



The Voice of the Voluntary Youth Sector in Hampshire

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Comprehensive Spending Review – children and young people

The Treasury has published a final report on two of the original four children and young people sub-reviews, setting out the action the Government will take to raise the life chances of all children and young people, preventing problems by building resilience to the risks of poor outcomes and supporting children and young people as soon as possible when problems emerge; and support for those families with the poorest outcomes - caught in a cycle of low achievement. The other two sub-reviews, on support for families with disabled children and a ten year strategy for youth services, will report later in spring 2007.

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/newsroom_and_speeches/press/2007/press_40_07.cfm

Evaluation of children's trust pathfinders

The final report of the evaluation of children's trust pathfinders has been published. The report finds several pathfinders have sometimes found it difficult to engage partners in key sectors, particularly where there are funding difficulties or complex accountability frameworks.

<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/research/programmeofresearch/projectinformation.cfm?projectid=15168&type=5&resultspage=1>

New Faith and Social Cohesion Unit

A dedicated Unit to work with and support faith charities, strengthening their governance and accountability, is to be established by the Charity Commission with funding provided by the Department of Communities and Local Government.

<http://www.gnn.gov.uk/environment/fullDetail.asp?ReleaseID=276874&NewsAreaID=2&NavigatedFromDepartment=True>

'Preventing violent extremism'

Ruth Kelly, the communities and local government secretary, has announced £6 million plan to tackle Islamic extremism. The money will support school-twinning projects, an increase in the number of 'forums against extremism' and training programmes in how to face down the problem.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1002882&PressNoticeID=2405>

Meanwhile Attorney general Lord Goldsmith has suggested Muslim extremists regarded as 'radicalisers' could face prosecution or anti-social behaviour orders.

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/b60b62cc-e312-11db-a1c9-000b5df10621.html>



'The transition from CPA to CAA'

The Audit Commission has published a consultation on moving from Comprehensive Performance Assessments for local government to Comprehensive Area Assessments, marking the beginning of a wide range of discussion to feed in to the design of the scheme which will begin in 2009.

<http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/reports/PRESS-RELEASE.asp?CategoryID=PRESS-CENTRE&ProdID=58566A0C-5FAE-4E09-B4FB-22FF9BBA342F&area=hped>

'National evaluation of the Neighbourhood Nurseries Initiative'

Department for Education and Skills research has found some low-quality full-time nursery care may make children prone to show anti-social tendencies.

<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/research/programmeofresearch/projectinformation.cfm?projectId=13662&type=5&resultspage=11>

NCVYS / NCVCCO Safeguarding consultation and information event

NCVYS and NCVCCO are convening two information and consultation events on the Charity Commission's revised guidance on vetting trustees on 18 April in London and 23 April in Leeds. Attendance is free and open to anyone from the voluntary and community youth and children's sectors. A full leaflet with more information and editable booking form may be downloaded at:

<http://www.ncvys.org.uk/docs/news/events.htm>

NCVYS / CWDC Learning through sharing conference

2006/07 saw the introduction of the Children's Workforce Development Council's fund for each children's trusts area to help engage the private voluntary and independent sector in local workforce development activity. This conference will allow the voluntary youth sector to showcase examples of how the funding has been used and explain the lessons, benefits and impact on their local children's and young people's workforce.

www.yarrington.co.uk/learningthroughsharing

'Policy by children: A children's views report'

This report from the Children's Rights Director for England puts together ideas from children and young people about what councils and service providers should do for children and young people living away from home, or getting children's social care services.

http://www.csci.org.uk/about_csci/publications/policy_by_children_a_children.aspx

Working for Children

The government aims to halve child poverty by 2010 and eradicate it by 2020, a new child poverty strategy explains how the government intends to meet these targets.

<http://www.info4local.gov.uk/documents/publications/99839>



Charities Act events

The Office of the Third Sector and the Charity Commission are running a series of free regional events to raise awareness of the Charities Act 2006 and its implementation.

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third%5Fsector/news/news_stories/070404_event.asp

Futurebuilders

The Cabinet Office has announced that it will tender for a partner to deliver the second phase of the Futurebuilders Fund – the funding programme that provides investment for third sector organisations delivering public services.

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_releases/070403_tender.asp

Community Assets Fund

The Big Lottery Fund have been asked to manage the Office of the Third Sector's new £30 million Community Assets Fund. They are also launching a 12 week consultation on aspects of the fund.

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_stories/070330_big_lottery_fund.asp

'Campaigning and political activities by charities - some questions and answers'

Responding to concerns that some charities may be unnecessarily cautious when considering campaigning activities, the Charity Commission has published answers to common questions from charities uncertain about what political and campaigning activity the law allows.

<http://www.gnn.gov.uk/environment/fullDetail.asp?ReleaseID=276085&NewsAreaID=2&NavigatedFromDepartment=True>

Local Area Agreements (LAAs)

The full list of round three LAA areas has been added to the Department for Communities and Local Government website.

<http://www.info4local.gov.uk/documents/related-links/5538>

Drug and alcohol prevention funding

The government is cutting funding for young people's drug and alcohol prevention and treatment services by 10% in 2007/08. The Young People's Substance Misuse Grant which delivers a range of local services for children and young people - including education and prevention projects - will total £55.2 million in 2007/08, down from £61.8 million in 2006/07.

http://www.drugscope.org.uk/news_item.asp?a=3&intID=1422

Compact breaches

The Home Office is top of a list of government departments about whom complaints have been made for not adhering to a set of mutual 'fair play' rules between government and charities called the Compact, according to the National Council for



Voluntary Organisations (NCVO).
<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/press/releases?id=4584>

Home Office restructuring

The Home Secretary, John Reid, has announced that the Home Office will be split into two departments from May. The newly created **Ministry of Justice** will be responsible for the National Offender Management Service; criminal justice reform; youth justice; human rights; and freedom of information. **The Home Office** will retain security and counter terrorism; antisocial behaviour; drugs policy; community safety; and the Criminal Records Bureau.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/about-us/organisation/home-office-reform/>

‘Volunteers in the delivery of services for children, young people and families’ survey

The Institute for Volunteering Research (IVR) is undertaking a scoping study on behalf of the Children’s Workforce Development Council (CWDC) looking at the involvement of volunteers in the delivery of services for children, young people and families. Anyone working in an area which involves delivering services or providing support for children, young people or families is encouraged to complete the questionnaire at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=421583466582>

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