the category of neglect and how the new guidance from Lord Laming's recommendations will affect the way in which your team work and identify how to improve your provisions for potential neglect victims.

Consolidate your learning with a scenario-based learning activity: what would you do? What are your timescales? Who would you contact? How will you make a difference?

### **One day conference**

17<sup>th</sup> September 2009 London

Restore confidence after Baby P and implement Laming's recommendations to achieve training excellence, multi-agency best practice and increased learnings around serious case reviews.

Gain and share invaluable insights and improve the safety of children in your area:

1. Examine the impact of Lord Laming's recommendations to identify what steps are necessary going forward for successful implementation
2. Explore practicalities surrounding the launch of the vetting and barring scheme and how it will affect safeguarding professionals
3. Explore effective techniques to manage internal and external perceptions of the safeguarding profession after baby p to build confidence in safeguarding

practices during this difficult climate

4. Identify the necessary changes to current recruitment and training practices for improving the quality and outcomes of safeguarding work
5. Establish what constitutes a successful Serious Case Review and ensure that all agencies establish and implement learning points
6. The recession family, domestic abuse, neglect: how can adult and children's services work together for more holistic safeguarding practice?
7. Clarify what governance arrangements will look like between key agencies and bodies in light of new guidance
8. Make good practice, standard practice: take today's learnings and put together your outcome-focused action plan

£199 - £698 + VAT

<http://www.haymarketevents.com/conference/Detail/368/4th-annual-safeguarding-children-conference>

### **Working together to prevent child death in the 21st century - Lessons learnt, effective practice and future challenges**

25<sup>th</sup> September 2009 Leicester

£150 - £190

This conference will explore findings and learning from child deaths and consider multi-agency approaches to their prevention.

Topics to be covered include:

- self harm and suicide of children and YP
- new child death overview panels
- child death through domestic violence, separation and contact issues
- honour based violence
- neglect and indicators of abuse

[http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/newsandevents/CPConferences/WorkingTogether\\_wda62391.html](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/Inform/newsandevents/CPConferences/WorkingTogether_wda62391.html)

## Conferences (continued)

### **Information Sharing in the Criminal Justice Sector**

28th September 2009 – Central London  
£195 - £545 + VAT

This Conference will look in detail at the importance of managing data sharing and data protection across the criminal justice sector and partner organisations.

Sir Ian Magee's Review and the Government response have highlighted the need for secure, proportionate and appropriate data management. Providing you with solutions to ensure you can implement effective data sharing within your organisation and with relevant partners, this conference will address the following issues:

- Building relationships with staff and partners to encourage information sharing
- Ensuring data sharing and data protection objectives do not conflict
- Providing public safety whilst maintaining public trust
- Increasing the effectiveness of vetting and barring
- Establishing real-time data sharing networks
- Creating information sharing protocols with the health sector and non-statutory organisations
- Developing cross-organisational data management

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### **Plus a half day workshop - Legal Frameworks for Criminality Information Sharing**

29th September 2009 – Central London  
£195 - £445 + VAT

This half-day workshop will help you clarify and understand the legal complexities and developments of criminality information sharing.

Confusion over the legal consequences of data sharing can greatly inhibit effective information management. Understanding guidelines and frameworks will help to ensure that sharing is proportional and well managed.

This workshop will provide you with the legal essentials for criminality information sharing so that you can work efficiently and confidently within the law.

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## Conferences (continued)

### **Colour matters in care: Culture, ethnicity, health and child placement**

5<sup>th</sup> October 2009 London

This conference will explore issues for particularly vulnerable groups including those in transracial placements, children adopted from abroad and unaccompanied asylum seeking refugee children, and will also consider the responsibility of health professionals for children in private fostering.

<http://www.baaf.org.uk/res/training/index.shtml>

### **European Child Home Safety Conference Child safety: the next steps?**

2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 Stratford

Upon Avon £121.72 - £470 + VAT

Each year in the UK, 1m children under 16 attend A&E depts as a result of accidents in the home. The situation in Europe is similar, with 3.92m home accidents annually involving children 0 - 14.

RoSPA and the European Child Safety Alliance of EuroSafe have collaborated to present this conference devoted solely to child home safety, with a view to putting forward practical and effective solutions to this vital issue from across the continent.

<http://www.rospace.com/events/eurochildsafety/index.htm>

### **'New Challenges in Protecting Women and Children' - A day conference confronting Domestic Abuse & Violence, FGM, Forced or Arranged Marriage & Honour Based Violence.**

11th December 2009 London £140 - £205

This important event will examine a range of contemporary issues in relation to Abuse and Violence against Women and Children. Presentations from leading experts will seek to inform the development of effective interventions and explore practice issues from political, legal and ideological perspectives.

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