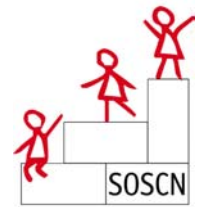


# Scottish Out of School Care Network

## Policy Newsletter, December 2009



*"Supporting play, care and learning"*

### Scottish Government Consultations

#### Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme

**Opened: 10/11/2009**

**Closes: 02/02/2010**

On 10 November, the Scottish Government announced the fees for checks under the Protecting Vulnerable Groups Scheme and published, in draft, the significant secondary legislation required to implement the Scheme for consultation. Also published for consultation is the draft guidance and a draft Regulatory Impact Assessment. The consultation will run until 2 February 2010.

Information about the fees announcement, consultation and supporting documents are available exclusively on-line at [www.scotland.gov.uk/pvglegislation](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/pvglegislation) (and click on the "Consultation 2009" menu item). Individuals can respond by printing off and completing the response form in each consultation document or downloading and editing a generic MS Word version of the response form, which can be posted or e-mailed back to us.

#### Consultation Documents

#### Synopsis

##### [Automatic Listing Order](#)

The Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Automatic Listing) (Specified Criteria) Order 2010

Consultation on the criteria (in terms of convictions for particularly serious offences) which will lead to automatic listing (i.e. without the opportunity for the individual to make representations).

##### [Automatic Consideration for Listing Order](#)

The Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Relevant Offences) (Modification) Order 2010

Consultation on criteria (in terms of convictions for relatively serious offences against children) which will automatically lead to consideration for listing on the children's list.

##### [Contractors and Disclosure Regulations](#)

The Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Unlawful Requests for Scheme Records) (Prescribed Circumstances) Regulations 2010

Consultation on the circumstances in which the commissioners of services (e.g. local authority) can ask to see the disclosures provided to a contractor (e.g. bus company) in respect of employees of the contractor (e.g. bus drivers) doing regulated work for the commissioner (e.g. driving school buses).

##### [Fees Regulations](#)

The Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Fees for Scheme Membership and Disclosure Requests) Regulations 2010

Consultation on the fees payable for PVG Scheme membership and disclosures and the circumstances in which those fees are waived (for volunteers working for voluntary organisations).

### Protected Adult Regulations

Consultation on the health and welfare services, receipt of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Prescribed purposes of the PVG Scheme. Services) (Protected Adults) Regulations 2010

### Regulated Work with Children Order

Consultation on provision making changes to the scope of regulated work with children (set out in schedule 2 to the PVG Act) which affects who should be a PVG Scheme member. The Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Modification of Regulated Work with Children) Order 2010

### Regulated Work with Adults Order

Consultation on provision making changes to the scope of regulated work with adults (set out in schedule 3 to the PVG Act) which affects who should be a PVG Scheme member. The Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (Modification of Regulated Work with Adults) Order 2010

### Partial Regulatory Impact Assessment

RIA No. 2009/03

Consultation on the assessment of the impact of the PVG Scheme on public bodies, businesses and voluntary organisations. This partial Regulatory Impact Assessment (No. 2009/03) focuses on the impact of the PVG Act and seven significant draft SSIs also to be published for consultation.

### Draft Guidance

Consultation on draft guidance designed to help individuals and organisations comply with the terms of the PVG Act and make most effective use of the PVG Scheme.

(Text: [www.scotland.gov.uk](http://www.scotland.gov.uk))

## **A national approach to anti-bullying for Scotland's children and young people**

**Opened: 17/11/2009**

**Closes: 26/02/2010**

The purpose of this is to propose an approach to anti-bullying in Scotland for children and young people; outline broadly contributions to this approach by sectors and stakeholders nationally and highlight the role of the Scottish Anti-Bullying Steering Group (SABS).

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/11/13154751/0>

## **Consultation on Options for the Implementation of the Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)**

**Opened: 17/11/2009**

**Closes: 26/02/2010**

Consultation on policy options for a new form of incorporation for Scottish charities, developed by the SCIOs Working Group. The Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) is intended to provide Scottish charities with a simpler, more appropriate limited liability legal form than a company, reducing dual regulation and other requirements.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/11/16181221/0>

## Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) Registration Updates

The final registration dates have been set by the SSSC for lead practitioners, practitioners and support workers in day care of children services (including out of school care). Please note that the SSSC are advising that new registrants submit their registration application well-ahead of the registration deadline as they are anticipating a large number of applications. If you have been in post prior to the application deadline but you are not registered with the SSSC by the registration date then you will not be allowed to work. If however, you come into post after the application deadline date then you will be given 6 months from starting to be registered.

**NB. Practitioners should submit registration applications a year in advance of the registration deadline, this is to allow 12 months for the SSSC to process the anticipated high volume of applications.**

SSSC Job Category	Submission of applications deadline	Registration Deadline
Managers/lead practitioners	31 May 2010	30 November 2010
Practitioners	30 September 2010	30 September 2011
Support workers	31 December 2013	30 June 2014

### Level 9 – Childhood Practice Update

**The level 9 in Childhood Practice will only become a requirement for early years workers, not out of school care lead practitioners from April 2011.** Managers/lead practitioners in early years services re-registering after this date either should already have obtained this qualification or be working towards it. Lead practitioners working towards it will be given 3 years to complete from date of re-registration. So for example, if a lead practitioner is due to re-register in 2012 they should have started the level 9 already but will be given 3 years from the date of re-registration, meaning they will have until 2015, to complete it.

### Childcare Vouchers

Thousands of parents and carers receive financial support from their employer to pay for childcare in the form of childcare vouchers; many out of school care services are supported by this payment method. Gordon Brown announced in October that the government were looking at changing this. In response to these concerns an e-petition has been lodged with 10 Downing Street asking the Prime Minister to "rethink plans to scrap the Employer Supported Childcare scheme (childcare vouchers)." Currently nearly 92,000 people have signed up to the petition. The petition can be viewed at: <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/keepvouchers/>

Number 10 have provided a response to the petition which can be read at: <http://www.number10.gov.uk/Page21036>

Further to this response, in a press briefing on the 16 November Number 10 said the following in relation to Childcare Vouchers:

*"On the issue of the Government's childcare vouchers, the PMS was asked whether these would be scrapped, scaled back or kept, to which he replied that this would be announced in the Pre-Budget Report but that the Government is completely committed to supporting hard-working families with childcare costs.*

*That had been a key driver of Government policy over the last few years and includes tax credits and expansion nursery places. The Prime Minister made clear that we would have no intention of*

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*taking vouchers away from parents who currently receive them but we did intend to phase out tax relief. The Prime Minister made it clear in Prime Minister's Questions that nobody who is receiving tax relief from childcare voucher would lose it."*

(<http://www.number10.gov.uk/Page21423>)

We shall be closely watching developments on this topic; in the meantime it would be useful for out of school care services to monitor how much income is generated by this payment method. The issue of childcare vouchers will be one of the topics focussed on in our Out of School Care Manifesto ahead of the Westminster elections in 2010 and it will also be discussed at our next seminar in January where the sector's comments will inform the writing of this document.

### **Changes to Care Commission and new scrutiny bodies**

As reported in the September Policy Newsletter, new integrated scrutiny bodies will come in place of the Care Commission from April 2011; the latest information on the project can be found in the scrutiny team's November update bulletin:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/924/0090723.pdf>

## **SOSCN Events**

### **SOSCN Policy Seminar – Future Changes**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010, Albany Centre, Glasgow**

**10.00 – 3.30 (9.30 onwards, registration & refreshments)**

This seminar is focusing on the changes, real and potential facing the sector in the next couple of years; these include the introduction of new scrutiny bodies to replace the Care Commission from April 2011, and the UK elections in 2010.

Guest speakers from the Care Commission and the Scottish Government's Scrutiny Bodies Project Team will present an overview of the legislation and organisation changes. Delegates will be able to ask questions and also participate in facilitated discussion groups looking at the proposed structures and changes. The team is keen to get feedback from stakeholders on the changes.

In light of the UK Westminster elections in 2010 SOSCN will be writing and producing a manifesto for out of school care, and we need your help- we want to hear your views on what should be included. Choices' Marion Davis will provide an overview of UK government's welfare reform policies and knock-on effect to childcare provision in Scotland. Facilitated discussion groups will provide delegates with the opportunity to feed into our manifesto and highlight the issues that matter to out of school care in Scotland.

#### **Speakers:**

**Richard Lyall**, Scrutiny Bodies Project Team, Scottish Government

**Care Commission speaker (tbc)**

**Marion Davis**, Manager, Choices

#### **Members**

Practitioners £55, Non-practitioners £65

#### **Non-members**

Practitioners £65 Non-practitioners £75

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