



week ending 11 December 2009

Exclusive to NCB Members: Focus on children and young people

Edited by Patricia Murphy, pmurphy@ncb.org.uk

Contents

1. NEWS AND INITIATIVES	4
Dawn Primarolo: agreed action to improve Leeds City Council's children's services	4
Internet safety strategy launched to keep children safe online	4
£165,000 for nationwide bone marrow donation project.....	4
Minister on progress in reducing road casualties	4
Chancellor's announcement on Free School Meals pilots.....	4
Ed Balls says schools will welcome the Chancellor's funding settlement	5
Majority of councils performing well on children's services.....	5
John Denham welcomes new test for public services putting the customer first	5
New report backs evidence that rise in child obesity has levelled off	5
Parents set to get more choice on when their children start primary school.....	6
New duty to record and report incidents of bullying announced.....	6
New taskforce to improve service for missing persons and their families	6
2. LEGISLATION	6
Child Poverty Bill.....	6
Rehabilitation of Offenders (Amendment) Bill	7
3. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS.....	7
New horizons for mental health	7
Anti-social behaviour: Family Intervention Projects	8
"Healthy children, safer communities" strategy.....	8
Right to Control (Disabled People) – Government Response	8
Pre-Budget Report.....	8
Early intervention.....	8
National DNA database	9

Pupils and the media	9
Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission	9
Sure Start Children's Centres	9
Early Years Single Funding Formula	10
Revised Schools Admissions Code.....	10
Sure Start Children's Centres	10
4. CONSULTATIONS	10
Sure Start children's centres: guidance	10
Growth failure (in children): human growth hormone (HGH) (review)	11
Common registration regulations of establishments and agencies under The Care Standards Act	11
Recording and reporting incidents of bullying between pupils, and incidents of abuse against school staff	11
Statutory guidance for local authorities and schools on information passports, personal learning plans and the core entitlement for all pupils in pupil referral units and other alternative provision	11
Consultation on regulations and guidance on school governing bodies' power to refer pupils to off-site provision to receive education or training to improve their behaviour	12
5. DOCUMENTS & REPORTS.....	12
Vulnerable defendants in the criminal courts: a review of provision for adults and children	12
New horizons: a shared vision for mental health	12
Putting the frontline first: smarter government.....	13
How to use NICE guidance to commission high quality services.....	13
Making choice and control a reality for disabled people: Government Response to the consultation on the Right to Control.....	13
Healthy children, safer communities: a strategy to promote the health and well- being of children and young people in contact with the youth justice system..	14
Staying Safe survey 2009: children and parents' attitudes around internet safety.....	14
Annual Performance Report 2009	14
Birth and beyond: stakeholder perceptions of current antenatal education provision in England	14
Birth and beyond: a review of the evidence about antenatal education.....	15
The inspection of initial teacher education 2008-2011	15
Building sustainable education: a UK perspective	15
Children and young people in custody: 2008-09	15
2009 children's services rating	15
Pre-Budget Report 2009: securing the recovery: growth and opportunity	16
Information and signposting project: sharing the learning	16
NHS 2010-2015: from good to great: preventative, people-centred, productive	16

Young Black people and the criminal justice system: second annual report	16
Revised School Admissions Code	16
Guidance for schools on preventing and responding to sexist, sexual and transphobic bullying	17
Gifted and talented pupils in schools	17
6. STATISTICS	17
Birth statistics, England and Wales – no.37, 2008	17
National Statistician’s annual article on the population – 2009	17
Key stage 1 attainment by pupil characteristics, in England 2008/09	18
Special Educational Needs: statements issued within 26 weeks in 2008-09	18
National Child Measurement Programme - England, 2008/09 school year	18
Knife crime sentencing: quarterly brief – July to September 2009	18

[E] = England [NI] = Northern Ireland [S] = Scotland [W] = Wales

1. NEWS AND INITIATIVES

7 December 2009

Dawn Primarolo: agreed action to improve Leeds City Council's children's services

Children's Minister Dawn Primarolo today wrote to Leeds City Council setting out the agreed action to be taken to improve the Council's children's services.

http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2009_0238

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

8 December 2009

Internet safety strategy launched to keep children safe online

A coalition of Government, industry and charities has launched the first UK internet safety strategy, to help children and young people stay safe online. 'Click Clever Click Safe', was drawn up by the UK Council for Child Internet Safety.

http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2009_0239

[E/NI/S/W]

[<Back to index>](#)

8 December 2009

£165,000 for nationwide bone marrow donation project

Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families Ed Balls has announced £165,000 extra funding to enable the Anthony Nolan Trust to roll out their campaign to educate young people about bone marrow donation.

http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2009_0240

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

8 December 2009

Minister on progress in reducing road casualties

Speech by Transport Minister Paul Clark at the National Road Safety Conference. Clark talks about the government's progress in reducing road casualties.

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/press/speechesstatements/speeches/nationalroadsafetyconf>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

9 December 2009

Chancellor's announcement on Free School Meals pilots

Ed Balls has welcomed the announcement by the Chancellor that more children are to benefit from free school meals with an extension of eligibility to free schools meals for lower income families, extension of the free schools meal pilot to every region in the country and an investment of £140 million.

http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2009_0243

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

9 December 2009*Ed Balls says schools will welcome the Chancellor's funding settlement*

Ed Balls said: "I believe schools will warmly welcome the Chancellor's announcement today that they are guaranteed real terms rises for the next three years".

http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2009_0242

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

9 December 2009*Majority of councils performing well on children's services*

Children's Minister Dawn Primarolo has welcomed Ofsted's findings that the majority of children's services are performing well, with 10 graded as excellent. She also said that there is no room for complacency and stressed that she expects Local Authorities to continue to focus relentlessly on improving children's services against the new higher standards. Her comments come alongside the publication of the first joint judgement of local public services by the six independent inspectorates and Ofsted's annual ratings.

http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2009_0241

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

See also Documents & Reports

9 December 2009*John Denham welcomes new test for public services putting the customer first*

Communities Secretary John Denham has welcomed a new tool giving local people information about the standard of public services in their area. The Comprehensive Area Assessment will enable people to check for themselves how well councils and their partners are delivering the services that matter to them, including: raising school standards; tackling and preventing anti-social behaviour; cutting disparities in health; reducing teenage pregnancies; reducing homelessness and ending rough sleeping.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/14058781>

CAA results are available on the Oneplace website:

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/oneplace>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

10 December 2009*New report backs evidence that rise in child obesity has levelled off*

New statistics from the National Child Measurement Programme, support emerging evidence that the rapid rise in child obesity has levelled off but the levels of childhood obesity are still too high. 22.8 per cent of Reception children and 32.6 per cent of Year 6 children are overweight or obese, compared with 22.6 per cent and 32.6 per cent the previous year.

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/Content/detail.aspx?NewsAreaId=2&ReleaseID=409466&SubjectId=2>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

See Statistics

10 December 2009

Parents set to get more choice on when their children start primary school

Parents of four year olds are set to get greater flexibility over choosing when they start primary school, under changes published by Children's Secretary Ed Balls.

http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2009_0246

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

See Documents & Reports

10 December 2009

New duty to record and report incidents of bullying announced

A new duty to record and report incidents of bullying has been announced by School's Minister Vernon Coaker. The new duty, to be consulted on over the next 12 weeks, will mean that schools will have to record and report serious or recurring incidents of bullying to their local authority.

http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2009_0244

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

See Consultations

10 December 2009

New taskforce to improve service for missing persons and their families

A new taskforce to look at ways to improve the response of agencies such as the police and local authorities to missing people and their families was launched this week by Prime Minister Gordon Brown. The charity Missing People estimates there are more than 200,000 incidents of people reported missing each year in the United Kingdom – around two thirds of them children and young people. Most return safely after a short time but a significant number do not, causing great anxiety to friends and family left behind.

<http://press.homeoffice.gov.uk/press-releases/new-missing-persons-taskforce>

[E/NI/S/W]

[<Back to index>](#)

2. LEGISLATION

9 December 2009

Child Poverty Bill

Report and Third reading in the Commons. MPs debate the following amendments issues:

- Measuring child poverty and its eradication – including proposed additional targets: relative low income after housing costs, targets to reduce the causes of poverty and a 2010 child poverty target, with requirements on the

Secretary of State to report on progress. Other amendments to the targets seek to: include children living in communal accommodation, such as some Gypsy, Roma and Traveller and asylum-seeking children and children in care; and require advice from the Child Poverty Commission on statistical surveys.

- The UK Child Poverty Strategy – proposed duties on government to: implement, as well as prepare, a UK Child poverty strategy; consult the UK Children’s Commissioners; and consult directly with children and families living in poverty. Government amendment to include childcare among the strategy ‘building blocks’ is passed.
- Local child poverty needs assessment: requiring the assessment to cover job creation, reducing family breakdown, families with disabilities, black and minority ethnic children, and looked after children and overcrowding.
- Child Poverty Commission – government amendment allowing the Commission to request it to carry out or commission research is passed.

In the Third Reading debate, opposition front benches generally support for the Bill, but express concerns about whether the 10 per cent of children with a relative low income target really equates to ‘eradication’; holding government to account for missing the 2010 target to halve child poverty; and tackling the long-term causes of poverty. The Bill is passed with Lords Second Reading scheduled for 5 January 2010.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm091209/debtext/91209-0008.htm#09120938000001>

[E/NI/S/W]

[<Back to index>](#)

11 December 2009

Rehabilitation of Offenders (Amendment) Bill

Private Member’s Bill introduced by Lord Dholakia. Second Reading in the House of Lords. The Bill is intended to enact a series of changes to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 which the Government announced they would implement in April 2003, including those committed by young people under 18. Bill committed to a Committee of the whole House.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200910/ldhansrd/text/91211-0008.htm#09121131000484>

[E/W]

[<Back to index>](#)

3. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS

7 December 2009

New horizons for mental health

Statement by Phil Hope, Minister of State, Department of Health. Mr Hope said “New Horizons represents an innovative dual approach: continued improvement to mental health services in England, coupled with ambitious cross-Government action for promoting public mental health and well-being... The guiding values of New Horizons, endorsed by the consultation response, are equality and justice; helping people to fulfil their potential and control their lives; and valuing relationships”.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm091207/wmstext/91207m0002.htm#0912073000014>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

See Documents & Reports

8 December 2009*Anti-social behaviour: Family Intervention Projects*

Oral Question by Baroness Massey of Darwen, asking how the government will evaluate the impact of family intervention projects.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200910/ldhansrd/text/91208-0001.htm#09120877000355>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

8 December 2009*"Healthy children, safer communities" strategy*

Statement by Phil Hope, Minister of State, Department of Health, announcing the publication of the government's joint strategy to promote the health and well-being needs of children and young people in contact with the youth justice system.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm091208/wmstext/91208m0001.htm#09120857000014>

[E]

See Documents & Reports

[<Back to index>](#)

8 December 2009*Right to Control (Disabled People) – Government Response*

Statement by Yvette Cooper, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions. She said "Today, with the publication of the Government Response, "Making choice and control a reality for disabled people: Government Response to the consultation on the Right to Control", we can take another step towards delivering the Right to Control and improve the life chances of disabled people by giving them more choice and control over how public money is spent to meet their individual care and support needs".

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm091208/wmstext/91208m0002.htm#09120857000017>

[E]

See Documents & Reports

[<Back to index>](#)

9 December 2009*Pre-Budget Report*

Statement by Alistair Darling, Chancellor of the Exchequer, followed by debate led by Shadow Chancellor George Osborne and Lib Dem Treasury spokesman Vince Cable.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm091209/debtext/91209-0004.htm#09120938000002>

[E/NI/S/W]

See Documents & Reports

[<Back to index>](#)

9 December 2009*Early intervention*

Oral question by Graham Allen (Nottingham, North) asking the Prime Minister if he has had discussions on an all-party approach to policy on early intervention.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm091209/debtext/91209-0003.htm#09120938000028>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

9 December 2009

National DNA database

Westminster Hall debate introduced by Diane Abbott (Hackney, North and Stoke Newington).

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm091209/halltext/91209h0006.htm#09120945000001>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

9 December 2009

Pupils and the media

Short debate introduced by Baroness Thomas of Walliswood. She asked about government plans to ensure that pupils in school acquire a better understanding of the influence of the media.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200910/ldhansrd/text/91209-0008.htm#09120959000023>

[E/NI/S/W]

[<Back to index>](#)

9 December 2009

Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission

Commons, Work and Pensions Committee. Uncorrected transcript of oral evidence given on 2 December 2009. Janet Paraskeva, Chair, and Stephen Geraghty, Commissioner, Child Maintenance and Enforcement Commission, gave evidence.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmselect/cmworpen/uc118-i/uc11802.htm>

[E/S/W]

[<Back to index>](#)

10 December 2009

Sure Start Children's Centres

Commons, Children, Schools and Families Committee. Uncorrected transcript of oral evidence given on 7 December 2009. Jan Casson, Children's Centre Locality Manager, Northumberland County Council, John Harris, Association of Directors of Children's Services, Councillor Quintin Peppiatt, Lead Member for Children's Services, London Borough of Newham, Lorraine Cartwright, Essex Area Manager, Ormiston Children and Families Trust, Cynthia Knight, Head, St Thomas' Children's Centre, Birmingham, Janice Marshall, Head, Treetops Children's Centre, Brent, and Richard Thornhill, Headteacher, Loughborough Primary School and Children's Centre, Lambeth, gave evidence.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmselect/cmchilsch/uc130-i/uc13002.htm>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

10 December 2009*Early Years Single Funding Formula*

Statement by Dawn Primarolo, Children's Minister, on the early years single funding formula. Ms Primarolo advised that because a significant number of local authorities were experiencing difficulty in developing their EYSFF, its formal implementation date will be postponed by one year until April 2011.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm091210/wmstext/91210m0001.htm#09121060000013>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

10 December 2009*Revised Schools Admissions Code*

Statement by Diana R. Johnson, Under Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families, advising that a revised Code will come into force in February 2010 and all admission authorities will be required to provide for the admission of children following their fourth birthday, from September 2011 onwards.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm091210/wmstext/91210m0001.htm#09121060000014>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

11 December 2009*Sure Start Children's Centres*

Commons, Children, Schools and Families Committee. Uncorrected transcript of oral evidence given on 9 December 2009. Lesley Adams, Head of Integrated Services for Children and Families, Birmingham City Council, Lucy Connolly, Early Years Team Leader, Standards & School Effectiveness, Hertfordshire County Council, Jamie Lang, Finance Manager, Schools Budget, Sheffield City Council, Dawn Primarolo, Children's Minister and Ann Gross, Director for Early Years, Extended Schools and Special Needs Group, Department for Children, Schools and Families, gave evidence.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmselect/cmchilsch/uc131-i/uc13102.htm>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

4. CONSULTATIONS

Sure Start children's centres: guidance

Department for Children, Schools and Families

The purpose of this consultation is to gather views on the draft Sure Start Children's Centres guidance. This guidance builds on the existing DCSF guidance for children's centres. As well as relevant to LAs, PCTs and Jobcentre Plus, the guidance will also be relevant to staff at children's centres and organisations who work with children's centres. The Act also establishes the inspection of children's centres by Ofsted, and views are also sought on a policy statement explaining the inspection proposals.

Launch Date: 7 December 2009

Closing Date: 1 February 2010

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1690&external=no&menu=1>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

Growth failure (in children): human growth hormone (HGH) (review)

NICE

The Department of Health has asked the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence to produce guidance on using human growth hormone (somatropin) in the NHS in England and Wales. This document summarises the evidence and views that have been considered, and sets out the draft recommendations made by the Appraisal Committee.

Launch Date: 7 December 2009

Closing Date: 11 January 2010

<http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/index.jsp?action=folder&o=46497>

[E/W]

[<Back to index>](#)

Common registration regulations of establishments and agencies under The Care Standards Act

Department for Children, Schools and Families

The purpose of this consultation is to gather views on revised regulations covering the registration arrangements for children's homes, fostering agencies, independent adoption agencies, adoption support agencies and residential family centres.

Launch Date: 8 December 2009

Closing Date: 2 March 2010

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1682&external=no&menu=1>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

Recording and reporting incidents of bullying between pupils, and incidents of abuse against school staff

Department for Children, Schools and Families

The purpose of this consultation document is to gather the views of a wide range of stakeholders who work with local authorities, school staff and children and young people on bullying and staff grievance issues, on the scope of these new duties, and how best to support schools in implementing them.

Launch Date: 10 December 2009

Closing Date: 4 March 2010

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1606&external=no&menu=1>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

Statutory guidance for local authorities and schools on information passports, personal learning plans and the core entitlement for all pupils in pupil referral units and other alternative provision

Department for Children, Schools and Families

The White Paper, *Back on Track*, announced plans to introduce information passports, personalised learning plans and a core entitlement for all pupils in alternative provision. The core entitlement includes the curriculum, the number of hours provision pupils should have per week and the maximum waiting times for

placement in alternative provision and for the engagement of support services. The statutory guidance, for consultation, sets out the Government's expectations in these key areas.

Launch Date: 10 December 2009

Closing Date: 4 March 2010

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1617&external=no&menu=1>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

Consultation on regulations and guidance on school governing bodies' power to refer pupils to off-site provision to receive education or training to improve their behaviour

Department for Children, Schools and Families

Section 154 of the Education and Skills Act 2008 gives school governing bodies the power to require a pupil to attend premises outside the school for the purpose of improving behaviour. It also gives the Secretary of State powers to make regulations to impose restrictions in relation to governing bodies' exercise of this power. This is a consultation on these regulations and on the accompanying guidance.

Launch Date: 10 December 2009

Closing Date: 4 March 2010

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1613&external=no&menu=1>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

5. DOCUMENTS & REPORTS

Vulnerable defendants in the criminal courts: a review of provision for adults and children

Jessica Jacobson and Jenny Talbot, for the Prison Reform Trust

The report advises that an unwieldy and opaque justice system is unlawfully undermining the ability of thousands of vulnerable adults and children to understand what is happening to them at court, leaving them to fend for themselves. All children appearing in court are vulnerable by their young age, but the report found that many are doubly vulnerable because of mental health problems, learning disabilities, past abuse and because they have been in the care system. This is exacerbated by the lack of training that professionals working with child defendants - including the judiciary, lawyers, courts and Crown Prosecution Service staff and police officers - receive on child welfare needs and rights.

Published 1 December 2009

<http://www.prisonreformtrust.org.uk/standard.asp?id=2040>

[E/W]

[<Back to index>](#)

New horizons: a shared vision for mental health

HM Government

New Horizons is a cross-government programme of action with the twin aims to: improve the mental health and well-being of the population; improve the quality and accessibility of services for people with poor mental health. It sets out an intention across a wide range of agencies to move towards a society where people understand that their mental well-being is as important as their physical health if

they are to live their lives to the full. It describes some of the factors that affect well-being and some everyday strategies for preserving and boosting it. It also sets out the benefits, including economic benefits, of doing so.

Published 7 December 2009

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_109705

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

Putting the frontline first: smarter government

HM Treasury

Sets out the government's plans for reforming public services in a way that maintains their quality but brings down their cost. It announces a package of measures that will cut the red tape burden on local government by: reducing the number of revenue streams; streamlining the national performance framework, including reducing the number of national indicators for local areas by April 2010, and making further reductions from 2011; coordinating timings of all assessments, inspections and reporting arrangements by 2010/11 where they focus on similar outcomes, and consider a new cross government data gateway; reviewing the work and number of inspectorates to save at least £100m, reporting at Budget 2010.

Published 7 December 2009

<http://www.hmg.gov.uk/frontlinefirst.aspx>

[E/NI/S/W]

[<Back to index>](#)

How to use NICE guidance to commission high quality services

NICE

This guide is for people involved in commissioning health and social care services and public health programmes within the NHS and partner organisations in England, but the principles may be useful for commissioners throughout the UK.

Published 7 December 2009

http://www.nice.org.uk/newsroom/pressreleases/press_releases.jsp?domedia=1&id=68B43B66-19B9-E0B5-D49B0E2AB8A8B952

[E/NI/S/W]

[<Back to index>](#)

Making choice and control a reality for disabled people: Government Response to the consultation on the Right to Control

Office for Disability Issues

The government sets out its commitment to enabling disabled people to have choice and control over the support they need to go about their daily lives. The Right to Control is about shifting the balance of power from the state to the individual, acknowledging that disabled people are the experts in their own lives and enabling them to use available resources to achieve their aims and aspirations. The Right to Control will be piloted in around eight trailblazing local authority areas with the outcome of the Trailblazers used to inform any decisions on wider roll-out.

Published 8 December 2009

<http://www.odi.gov.uk/working/right-to-control.php>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

Healthy children, safer communities: a strategy to promote the health and well-being of children and young people in contact with the youth justice system

DH, DCSF, Ministry of Justice and Home Office

This cross government strategy aims to help tackle youth crime and anti-social behaviour, and contribute to community safety in England. It sets out a strategic approach to inform the work of the Healthy Children, Safer Communities Programme Board to fulfil the vision that children and young people will be safer, healthier and stay away from crime.

Published 8 December 2009

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_109771

[<Back to index>](#)

Staying Safe survey 2009: children and parents' attitudes around internet safety

Synovate (UK) Ltd for the DCSF

This research aimed to: measure and track parents' and children's awareness, attitudes and reported behaviour across the various safety issues covered within the Staying Safe Action Plan and the Byron Review; inform further campaign development and priorities; and provide quantitative data for the DCSF to adequately measure progress of the collective communications efforts.

Published 8 December 2009

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/research/programmeofresearch/projectinformation.cfm?projectId=15897&type=5&resultspage=1>

[E/NI/S/W]

[<Back to index>](#)

Annual Performance Report 2009

Home Office

This annual report compares the department's performance against the goals it set in the 2007 and 2004 spending reviews. It also reports on any 2002 targets that are still relevant and includes a report on progress made towards implementing recommendations made by the Public Accounts Committee.

Published 8 December 2009

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/documents/autumn-performance-report-09>

[E/NI/S/W]

[<Back to index>](#)

Birth and beyond: stakeholder perceptions of current antenatal education provision in England

Professor Jane Barlow and others for the Department of Health

Published 8 December 2009

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_109833

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

Birth and beyond: a review of the evidence about antenatal education

Department of Health

The aim of this study was to synthesise published evidence concerning the cost and effectiveness of antenatal education, alongside evidence about stakeholder perspectives.

Published 8 December 2009

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_109832

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)*The inspection of initial teacher education 2008–2011*

Ofsted

A guide for inspectors on the management and organisation of initial teacher education inspections, 2008–2011.

Published 8 December 2009

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Forms-and-guidance/Browse-all-by/Other/General/The-inspection-of-initial-teacher-education-2008-2011>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)*Building sustainable education: a UK perspective*

Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

This report provides insights into the development of an effective physical infrastructure for schools, colleges and universities. It includes case studies that describe the work of UK companies and consultants in planning, designing, constructing and equipping buildings that deliver a low-carbon solution.

Published 9 December 2009

<http://bis.ecgroup.net/Publications/UKTradeInvestment/UKTIgeneral/091480.aspx>

[E/NI/S/W]

[<Back to index>](#)*Children and young people in custody: 2008-09*

Ministry of Justice

This is an analysis of the experiences of 15 to 18-year-olds in prison by HM Inspectorate of Prisons and the Youth Justice Board.

Published 9 December 2009

http://www.justice.gov.uk/inspectores/hmi-prisons/docs/Children_and_Young_People_in_Custody_2008-09_rps.pdf

[E/W]

[<Back to index>](#)*2009 children's services rating*

Ofsted

Provides an overview of each council's performance in relation to children's services for which they have strategic or operational responsibilities.

Published 9 December 2009

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/News/Ofsted-publishes-2009-children-s-services-rating>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

Pre-Budget Report 2009: securing the recovery: growth and opportunity

HM Treasury

Contains the government's assessment of the medium-term economic and budgetary position and sets out its tax and spending plans, including those for public investment.

Published 9 December 2009

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/prebud_pbr09_index.htm

[E/NI/S/W]

[<Back to index>](#)

Information and signposting project: sharing the learning

Department for Children, Schools and Families

This document aims to share the learning from the first year of the information and signposting project and includes practical step-by-step guidance on gathering, managing and sharing positive activity information to help local authorities benefit from it

Published 9 December 2009

<http://publications.everychildmatters.gov.uk/default.aspx?PageFunction=productdetails&PageMode=publications&ProductId=DCSF-01077-2009&>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

NHS 2010-2015: from good to great: preventative, people-centred, productive

Department of Health

This five-year plan to reshape the NHS describes practical measures to meet the demands of an aging population and the increased prevalence of lifestyle diseases. The vision is for an NHS that is organised around patients whether at home, in a community setting or in hospital. There will be a renewed focus on prevention with the ambition of delivering cost-effective high quality care across the service.

Published 10 December 2009

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_109876

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

Young Black people and the criminal justice system: second annual report

Ministry of Justice

This is the second annual report to the Home Affairs Select Committee on progress made in taking forward the recommendations of its inquiry on young black people in the criminal justice system.

Published 10 December 2009

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/latest-updates/young-black-people-cjs-dec09.htm>

[E/W]

[<Back to index>](#)

Revised School Admissions Code

Department for Children, Schools and Families

The revised School Admissions Code, published following a public consultation, will come into force in February 2010 and apply to admission arrangements from

September 2011. Under proposed changes, children can start school from the September after their fourth birthday. Parents who do not want their child to start school will be entitled to free full-time early learning and childcare, in maintained nursery schools and classes or in private, voluntary and independent sector provision. The Government will allocate up to £80m to fund these changes.

Published 10 December 2009

http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2009_0246

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

Guidance for schools on preventing and responding to sexist, sexual and transphobic bullying

Departments: Department for Children, Schools and Families

Many schools now have robust procedures in place to deal with bullying. However, the prevalence of sexist, sexual and transphobic bullying may be underestimated. This guidance has been developed to help school staff recognise, report and respond to these forms of bullying.

Published 10 December 2009

<http://publications.dcsf.gov.uk/default.aspx?PageFunction=productdetails&PageMode=publications&ProductId=DCSF-01136-2009>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

Gifted and talented pupils in schools

Ofsted

Ofsted surveyed a small sample of 26 schools to evaluate their capacity to respond effectively to changes in policy in terms of making provision for gifted and talented pupils, and to identify good and less effective practice

Published 11 December 2009

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Publications-and-research/Browse-all-by/Documents-by-type/Thematic-reports/Gifted-and-talented-pupils-in-schools>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

6. STATISTICS

Birth statistics, England and Wales – no.37, 2008

Office for National Statistics

Statistics on live and still births occurring annually in England and Wales. Statistics for births in previous years are included to show trends in fertility. It also covers birth counts and birth rates tabulated by, among other attributes, parents' age, occurrence within or outside marriage, multiple births, mother's area of residence and country of birth, place of confinement, and father's social class (defined by occupation).

Published 8 December 2009

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=5768>

[E/W]

[<Back to index>](#)

National Statistician's annual article on the population – 2009

Office for National Statistics

The third in a series of annual demographic reports of the UK, providing an overview of the latest statistics on the population. This year's article also includes a

short discussion of the effects of previous economic recessions on UK demography, and a summary of migration following the enlargement of the European Union (EU) in May 2004.

Published 8 December 2009

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/CCI/article.asp?ID=2337&Pos=1&ColRank=1&Rank=224>

[E/NI/S/W]

[<Back to index>](#)

Key stage 1 attainment by pupil characteristics, in England 2008/09

Department for Children, Schools and Families

This Statistical First Release provides 2009 information on attainment for Key Stage 1 Teacher Assessments by different pupil characteristics, specifically gender, ethnicity, eligibility for free school meals, special educational needs and English as a first language.

Published 8 December 2009

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/SFR/s000899/index.shtml>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

Special Educational Needs: statements issued within 26 weeks in 2008-09

Department for Children, Schools and Families

This is a new publication that presents national and LA level figures from 2008-09 for National Indicator 103.

Published 9 December 2009

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/STR/d000901/index.shtml>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

National Child Measurement Programme - England, 2008/09 school year

NHS Information Centre for Health and Social Care

The NCMP weighs and measures primary school children.

Published 10 December 2009

<http://www.ic.nhs.uk/ncmp>

[E]

[<Back to index>](#)

Knife crime sentencing: quarterly brief – July to September 2009

Ministry of Justice

Figures show the proportion of offences receiving immediate custodial sentences rose, and where immediate custody was given, more of these sentences were longer. For the period of July to September 2009 the average length of the prison sentence handed down for possession of a knife or offensive weapon went up by 41% – from 140 days in the first quarter of 2008 to 197 days in the latest period. 1,200 offences resulted in immediate custody between July and September, compared to 1,100 in the first quarter of 2008.

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/news/newsrelease101209a.htm>

[E/W]

[<Back to index>](#)

ChildData	Further information
Local authority members of NCB are entitled to free access to ChildData - a database giving information on research, policy, legislation and practice in relation to the care, education, health and welfare of children and young people.	Contact Jayne Parkin for details: Tel. 020 7843 6035; Email: jparkin@ncb.org.uk

NCB promotes the voices, interests and wellbeing of all children and young people across every aspect of their lives.

Published by the National Children's Bureau. Registered Charity No 258825.
Registered in England & Wales No 952717. A Company Limited by Guarantee.
8 Wakley Street, London EC1V 7QE.
Tel: 020 7843 6000 Fax: 020 7278 9512

NCB (England and Northern Ireland) works in partnership with Children in Scotland and Children in Wales. For more details on issues and activities in Scotland or Wales visit www.childreninScotland.org.uk (0131 228 8484) or www.childreninWales.org.uk (029 2034 2434)

NCB relies on donations in order to carry out its vital work. Please use this form: http://www.ncb.org.uk/dotpdf/open%20access%20-%20phase%201%20only/donation_form.pdf
Your support really counts – thank you.

© NCB, December 2009