

<p style="text-align: center;">Safeguarding Children Information Update Live Consultations – Updated 23rd October 2016</p>

Open consultation - Schools that work for everyone (12/09/16)

We're consulting on proposals to create more good school places. The proposals include:

- expecting independent schools to support existing state schools, open new state schools or offer funded places to children whose families can't afford to pay fees
- asking universities to commit to sponsoring or setting up new schools in exchange for the ability to charge higher fees
- allowing existing selective schools to expand and new selective schools to open, while making sure they support non-selective schools
- allowing new faith free schools to select up to 100% of pupils based on their faith, while making sure they include pupils from different backgrounds

Closing date: 12th December 2016

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/schools-that-work-for-everyone>

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/school-frameworks/schools-that-work-for-everyone>

Open consultation - Providing a 'safe space' in healthcare safety investigations (17/10/16)

The proposal outlined in this consultation will legally ensure that information that staff provide as part of a health service investigation will be kept confidential except where there is an immediate risk to patient safety, or where the High Court makes an order permitting disclosure. This broadly mirrors the procedures followed in air accidents investigations.

The aim to create a balanced safe space and to make sure the proposal reassures staff that the information they provide will not be passed on; and also reassures patients and families that they will be given the full facts of their, or their loved ones', care.

Closing date: 16th December 2016

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/providing-a-safe-space-in-healthcare-safety-investigations>

Consultations on the CPS public policy statements on Crimes against Disabled People, offences involving hostility on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity and Racially and Religiously Aggravated Hate Crime (10/10/16)

We are publishing revised public policy statements on offences involving hostility on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity and Racially and Religiously Aggravated Hate Crime. We are also publishing the first public policy statement on Crimes Against Disabled People.

We are publishing these statements because we want victims and witnesses and their families and communities, as well as the general public, to be confident that we understand the serious nature of these crimes.

The policy statements acknowledge the damaging and wide ranging effects of racially and religiously aggravated hate crimes, homophobic and transphobic hate crimes and crimes against disabled people on individuals and wider communities.

There are three separate public policy statements and therefore three separate consultations.

Closing date: 9th January 2017

http://www.cps.gov.uk/consultations/hate_crime_consultation_2016_index.html