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National Curriculum Review (20/01/11)

The National Curriculum was originally intended as a guide for study in key subjects. As it has developed, it has come to cover more subjects, prescribe more outcomes and take up more school time than originally intended. This review calls for opinions and evidence start a debate about what is taught in our schools.

Closing Date: 14th April 2011

<http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1730&external=no&menu=1>

Measuring national well-being (25/11/10)

ONS is developing new measures of national well-being. The aim is that these new measures will cover the quality of life of people in the UK, environmental and sustainability issues, as well as the economic performance of the country. To develop better measures of the nation's well-being we want to consult with people, organisations and business across the UK as well as central and local government to ask what matters most in people lives and what is important for measuring the nation's well-being.

Some of the aspects that we know affect national well-being include:

- Income and wealth
- Job satisfaction and economic security
- Ability to have a say on local and national issues
- Having good connections with friends and relatives
- Present and future conditions of the environment
- Crime
- Health
- Education and training
- Personal and cultural activities, including caring and volunteering

Closing date: 15th April 2011

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/about/consultations/measuring-national-well-being/index.html>

Improving the nutrition of pregnant and breastfeeding mothers and children in low income households: Consultation on the review proposal (05/04/11)

A review is being undertaken to decide whether the public health guidance 'Improving the nutrition of pregnant and breastfeeding mothers and children in low-income households' should be updated.

All registered stakeholders are invited to comment on the provisional review decision.

Closing date: 19th April 2011

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/PH11/ReviewProposal>

More effective responses to anti-social behaviour (07/02/11)

This consultation asks for your opinions on government plans to streamline the toolkit used to tackle anti-social behaviour, so that the police and partners have faster, more flexible tools. These, plus more effective sanctions, will help professionals and, where necessary the courts, stop anti-social behaviour earlier, and better protect victims and communities.

The proposals include:

- Replacing ASBOs and other court orders with 2 tools that bring together restrictions on future behaviour and support to address underlying problems
- ensuring there are powerful incentives on perpetrators to stop behaving anti-socially
- bringing together many of the existing tools for dealing with place-specific anti-social behaviour
- bringing together existing police dispersal powers for anti-social behaviour into a single police power
- making the informal and out-of-court tools for dealing with anti-social behaviour more rehabilitative and restorative
- introducing a Community Trigger that gives victims and communities the right to require agencies to deal with persistent anti-social behaviour.

Closing Date: 3rd May 2011

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/consultations/cons-2010-antisocial-behaviour/>

Consultation on CPS Interim Guidance on Perverting the Course of Justice - Charging in cases involving rape and/ or domestic violence allegations (10/02/11)

On 16/12/10 the DPP announced measures to strengthen rape prosecutions. One element was to seek the views of interested parties about the factors the CPS should consider before charging a person involved in rape or domestic violence allegations with an offence of perverting the course of justice.

We have drafted Interim Guidance designed to assist prosecutors making decisions in this type of case.

We would appreciate your comments and views on developing the final version.

1. Is the description of perverting the course of justice clear?
2. Do the observations on the evidential stage of the Full Code Test clearly set out the issues we should address when deciding whether there is sufficient evidence to justify a prosecution?
3. Does the section on the public interest stage of the Full Code Test clearly set out factors which we should consider when deciding whether it is in the public interest to prosecute?
4. Have we provided sufficient explanation of what we mean by “double retraction” and are the factors to be considered in such cases clearly set out?
5. Any other comments?

Closing Date: 6th May 2011

http://www.cps.gov.uk/news/press_releases/106_11/
http://www.cps.gov.uk/consultations/pcj_index.html

Draft Tobacco Control Action Plan for Wales (23/02/11)

Views are sought on this draft plan which builds on measures to discourage young people from starting to smoke. The plan also wants to help support smokers who want to give up and promote smoke-free environments, particularly to protect children and reduce inequalities in health.

To achieve these aims, the draft Action Plan identifies four strategic action areas:

- leadership in tobacco control;
- reducing the uptake of tobacco use, especially amongst children and young people;
- reducing smoking prevalence levels; and
- reducing exposure to second-hand smoke.

Closing Date: 18th May 2011

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/tobaccocontrol/?lang=en>

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/healthandsocialcare/2011/110224smokingplan/?lang=en>

Financial Support for 16 to 19 year olds in Education or Training (28/03/11)

This consultation seeks the views of young people, parents, learning providers and other stakeholders on the proposed package for financial support for 16-19 year olds in education or training in England, including the proposed transitional arrangements for 16 to 19 year olds currently receiving Education Maintenance Allowance.

Closing Date: 20th May 2011

<http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1754&external=no&menu=1>

Inspection 2012: proposals for inspection arrangements for maintained schools and academies from January 2012 (21/03/11)

Ofsted today launches a consultation on the inspection of maintained schools and academies in England. The changes follow proposals announced in the 2011 Education Bill and aim to re-focus school inspection on what matters most: the quality of teaching and learning in the classroom, backed by excellent leadership and management, and good discipline and behaviour in schools. The consultation seeks views on the detail of how Ofsted will implement these changes.

The consultation also seeks views on when Ofsted should inspect. Outstanding schools will no longer be subject to routine inspections unless concerns about their performance are identified, and the consultation asks for views on the factors inspectors should consider when assessing whether an inspection is needed. In addition, it asks for views on plans to carry out more frequent inspections of weaker schools and on the circumstances in which schools may request an inspection.

Closing date: 20th May 2011.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/News/Ofsted-launches-consultation-on-changes-to-school-inspection-in-England>

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Publications-and-research/Browse-all-by/Documents-by-type/Consultations/Inspection-2012-proposals-for-inspection-arrangements-for-maintained-schools-and-academies-from-January-2012>

Inspection of residential provision in boarding and residential special schools
(30/03/11)

This is a consultation on proposals for a revised framework for inspection of residential provision in boarding and residential special schools. Ofsted seeks views from those who have an interest in boarding and residential special schools, in order to ensure that the inspection framework takes proper account of the needs and circumstances of all interested parties.

In The young person's guide to inspecting boarding and residential special schools
Ofsted will explain how it plans to inspect to children how they are being looked after in boarding schools or residential special schools in the future.

Closing date: 25th May 2011.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Publications-and-research/Browse-all-by/Documents-by-type/Consultations/Inspection-of-residential-provision-in-boarding-and-residential-special-schools>

Ensuring good behaviour in schools: guidance for governing bodies, head teachers, school staff and Employers (04/04/11)

The purpose of this consultation is to gather views on six revised guidance documents relating to good behaviour in schools and one new summary document. The guidance documents are aimed at governing bodies, head teachers and school staff and employers. The summary document is aimed at governing bodies, head teachers, school staff, parents and pupils.

Closing Date: 30th May 2011

<http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1757&external=no&menu=1>

UK influenza pandemic preparedness strategy 2011: strategy for consultation
(22/03/11)

The UK Influenza Pandemic Preparedness Strategy updates the 2007 National Framework to encompass the lessons learnt from swine flu. It includes a new emphasis on planning for different scenarios according to the nature and scale of illness and highlights key impacts on wider society.

The updated strategy proposes:

- that pandemic preparedness and response plans should be should be precautionary, proportionate and flexible;
- the need to plan for a range of scenarios to meet the differing demands of pandemic flu viruses, rather than just focusing on the 'worst case' planning assumptions;
- taking greater account of regional differences in the speed and spread of the disease both across the world and within the UK; and
- taking better account of research on how people are likely to think, feel and behave during a pandemic.

Closing Date: 17th June 2011

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/content/detail.aspx?NewsAreaId=2&ReleaseID=418744&SubjectId=2>

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_125316

Family Justice Review: Interim report (31/03/11)

The Family Justice Review's interim report sets out proposals to tackle problems faced by the family justice system.

Its recommendations aim to bring greater coherence through organisational change and better management, make the system more able to cope with current and future pressures, reduce duplication of scrutiny and to divert more issues away from court.

The review is inviting responses to the report.

Closing Date: 23rd June 2011

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/family-justice-review.htm>

Carers Strategies (Wales) Measure (31/03/11)

This consultation seeks views on the draft Regulations and Guidance that will support implementation of this Measure, which places a duty on the NHS and LAs in Wales to work jointly to prepare, publish and implement a strategy for carers. The Strategy will focus on:

- the provision of information and guidance for carers; and
- support constructive engagement with carers in decision making about the provision of services for them and the person(s) they care for.

Closing Date: 23rd June 2011

<http://wales.gov.uk/newsroom/healthandsocialcare/2011/110331carers/;jsessionid=nvgFNpnTgSCdysByTkpp12t8BLKtWLQpLswNn9yTGQ5YTTQ2TgQ1!-301227275?lang=en>

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/healthsocialcare/carers/?lang=en>

Support and Aspiration: A New Approach to Special Educational Needs and Disability (09/03/11)

Sarah Teather, Minister of State for Children and Families has launched a Green Paper on SEN and disability which makes wide-ranging proposals to respond to the frustrations of children and young people, their families and the professionals who work with them.

Closing Date: 30th June 2011

<http://www.education.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1748&external=no&menu=1>