

**Safeguarding Children Information Update**  
**Live Consultations**  
**Updated 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019**

**Home to school travel and transport: statutory guidance (19/07/19)**

The Department for Education is consulting on revised statutory guidance for local authorities on home to school travel and transport for children of compulsory school age (5-16). The guidance was last updated in 2014. There have been no changes to the law.

The revised guidance seeks to clarify local authorities' statutory duties in relation to home to school travel and transport policy, in response to feedback from local authorities and other interested parties.

**The policy for transport to post-16 education and training is different from that of children of compulsory school age, and as such is not included within this consultation.**

Closing date: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/home-to-school-travel-and-transport-statutory-guidance>

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/home-to-school-transport-and-admissions-team/home-to-school-travel-and-transport-statutory-guid/>

**Online Schools Accreditation Scheme (05/09/19)**

We are seeking views on a proposal to establish a voluntary accreditation scheme for online schools.

There is a growing market of online school providers for children in England, that offer a full curriculum and/or represent a child's main source of formal education.

As this type of provision is currently unregulated, the Department for Education is looking at how children, parents and local authorities can be assured of a quality education and appropriate safeguarding arrangements.

To address this issue, this consultation makes two key proposals:

- the establishment of a voluntary online schools accreditation scheme
- the establishment of non-statutory standards for online schools

We are also consulting on inspection arrangements for online settings wishing to join the accreditation scheme.

Closing date: 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/independent-education-division/online-schools-accreditation-scheme/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/online-schools-accreditation-scheme>

**Statutory guidance review for local youth services: have your say (03/10/19)**

Have your say on how the statutory guidance for LAs on providing youth services can be more useful for local youth service provision and young people themselves.

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport has committed to review the guidance which sets out the statutory duty placed on LAs to provide appropriate local services to improve young people's wellbeing.

The review is designed to highlight the positive role LAs should play in the provision of youth services. It began with a series of sector-led roundtables, including the DCMS Youth Steering Group and the National Advisory Board of the National Youth Agency.

Closing Date: 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/statutory-guidance-review-for-local-youth-services-have-your-say>

**Estyn - Consultation on our inspection arrangements from September 2021**

We want your views on changes to the way we inspect schools and PRUs.

This is our second consultation on shaping inspection to support education reform.

We're consulting on:

- Overall summative gradings
- The areas we inspect
- Inspecting A-level/ vocational learning in sixth forms
- The notice period
- Follow-up activity in maintained schools

Closing date: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

<https://www.estyn.gov.wales/inspection/consultation-our-inspection-arrangements-september-2021>

**Independent review of Prevent: call for evidence (07/10/19)**

During the passage of the Counter Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019, the government committed to carrying out an independent Review of Prevent. Lord Carlile was appointed as the reviewer on 12 August 2019.

The review focuses on how the government's strategy for safeguarding those vulnerable to radicalisation is being delivered and will make recommendations for the future of the strategy. Lord Carlile is now seeking evidence for the review.

Closing date: 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-review-of-prevent-call-for-evidence>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-independent-reviewer-of-prevent-lord-carlile-has-issued-a-call-for-evidence>