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**Proposed Changes to Performance Management and Capability Arrangements for Teachers: A consultation (24/05/11)**

The White Paper "The Importance of Teaching" set out plans to shorten and simplify current regulations and remove the duplication between performance management and capability procedures. This consultation invites comments on a number of specific proposals. The changes apply to England only.

Closing Date: 16<sup>th</sup> August 2011

<http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1743&external=no&menu=1>

**Inspection of local authority and voluntary adoption agencies (07/06/11)**

This is a consultation document on proposals for a revised framework for the inspection of LA and voluntary adoption agencies.

Ofsted seeks views from those who have an interest in, or expertise relating to, adoption in order to ensure that the inspection framework takes proper account of the needs and circumstances of all interested parties.

We particularly want to hear from people who have been directly involved in the adoption process: from children and young people, from adopters, and from people who have sought to become adoptive parents, with or without success.

Above all, the framework must assure the quality of services for children who are placed for adoption and for prospective adopters, and support their continuing improvement so that children grow up in secure and loving families.

Closing date: 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Publications-and-research/Browse-all-by/Documents-by-type/Consultations/Inspection-of-local-authority-and-voluntary-adoption-agencies>

**Feverish illness in children (update): scope consultation**

(02/08/11)

NICE have been asked to develop a clinical practice guideline on Feverish illness in children for use in the NHS in England, Wales and NI. The draft scope defines what aspects of care the guideline will cover and to whom it will apply. Registered stakeholders for this guideline are invited to submit comments on the scope and may suggest clinical questions that could be answered in the guideline.

Individuals and organisations not registered as stakeholders **are not able to comment**, we recommend that you register as a stakeholder or you contact the registered stakeholder organisation that most closely represents your interests and pass your comments to them.

Closing Date: 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG/WaveR/108/Scoping/ScopeConsultation>

**Use of tocilizumab for systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis (10/08/11)**

NICE has opened its public consultation on tocilizumab (RoActemra, Roche Products) for treating systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA) in children and young people aged 2 years and older, where specific previous treatments have not produced an adequate response.

Although arthritis is commonly associated with older people, children and young people can also be affected. JIA - which has no known cause - covers various forms of the condition. Systemic JIA may start with symptoms such as a fever or rash, with joints eventually becoming swollen and inflamed. It can affect children of any age causing severe pain and difficulties in their everyday life.

Closing Date: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011

<http://www.nice.org.uk/newsroom/pressreleases/MoreInfoTocilizumab.jsp>

**The draft charter for the current Coroner Service (19/05/11)**

This consultation paper sets out, and seeks views on, the proposal to publish a draft charter for the current Coroner Service.

This consultation is aimed at coroners, coroners' officers, voluntary organisations who deal with bereavement, local authorities, bereaved people and all those who have an interest in the Coroner Service.

Closing date: 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/consultations/cp52011.htm>

**Age-restricted Products and Services Consultation (June 2011)**

This consultation is relevant to anyone with an interest in the regulation of age restricted products and services such as alcohol, tobacco, knives, fireworks, gambling, and others. This may include, in particular, those who supply these products and services to consumers; those who are responsible for enforcing the legislation; and those who have an interest in the societal impact of these products and services, for example in relation to health and anti-social behaviour

Closing date: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2011

<http://www.lbro.org.uk/publications-current-consultations.html>

<http://www.lbro.org.uk/docs/age-restricted-products-consultation.pdf>

**Court of Protection: authorised officers (28/06/11)**

A consultation on the proposal that an amendment be made to the Court of Protection Rules to provide for authorised officers to deal with specified types of applications.

This change will free up judicial time and reduce delays in the Court

Closing date: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/consultations/decisions-court-protection.htm>

**Proposed replacement for the licensing regime for adventure activities established under the Activity Centres (Young Persons' Safety) Act 1995 in England (29/06/11)**

This Document sets out proposals for replacement arrangements for adventure activities. Replacement arrangements are needed to implement the recommendation in the report *Common Sense Common Safety* to abolish the licensing of four specified adventure activities by the Adventure Activities Licensing Authority, which will occur following the necessary legislative change at a later date.

The questions on the general characteristics of future arrangements will be of interest to providers of adventure activities, as well as their clients and others with an interest.

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<http://www.hse.gov.uk/consult/condocs/cd236.htm>

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**Establishing A New Office Of The Children's Commissioner For England: Consultation On Legislative Proposals (07/07/11)**

In 2010, the Secretary of State for Education invited Dr John Dunford to undertake an independent review of the CC. The aim of the review was to identify ways in which the impact and cost-effectiveness of the CC could be improved.

John Dunford's report was published in December 2010, and made a total of 46 recommendations to change both the legal framework and operational remit of the CC to make the role more fit-for-purpose.

This consultation does not seek to re-open the debate about the role and purpose of the CC. John Dunford carried out a comprehensive review involving a wide range of stakeholders and his recommendations have, in principle, been accepted by the Government.

This consultation sets out how we intend to implement the recommendations from the review of the CC that require a change to legislation.

We are very keen to hear what children and young people think. We are creating a 'pack' with a version of the consultation document that is more appropriate for a younger audience, alongside guidance for professionals on leading a consultation

exercise on these proposals with children and young people and coordinating a response on their behalf. We will shortly add the 'pack' to this website and send it proactively to organisations that support children and young people's rights and participation. Children and young people can respond to the consultation as it is, but the approach outlined above will provide other options for them to express their views.

Closing Date: 29<sup>th</sup> September 2011

<http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1761&external=no&menu=1>  
<https://www.education.gov.uk/publications/standard/publicationdetail/page1/CM%207981>

### **Consultation on a Revised Early Years Foundation Stage (06/07/11)**

The EYFS was recently reviewed by Dame Clare Tickell, Chief Executive of Action for Children. This consultation seeks your view on the Government's proposed changes to the EYFS.

Closing Date: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011

<http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1747&external=no&menu=1>

### **Arrangements for the Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services (27/07/11)**

This is a consultation document on proposals for the arrangements for LA children's services inspections which will focus on the effectiveness of LA and partners' services for children who may be at risk of harm, including the effectiveness of early identification and early help, and on services for children in care.

The new inspection arrangements will come into effect from May 2012. Ofsted seeks the widest possible range of views from those who have an interest in, or expertise relating to, services for vulnerable children and young people in order to ensure that the inspection arrangements take proper account of the needs and circumstances of all interested parties. Above all, the arrangements must assure the quality of services and the achievement of the best possible outcomes for children in need of protection or care.

Closing date: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/arrangements-for-inspection-of-local-authority-childrens-services>

### **Consultation to seek views on EC's proposal for a regulation on food intended for infants and young children and on food for special medical (05/08/11)**

The European Commission is reviewing the Framework Directive on PARNUT foods or dietetic foods (2009/39/EC).

PARNUT foods are specially manufactured to satisfy the particular nutritional requirements of specific groups of the population and currently include:

- infant and follow-on formulae
- foods for infants and young children up to 3 years

- medical foods (eg. Nutritional tube feeds as total dietary replacement for patients)
- slimming foods
- foods for people intolerant to gluten, and
- other foods which companies currently provide notification to member states (e.g. lactose free foods).

The proposal is likely to have a significant impact on the way in which PARNUT foods are notified, labelled and regulated. It limits the definition of PARNUT foods to 3 essential categories:

- infant and follow-on formula
- foods intended for infants and young children up to 3 years and
- medical foods

Gluten-free, slimming foods and other PARNUT foods currently notified to member states are not likely to be covered by this proposed legislation but are expected to be covered under other existing EC legislation (e.g. Nutrition and Health Claims Regulation).

We would like to obtain views on the proposal to inform forthcoming negotiations with the Commission and particularly welcome views from interested parties, industry, NGO's who currently manufacture such foods or represent consumers who rely on such foods for part or the whole of their diet.

Closing Date: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH\\_129207](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_129207)

#### **Family Migration (13/07/11)**

The government has announced proposals to crack down on sham and forced marriages, as part of a new consultation on better family migration. The consultation also seeks to ensure that family migrants can integrate into society, and opens up debate on Article 8 of the ECHR and the circumstances where the public interest in removing someone from the UK should outweigh the right to respect for family life.

Closing Date: 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2011/july/20-family-migration>

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/documents/policyandlaw/consultations/family-migration/>

#### **Strategy for the Secure Estate for Children and Young People in England and Wales (19/07/11)**

The consultation invites views on a proposed strategy for the under-18 secure estate for 11/12 and 14/15. It is aimed at individuals and organisations with an interest in the youth justice system and youth custody in particular, including secure estate providers, youth justice practitioners and service providers, childrens charities, related third sector pressure groups, co-commissioners in health and education, LA children's services managers, parliamentarians and young people in the youth justice system.

Closing Date: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2011

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/consultations/strategy-secure-estate-children.htm>

### **Public Bodies Bill: reforming the public bodies of the Ministry of Justice**

(12/07/11)

This consultation sets out, and seeks views on, proposals for reform relating to the majority of MoJ bodies. This includes the proposal to abolish the YJB and establish a Youth Justice Division to ensure appropriate governance of youth justice and delivery of the YJB's functions. It is intended that independent advice and challenge will be provided by a non-statutory advisory group.

The consultation is aimed particularly at those statutory consultees listed in Clause 10 of the Bill but views are welcomed from others who may have an interest in public bodies reform in the Ministry of Justice.

Closing Date: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2011

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/consultations/reform-public-bodies.htm>

### **Consultation on preventing suicide in England: a cross-government outcomes strategy to save lives** (19/07/11)

This document sets out a proposal for a new suicide prevention strategy for England with the aims of reducing the suicide rate and improving support for those bereaved or affected by suicide. The draft strategy brings together knowledge about groups at higher risk of suicide, effective interventions and resources available. Consultation responses will inform the final strategy, early in 2012

Closing Date: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2011

[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH\\_128065](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_128065)

### **Proposed changes to the teacher disciplinary and induction regulations following abolition of the GTCE** (20/07/11)

This document provides details of proposed changes to the disciplinary and induction regulations for teachers in England.

The GTCE, established by the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998, started work on 01/09/2000 as the independent professional body for teaching in England. The Education Bill makes provision to abolish the GTCE and give responsibility to the Secretary of State to operate a streamlined regulation system. The day to day administration will be undertaken by the new Teaching Agency.

The Bill will put new arrangements in place for the regulation of the teaching profession which cover teachers in local authority maintained schools, non-maintained special schools, academies, free schools and independent schools, sixth form colleges, youth custody settings and children's homes.

Under the provisions of the Bill, the Secretary of State is required to make regulations about the procedures for deciding whether to apply a prohibition order and about appeals against prohibition orders. It also requires changes to the General Teaching Council for England (Disciplinary Functions) Regulations 2001, the current Induction Arrangements for School Teachers (England) Regulations 2008 and various other consequential amendments to legislation as a result of the GTCE abolition.

Closing Date: 12<sup>th</sup> October 2011

<http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1760&external=no&menu=1>

### **Protecting children and young people: the responsibilities of all doctors**

(27/06/11)

The GMC is consulting on new draft guidance which gives advice to doctors on:

- their duty to identify children and young people at risk of abuse and neglect, even when only treating adults
- the boundary between parental freedoms and child protection concerns
- good communication with children, parents and families when there are CP concerns
- respecting confidentiality and when to share information
- good record keeping practice
- seeking consent to examination or investigation
- understanding how other professionals involved in CP work consider and act on child protection concerns
- training and skills development
- giving evidence in court as a witness of fact and as an expert witness.

The consultation will interest organisations, doctors, young people, parents and carers with interest in or experience of the issues in the guidance. It will also interest professionals that have a role in CP work, e.g. nurses, social workers, lawyers and police.

Closing Date: 14<sup>th</sup> October 2011

[http://www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/news\\_consultation/8411.asp](http://www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/news_consultation/8411.asp)

### **Consolidation and review of the misuse of drugs regulations 2001** (04/08/11)

This consultation document seeks your comments on proposals to consolidate and review specific provisions under the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001 and on the accompanying impact assessment.

Closing date: 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/misuse-drugs-regulations/>

### **Review of Personal, Social, Health and Economics Education** (21/07/11)

The Government said in the Schools White Paper, *The Importance of Teaching*, that it would conduct an internal review to determine how to support schools to improve the quality of teaching of PSHE education, including giving teachers the flexibility to use their judgement about how best to deliver PSHE education

This request for representations seeks your views on the core body of knowledge that pupils need to learn through PSHE education teaching and ways to improve the quality of teaching.

Closing Date: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011

<http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1759&external=no&menu=1>