

**TDA Development
Directorate
SOUTH EAST NEWSLETTER
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Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the latest edition of the TDA South East Update!!

Below and attached, you will find information and updates relating to Information for All, Extended Services Teams and Workforce Teams which you will hopefully find of interest, as well as the dates of future South East meetings.

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www.selt.org.uk/tdadevelopment/htm

Any items in red are to remind you that action is needed

Any items in green are for your information.

INFORMATION FOR ALL (SHARING – CROSS AGENDAS)

1. Information sharing events and new factsheet from the DCSF

For action

The DCSF are organising a series of information sharing events for late March. These are aimed at middle managers and focus on their responsibilities and the responsibilities of their organisations in embedding good practice in information sharing. The half-day events will be a mixture of presentation and discussions followed by a lunch.

They will be held on / in:

- **Monday 23rd March, Holiday Inn, City Centre, Birmingham**
- **Tuesday 24th March, Woodbury Park Hotel, Exeter**
- **Monday 30th March, Guoman Tower, London**
- **Tuesday 31st March, Royal York Hotel, York**

The DCFS are very keen to reach the right audience, i.e. front-line managers rather than implementation managers. (For your information, this invite has already been sent to ContactPoint and CAF contacts in LAs, national partners and to CWDC and Family Pathfinders for onward distribution.)

Please a new information sharing factsheet can also be found at:

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2. DCSF Customer voice research – Raising standards

For information

Please see the link below to a report produced by DCSF which presents the findings of research on parents' understanding of and contribution to raising standards in schools and increasing the supply of good school places.

[DCSF: Customer voice research - Raising standards](#)

3. Leading Edge schools – Specialist Schools & Academies Trust (SSAT) website

SSAT have been developing a website for their Leading Edge schools. Whilst it is still very much under development, LA's may be interested in looking at their schools. Please follow the link below.

<http://www.ledge.org.uk/lexis.php>

4. NCSL events in support of the Ofsted / DCSF consultation: Indicators of school's contribution to well-being

Ofsted has recently managed a consultation exercise on behalf of DCSF into proposed well-being indicators for pupil well-being. NCSL commissioned consultant Dr Denis Mongon to summarise key issues raised during a series of NCSL events and online consultations at which school leaders were invited to provide direct feedback to Ofsted. Please see this report at the following link.

<http://www.ncsl.org.uk/publications-index/publications-display.htm?id=30654>

EXTENDED SERVICES

1 Reminder of deadline for DirectGov update

For action

The next update to the list of the full core offer schools on DirectGov is happening in April 2009 using data provided by LAs as at 31st March 2009. LAs may want to ensure that the latest data on schools' core offer provision is recorded on ESP in time for this update. The deadline of 31st March 2009 has been previously provided to LAs in TDA's ES self-assessment traffic light tool and the DCSF's briefing for ESRAs on the national ES directory sent out in September 2008

2 Teenage Pregnancy and Extended Schools

For information

Below are links to two updates on teenage pregnancy from the DCSF. The first link is to a report which presents findings from the first national mapping survey of on-site sexual health services in secondary and further education settings in England. The second link is to a briefing aimed at professionals involved in the commissioning, planning and delivery of sexual health advice services in schools.

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3 Regional events to promote on-site health advice services in schools

For action

The Teenage Pregnancy Unit - in conjunction with the Sex Education Forum (SEF) - will be running 5 regional events aimed at practitioners involved in the planning and delivery of on-site health advice services in schools. Bookings for the forthcoming regional events are now being taken on line. The events which are focused on improving access to sexual health services for young people in secondary education will launch a new practical resource pack, showcase examples of regional good practice and provide attendees with opportunities to network. The dates of the events are as follows:

- Friday 20th March – Birmingham
- Wednesday 1st April – London
- Wednesday 22nd April – Bristol
- Thursday 30th April – York
- Friday 8th May – Manchester

Book your free place on the Sex Education Forum - www.ncb.org.uk/sef

4 ES Impact Reports

For information

The recently collated ES Impact Reports deck contains 24 examples of extended services from around the country.

The schools featured are:

- full core offer
- have a good standards track
- have had a recent Ofsted inspection report with positive mention of ES
- and have positive school-level impact data.

The deck will be updated during 2009 to include cluster examples, 2008 standards data and new examples. A blank template is provided in case there are opportunities to capture new examples in your regions.

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5 DCSF Research on Extended Services

For information

[Extended Schools Survey of Schools, Pupils and Parents: A quantitative study of perceptions and usage of extended services in schools](#)

This report presents the findings of a survey on current provision, usage and perceptions of extended schools services:

[*Extended Schools: Report 1](#)

[Extended Schools: Establishing a baseline methodology to estimate the impact of the extended school programme on attainment](#)

This report details a robust methodological approach for the ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the extended schools programme and provides an indication of the potential findings that might be generated in the future using this methodology.

[*Extended Schools: Report 2](#)

6 Co-location Fund

The DCSF are currently inviting bids for their Co-Location Fund, which is for capital projects that will enable the co-location of two or more services for children, young people and families.

An example of a project that would be considered is if a school/library/3rd sector/other building needed a new door entrance for providing full community access for a secondary/supplementary service.

For more information please see the link attached. The deadline for applications is 6th April; the decisions will be made in May. There is a total of £200m in the fund, and both very large and small projects will be considered.

<http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/management/resourcesfinanceandbuilding/co-locationfund/>

7 Change4Life – National movement to reduce obesity

Change4Life is the first ever national movement which aims to reduce obesity, and the most ambitious to launch anywhere in the world. It will help families eat well, move more and live longer, in line with the Government's Healthy Weight, Healthy Lives strategy.

Schools and clusters of schools may find the materials available of use in their work around Healthy Schools and extended services to deliver the Every Child Matters outcomes.

Schools can sign up as supporters by visiting: www.nhs.uk/Change4Life or calling 0300 123 3434

8 DCSF's new childcare strategy "Next Steps for Early Learning and Childcare" has now been published

For information

A copy of this report can be downloaded at the following link:

<http://publications.dcsf.gov.uk/childcarestrategy>

Below is a quick canter through the key points - a lot of this is focussed on the early years:

Free Entitlement

- an extended offer for 15% of the most disadvantaged two year olds in every Local Authority - with some new provision beginning in April and provision in every LA by September
- a commitment to "stretching" the free entitlements so that they are available over more than 38 weeks where parents want that - helping with the difficult issue of holiday provision in LAs and more effectively supporting parents who wish to work.

Quality

- consider making the 2015 commitment to have a graduate in every full daycare setting a requirement.
- ensuring that everyone working in early learning and childcare has a relevant level three qualification - again with the possibility of making this a requirement by 2015
- Development of an improved career development and progression framework, with better career pathways, a possible "Advanced Skills" graduate role, capturing and dissemination of good practice
- Expansion of Every Child a Talker in the most disadvantaged areas.

Market Management - (sufficiency, affordability, childcare support and take up)

- improvements to the effectiveness and efficiency of Local Authorities market management; improving the consistency and quality of sufficiency assessments, requiring action plans for sufficiency as part of the process and providing a particular focus on 5-14 year olds - where provision is perhaps weakest.
- Exploration of options to simplify the childcare element of tax credits - pilots in the South East. Pilots to make childcare more affordable (as part of next phase of London Childcare Affordability Programme).
- A deep dive to get to the bottom of the issues surrounding the sustainability of childcare in children's centres.
- Further improvements to funding mechanisms, building on single formula and best practice in LAs.

Information and support

- New requirements and accountabilities for the provision of cost and quality information and plans to make it much easier to access - including the creation a "comparison site" enabling parents to see at a glance differences in costs and quality factors.
- Pilots of intensive support for parents as part of Childcare Affordability Programme.

Family friendly policies

- An extension to the right to request flexible working, so that it covers both fathers and mothers, with children under 16.
- Comprehensive assessment of parental leave policies once the EU Commission has completed their consultation process later this year

WORKFORCE

1 TDA CPD brochure

For information

The TDA has produced a new brochure to promote CPD in schools. Please see the link below.

If you would like spare hard copies, please email publications@tda.gov.uk

2 National Professional Development Conference

For action

This is the final reminder that the TDA's National Professional Development Conference is being held on 19 March in Manchester. This is the TDA's annual

conference for LA colleagues and strategic partners about the professional development of the children's workforce in schools.

Follow the link for more information on the day and to book your place!

<http://www.remodelling.org/cpdevents/>

New Maths and Science CPD Programmes

TDA will be launching two national CPD programmes to support Government targets to increase the number of specialist teachers of mathematics, physics and chemistry:

The Mathematics Development Programme for Teachers (MDPT) and the Science Additional Specialism Programme - physics or chemistry (SASP).

These courses have been successfully piloted in certain regions over the past two years and are now being rolled out nationally, starting Summer 2009. Teachers can apply now and further information, including eligibility criteria, is provided in the briefing at: [xxxxxx](#).

The TDA websites for the mathematics programme (<http://www.tda.gov.uk/mathscpdcourse>) and the science programme (<http://www.tda.gov.uk/sciencecpdcourse>) provide more information for teachers about how to find and apply to a local provider.

TDA CPD Database

For action

The TDA is currently developing a national CPD database to provide members of the children's workforce in schools in England with an authoritative source of information on CPD opportunities from participating providers.

Please see the database at:

www.tda.gov.uk/teachers/continuingprofessionaldevelopment

LAs are key partners in this project, both because they source CPD for schools, but also because they often have their own portfolios of CPD. At present over 30 have already registered on the database as providers of CPD, however we would now like to get the remainder on board.

To reduce any burden LAs might face in uploading larger existing CPD portfolios, the TDA are now able to provide a free uploading service to a limited number of organisations. Those who are interested in receiving the support can contact the database project team on cpddatabase@tda.gov.uk

FUTURE SOUTH EAST RDP MEETINGS

CPD Regional Event

There will be a CPD regional event for the SE on 6th May. More details to follow.

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Kind regards

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