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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=nv_gFNpnTgSCdysByTkpp12t8BLKtWLQpLswNn9yTGQ5YTTQ2TgQ1!-301227275?lang=en

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

Preventing the uptake of smoking by children and young people: review consultation (15/06/11)

A review is being undertaken to decide whether the public health 'Guidance on preventing the uptake of smoking by children and young people' should be updated.

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

Closing Date: 29th June 2011

<http://guidance.nice.org.uk/PH14/ReviewProposal>

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>

Draft plan published to reduce TB rates in London (23/05/11)

TB is a major public health issue in London.

However, it is curable and relatively inexpensive to treat if identified early. To reduce the TB rate in London by 50% over the next 10 ten years, we have developed a draft London TB Plan.

We are seeking the views of stakeholders including GPs, patients, third sector and community organisations, public health and wider health and social services.

Closing Date: 13th July 2011

<http://www.londonhp.nhs.uk/draft-plan-published-to-reduce-tb-rates-in-london/>

<http://www.rcm.org.uk/midwives/news/tb-vaccine-proposed-for-london-babies/>

Youth Justice Community Serious Incidents 2010 update and consultation

As part of its community serious incidents process, the YJB has produced a summary slide pack which provides information for practitioner and managers on the lessons learned from the serious incident notification process during 2010.

In addition, the pack includes information on the Community Serious Incidents: England and Wales Stakeholder Consultation which seeks your views on the future of the youth justice community serious incident notification process. The consultation is in response to many changes in both public protection and safeguarding processes – perhaps the most significant being the publication of the Munro Review of child protection in England and the review of serious case reviews in Wales.

Closing date: 29th July 2011

We ask that:

- one questionnaire is completed per YOT
- YOT managers forward the consultation questionnaire link to LSCBs /Safeguarding Forum chairs, MAPPA leads and other relevant local partners for their information and completion of the questionnaire.

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/downloads/guidance/youth-justice/monitoring-performance/community-serious-incidents-2010.ppt#267,10,Assessment>

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/guidance/youth-justice/monitoring-performance/serious-incidents.htm>

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/downloads/guidance/youth-justice/monitoring-performance/community-serious-incidents-2010.ppt>

Consultation on statistics that measure the progress of children from disadvantaged backgrounds to higher education (08/06/11)

The government has an ongoing interest in monitoring the educational achievement of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds with a view to narrowing the gap in achievement between disadvantaged youngsters and their peers.

The “FYPSEC statistic” has been published annually in an Official Statistics release produced by the Higher Education Analysis division of the BIS. The consultation relates to changes to this publication.

The national “FSM statistic” was published in the same document in 2010 and also on the secure Communities and Local Government data exchange Hub where it was used by LAs to measure progress in raising HE aspirations for their young people.

Closing Date: 1st August 2011

<http://www.bis.gov.uk/assets/biscore/higher-education/docs/c/11-965-consultation-statistics-disadvantaged-children-higher-education>

Reforming the notification requirements for registered sex offenders (14/06/11)

This consultation seeks views on four key proposals to reform the notification requirements for registered sex offenders:

- i) notify the police of all foreign travel (currently only travel outside of the UK for three or more days is notified)
- ii) notify weekly where they are registered as having 'no fixed abode' (where a registered sex offender has no sole or main residence and instead must notify the police of the place where they can regularly be found)
- iii) notify the police when living in a household with a child under the age of 18
- iv) notify the police of passport, bank account and credit card details and provide the police with proof of identification at each notification

The aim of these proposals is to ensure that the police are provided with important intelligence, allowing them to manage registered sex offenders more effectively and robustly, and prevent them from exploiting gaps in existing legislation to cause harm both in the UK and overseas.

This is a targeted consultation which seeks views from key partners and directly affected parties, including the police, practitioners, other government departments and organisations with a direct interest in the management of sexual offenders. Comments are also welcome from members of the public.

Closing Date: 8th August 2011

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/about-us/consultations/notification-sex-offenders/>

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: 16th 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: 31st 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>

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: 5th September 2011

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