

LSCB Priorities

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1	Consultation	Working Together to Safeguard Children: Revisions	<p>The government is proposing a change to the Working Together document. These changes include major changes in these areas:</p> <p>The referral of allegations against those who work with children</p> <p>The proposal sets out the notion of having a single point of contact that takes all referrals including children’s referrals and those who work with children rather than having allegations against those who work with children separate.</p> <p>Notifiable incidents and the definition of serious harm</p> <p>This is to define the term serious harm, as there are concerns that SCR’s are not being undertaken as necessary.</p> <p>SCR Guidance</p> <p>SCR guidance will be updated with the new definition of serious harm if approved</p>	All	<p>To consider a response to the consultation.</p> <p>To begin to make changes highlighted in the consultation document to ensure compliance to the statutory guidance once published.</p> <p>Deadline for consultation: 3rd February 2015</p>	Ensure partners respond
2	Statutory	Schools admission code	Statutory guidance that schools must follow when carrying out duties relating to school admissions	Education	To ensure compliance	Ensure schools act on the information

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3	Inspection Framework	Inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers and reviews of LSCB's. Updated Inspection framework , Handbook and supporting document highlighting changes	Ofsted have published a revised version of the inspection framework and handbook for inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers and reviews of LSCBs. Significant changes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an additional report must be submitted on children missing and/or vulnerable to CSE so that they can conduct case sampling on these children. • Ofsted also want to interview the Local Authority and police leads on CSE • Ofsted will be sampling and evaluating children who have recently become looked after • during case tracking ALL social workers allocated to the chosen cases will be spoken to by Ofsted and supervision notes will be used as evidence of case tracking • of the two children placed out of area that Ofsted will visit one will have had more than one missing period in the last 4 months. More information on all the changes can be found in the supporting document.	All	To ensure compliance with the new framework and that the local safeguarding board is inspection ready	Pass information that is relevant for compliance to all partners
4	Consultation	Developing teaching to a world class standard	The Department of Education are seeking views on improving the quality of the teachers professional development and proposals for an independent professional body	Education	To consider a response to the consultation Deadline: 3 rd February	For partners to be aware.

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5	Guidance	Female genital mutilation: the case for a national action plan. Government response	The government response to the second report from the Home Affairs Select Committee, session 2014-2015. The report gives information on what action to government intend to take in relation to FGM.	All	For Information	Be aware that an action group to consider FGM is being set up and is multiagency