

Open Report on behalf of Chief Executive

Report to:	Schools' Forum
Date:	30 June 2010
Subject:	Implementation of the Independent Safeguarding Authorities Vetting and Barring Scheme

Summary:

To provide an update of the latest situation on the implementation of the independent safeguarding authorities vetting and barring scheme.

Recommendation(s):

That the report be noted and that the Schools' Forum be kept updated of progress.

Background

Following the introduction of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 the above scheme is being introduced to supplement the CRB Disclosure application process. The scheme will be implemented in phases over a 5-year period but due to an announcement (15th June) by the Home Secretary, Theresa May, the start date has been deferred until the Government has re-evaluated and reconstructed the process.

When the scheme is introduced it is intended that all those working in "Regulated activity" which covers anyone working closely with children or vulnerable adults, either paid or unpaid, on a frequent, intensive or overnight basis need to be ISA registered. Frequent means once a week or more and intensive means on four days or more in a single month. Additionally, within the scheme, regulated activity includes "roles that involve managing or supervising, on a regular basis, the day-to-day work of those carrying out specified activities or working in specified settings. Further information can be obtained from the ISA website at:- www.isa.gov.org

The Management Board has agreed to pay the cost of ISA registration and the associated CRB check for all employees.

Clearly the timetable envisaged below has now been postponed. When precise information from the Home Office/DCSF is known the revised schedule dates will be cascaded.

1st Phase –November 2010 to March 2011

or those moving post, continuing thereafter.

ISA registration must be obtained **before** the individual can start work. Guidance on whether a Job Description meets ISA/CRB parameters can be obtained from Mouchel HR.

All those working in a school (a regulated site) are covered by the scheme.

2nd Phase – April 2011 to March 2013

All those working/volunteering in schools.

3rd Phase – April 2013 onwards

All Directorate staff commencing with Children’s Services.

Conclusion

Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	none

Background Papers

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
none	

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