

**TDA Development Directorate
SOUTH EAST NEWSLETTER**

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Dear Colleagues

We hope you are all well and are ready for the new term. Welcome to the eighth edition of the fortnightly 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.

As always, if you have any queries relating to any of the topics below, please do not hesitate to contact any of the South East Team members:

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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. 14-19 REFORMS

For your information: To be aware

Please find attached a short briefing on the role of the TDA in the 14-19 reforms (One PowerPoint presentation is an edited version). Stephen Hopkins originally commissioned colleagues to produce in support of a meeting he attended, please feel free to edit and use as you see appropriate

2. MESSAGE FROM GERARD DOYLE: DATA SUB PROGRAMME (DSP) DCSF

For your information: To be aware

Please find attached the October 2008 edition of the DSP Bulletin. The Bulletin is published monthly in order to bring schools, local authorities (LAs) and other partners up to date on key data-related developments and events in the Data Sub Programme. It is issued to:

- all our contacts in CCs/LAs concerned with data and information management and school workforce information;
- the organisations which have signed the Protocol on Data Sharing and Rationalisation (see <http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/management/ims/newsinfo/protocol/>);
- the companies which develop/supply school/LA MIS;
- Finance Directors of Academies; and
- members of the Workforce Agreement Management Group (WAMG)

Pages 11-13 include information on upcoming events.

Email <mailto:ims.mailbox@dcsf.gsi.gov.uk> if you require any further information.

3. TDA SUPPORT STAFF TELEPHONE EMAIL ENQUIRY SERVICE PREVIOUSLY OPERATED THROUGH Skills4schools

Action: To be aware

You may be aware that the TDA had a contract with Unison to run the Skills4Schools website and a telephone and email enquiry service, aimed at all support staff working in schools. Over the last two years, the TDA has significantly improved its own resources and information regarding support staff training and development, and for that reason, we have decided not to renew this contract.

In line with these resource improvements, the TDA has taken on the support staff telephone and email enquiry service previously operated through Skills4schools. This service is now being managed by TPUK under our existing contract with them to handle enquiries on how to become a teacher. This will give the TDA a more streamlined approach – bringing together support for the whole school workforce in one service. In addition, we are upgrading the support staff pages of our website to ensure we are fully meeting the needs of our audience. Skills4schools email enquiries will be redirected to a new support staff email enquiry address (supportstaff@mailbox.tda.gov.uk) and the telephone enquiry number (0845 600 2944) will stay the same.

Unison is continuing to run the Skills4Schools website, which can be found at www.skills4schools.org.uk. Unison and the TDA will continue to work together in a range of ways to make sure support staff can make well informed decisions about their career development.

4. BYRON IMPLEMENTATION – THE UK COUNCIL FOR INTERNET SAFETY

Action: For Information

The DCSF has issued a press release on the establishment of the UK Council for Internet Safety - http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2008_0215

This was one of the recommendations of the Byron Review. The Executive Board of the Council will be chaired by Ed Balls and Jackie Smith. The current membership of the Council includes Becta and CEOP. The membership does not include the TDA or the other education agencies such as NCSL, QCA, GTC and Ofsted.

5. LATEST OFSTED SURVEY – LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Action: For information

The attached report, (also found in Word format at the link: [Learning Outside the Classroom](#)) reveals that pupils' participation and achievement can benefit significantly from getting involved with activities outside the classroom.

6. THE NEXT LSP SURVEY

Action: For information

This is a build on the last LSP survey and is designed to support the understanding of LSP effectiveness. As you are all aware this year there is a TDA KPI for LSPs and therefore getting active participation from the LA representatives should be encouraged to get the best possible results from the survey. The survey has been extended this year to take account of half term.

- WAMG have now signed off the three extra questions and development by the TDA web team is well underway – it is an online survey as last time.
- The survey will be going live on Friday 17th October and will be running until Sunday 9th November
- The mechanism to get people to take part is via an URL distributed by email – this allows us to control who responds
- As last time, we will provide this URL via email to RAs to distribute to LA staff involved in LSPs; Social Partners will distribute the URL via their own channels to their members who are part of LSPs
- The URL will be emailed out as soon as the survey went live on 17th October – and it is important to get this cascaded to LSP members as soon as possible
- We are offering support to Social Partners to help them get as good a response as possible.

EXTENDED SERVICES

1. PATHFINDER PROJECT

For your information: To be aware

As you may be aware there is a pathfinder process running nationally which is aiming at making extended services available to the most economically disadvantaged. The whole project will begin its national roll-out in April 2009 with all LAs rolling it out to 1 or 2 clusters in their area before a full scale roll-out in April 2010. As you may expect, this is still in the pathfinder phase so many of the details within which we will operate in April are yet to be finalised. However, as many of you are drafting plans for next year it is important you factor this project into thinking now.

If you have any queries regarding this project please contact either Martin or the subsidy team directly on es.subsidy@tda.gov.uk

2. LETTER FROM MINISTER

For your information: To be aware

Following up from all your hard work to notify your schools of their full core offer (FCO) status the minister, Beverley Hughes MP, has sent the attached letter to all full core offer schools in the country congratulating them and notifying them of the fact this status will be shown on the DirectGov website. Please note, the letter also gives the school the opportunity of contacting the DSCF if they do not believe their school is meeting the FCO status. We will keep you posted if this becomes an issue. This may also prompt the school to contact you about this. If there are any issues arising from this letter please let us know how we can help.

3. NEW BOOK CELEBRATES HEALTHY AND EXTENDED SCHOOLS AND CHILDREN'S CENTRES PROGRAMMES ON ISLAND

For your information: To be aware

The services and opportunities provided for children and young people through healthy and extended schools and children's centres on the Isle of Wight are being celebrated in a new publication. 'Making the Difference Together' was officially launched at Downside Middle School in Newport on Thursday 17 July from 6'30pm.

The lives of children and their families are changing significantly for the better as a result of the fresh approach to their well-being and life prospects made possible by Children's Centres and the Healthy and Extended Schools programmes. The celebratory book provides a window on how the Isle of Wight has embraced these programmes which are central to delivering the government's Every Child Matters agenda.

The book, which has been produced by Isle of Wight Council's Extended Schools Development Officer Matthew Bell, traces the Isle of Wight's journey so far, exploring a diverse mix of projects and approaches. Copies of the publication are available to schools and local authorities around the country.

The book is supported by Professor Dame Patricia Collarbone, who is a freelance consultant and advises the Government and other agencies and was previously Principal Adviser at the Training and Development Agency (TDA). She has written a foreword and is delighted to be backing the publication.

Isle of Wight Council's Cabinet member for Children and Young People Cllr Alan Wells said "The Isle of Wight is very fortunate to have some of the best healthy and extended schools programmes around, with many schemes here the subject of national interest. This new book will further reinforce our reputation on a national scale, and we should thank the many people involved at various schools on the Island that make the services happen".

If you have any queries regarding this booklet please contact Matthew Bell matthew.bell@iow.gov.uk

WORKFORCE

1. NEW FACILITY FOR LAs TO REPORT SCHOOL LEVEL NON-COMPLIANCE WITH NAIONL AGREEMENT AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

Action: For information and dissemination to LAs

Please see the attached National Agreement non-compliance reporting update, and disseminate to your LA contacts.

2. NATIONAL T&D CONFERENCE FOR LAs – THURSDAY 19th MARCH 2009

Action: Invitation to workforce leads

The audience for this conference are the workforce leads in LAs as this is the high-level strategic T&D conference for the year, as opposed to the CPD leadership project conference being held in the summer. There are some places available, however, for workforce leads to bring along a colleague if they so wish.

3. LEAFLETS PRODUCED BY CHILDREN'S WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Action: For Information

Copies of the Common Assessment Framework and Schools (reference IW45/0708) and the Lead Professional Role and Schools (reference IW46/0708) are available to order by calling 0845 6060 323 or e-mailing publications@tda.gov.uk

The leaflets look at what the Common Assessment Framework is, the role of the lead professional, the benefits of this way of working and how they both relate to schools and school staff. The documents will be relevant to anybody working with schools and local authorities on :-

- the Swift and Easy Access to Targeted and Specialist Services as part of the Extended Schools full core offer
- the Targeted Youth Support reforms

FUTURE SOUTH EAST RDP MEETINGS

- **November: Workforce Teams** Central venue in London, timings to be confirmed. Please contact Sarah Saul (sarah.saul@selt.org.uk) if you would like to attend

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