

# *TheBigSource*

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### SHADOW CABINET

In September Jeremy Corbyn was elected as Leader of the Labour Party. The shadow cabinet has now been announced and includes MPs who represent constituencies in the North of England.

<http://www.labour.org.uk/people/filter/c/shadow-cabinet#main-content>

### DEVOLUTION

#### GM-Devolution Update

Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Devolution updates are now available on a new website:

<http://gmhealthandsocialcaredevo.org.uk/>

The standard briefing is available at:

<http://gmhealthandsocialcaredevo.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Greater-Manchester-Health-and-Social-Care-Devolution-Briefing-Pack-August-2015-3.pdf>

#### Other Areas

Other areas were invited to submit expressions of interests for devolution by 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Areas that have submitted bids include

- Liverpool City Region
- Sheffield City Region
- West Yorkshire

- North Yorkshire
- Cheshire

See for example:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-merseyside-34068223>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-merseyside-34060526>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-34359733>

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

#### Draft National Framework for Children and Young People's Continuing Care

The Department of Health is seeking views on the revised National Framework for Children and Young People's Continuing Care (including a tool to ensure all relevant needs are assessed and support decisions about care). The framework helps clinical commissioning groups and other professionals to assess the care required for children and young people with health needs that are not met by existing or specialised services. The 2010 framework has been revised to take account of changes to commissioning and the new arrangements for children with special educational needs and disability. Details of the consultation are at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/continuing-care-for-children-and-young-people-with-complex-needs>

### CARERS

#### Carer's Credit

In August, The Department for Work and Pensions announced that less than 5% of

those who are eligible for Carer's Credit have signed up for the credit. This credit adds value to an individual's national insurance contributions, and can result in an increase of their state pension of up to £200 per year. The credit is designed for those who are caring for others for 20 hours or more per week and do not qualify for Carer's Allowance

<https://www.gov.uk/carers-credit/overview>

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

### **Smoking in Prisons**

Two recent academic studies commissioned by NOMS have identified that high levels of second hand smoke in some communal areas are still prevalent in some prisons:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/air-quality-reports>

The Department of Justice intends to implement a full smoke free policy in all prisons in Wales from January 2016 and at 4 early adopter sites in England (HMPs Exeter, Channings Wood, Dartmoor and Erlestoke) from March 2016.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/smoking-in-prisons>

### **Youth Justice Review**

The government has announced a review of the youth justice system. The review will:

- look at the evidence and current practice in preventing youth crime and rehabilitating young offender
- explore how the youth justice system can most effectively interact with wider services for children and young people
- consider whether the current

arrangements are fit for purpose

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/youth-justice>

The review will report in the summer of next year

### **Prison Education Review**

The government has commissioned a review of prison education to examine how it supports rehabilitation of different types of prison learners. The review has been established to examine:

- scope, quality and effectiveness of current education provision in prisons and Young Offender Institutions (YOIs) holding young adults. In particular the review will consider how provision supports learner progression and the successful rehabilitation of different segments of prison learners;
- domestic and international evidence of what works well in prison education which demonstrably supports rehabilitation of different segments of prison learners
- options for future models of education services in prisons which emphasise effective rehabilitation of different segments of prison learners

The review will provide recommendations in Spring 2016; the terms and conditions can be found at:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/460403/review-of-education-in-prisons-term-of-reference.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/460403/review-of-education-in-prisons-term-of-reference.pdf)

### **Modern Slavery Act (2015)**

The **Modern Slavery Act (2015)** (see May 2015's Big Source) came into force at the end of July. The first series of measures, focused on criminal justice provisions include:

- ensuring that those who commit these crimes are subject to the toughest possible asset recovery regime.
- introducing Slavery and Trafficking Reparation orders, which encourage the courts to use seized assets to compensate victims.
- the commencement of regional pilots of the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) – the system used across Government and by various agencies to refer, protect and support victims of modern slavery.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/modern-slavery-offenders-face-life-in-jail-as-modern-slavery-act-comes-into-force>

## **IMMIGRATION**

### **Immigration Bill**

The Government plans to introduce the new Immigration Bill in the autumn (see Queen's Speech summary). This bill will make specific activities offences.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-measures-will-make-it-tougher-than-ever-before-to-live-illegally-in-the-uk>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-action-to-make-britain-a-harder-place-for-illegal-migrants>

## **HEALTH**

### **National Guardian Consultation**

In September, The **Care Quality Commission (CQC)**, launched a public consultation seeking views on the new role of a **National Guardian**.

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/give-us-your-views-new-national-guardian-role>

The need for an independent National Guardian for the NHS was highlighted in Sir Robert Francis's 'Freedom to Speak Up' review in February (see February's Big Source). Among their responsibilities, the National Guardian will lead, advise, and support named individuals within NHS trusts called 'local guardians' in carrying out investigations on how concerns are being handled. They will also share good practice, report on national or common themes, and identify any barriers that are preventing the NHS from having a truly safe and open culture. The public consultation will be open until 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

### **Health and Social Care Data**

Dame Caldicott has been appointed to a new role as the National Data Guardian for Health and Social Care. This role will involve working independently of government, providing guidance and challenge to it on important data issues, including

- patient confidentiality
- information sharing
- avoiding abuse of public trust in how health and care data is used

A public consultation has been launched on the responsibilities that this role may include:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-role-of-the-national-data-guardian-for-health-and-social-care>

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/secretary-state-asks-cqc-review-nhs-data-security>

### **Patient Safety Investigation Service**

In July, the Department of Health announced that a new independent **Patient Safety Investigation Service** will be set up by April 2016. This service will use the approach used

by the Air Accident Investigation Branch in the airline industry, and will be housed at Monitor/Trust Development Agency.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/improving-the-safety-culture-in-the-nhs>

The secretary of state for Health is chairing an expert advisory group to advise on the design, scope, governance and operating model for IPSIS. This group has launched a public consultation:

<https://consultations.dh.gov.uk/ipsis/independent-patient-safety-investigation-service-e-2>

### **Health and Care Innovation Expo 2015: NHS England**

Expo 15 took place in Manchester from 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015 and was hosted by NHS England. Around 5000 people a day from health and care, the voluntary sector, local government, and industry joined together at Manchester Central Convention Centre for two packed days of speakers, workshops, exhibitions and professional development. (representatives from the Big Life group attended)

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/expo/provider-satellite-event-workshops/expo15/>

## **MENTAL HEALTH**

### **Mental Health Taskforce**

The **Mental Health Taskforce**, who are tasked with creating and publishing a new five-year all age national strategy for mental health to 2020, have published findings from their public engagement

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/mentalhealth/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2015/09/fyv-mental-hlth-taskforce.pdf>

Three key themes emerged from the engagement:

- Prevention and Stigma
- Access and Choice
- Quality and Experience

### **Commission to Review the Provision of Acute Inpatient Psychiatric Care for Adults**

In July 2015, the commission published its interim findings for England

<http://www.caapc.info/>

[http://media.wix.com/ugd/0e662e\\_a93c62b2ba4449f48695ed36b3cb24ab.pdf](http://media.wix.com/ugd/0e662e_a93c62b2ba4449f48695ed36b3cb24ab.pdf)

A final report with recommendations for improvement will be published in early 2016.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

### **Public Health Framework**

The **Public Health Outcomes Framework** (PHOF) sets out a high-level overview of public health outcomes, at national and local level, supported by a broad set of indicators. In order to ensure continued relevance, the Department of Health and Public Health England are consulting on the PHOF indicator set, with a view to updating from April 2016.

<https://consultations.dh.gov.uk/ph-outcomes-framework/phof-refresh-2015>

## **SEXUAL EXPLOITATION**

### **Funding for Services in Rotherham**

The children's charity Barnardo's has received £3.1 million funding to deliver a child sexual exploitation outreach service in Rotherham, over the next 3 years. The funding has been

provided jointly by the KPMG Foundation, the Department for Education, the Department for Communities and Local Government, and Rotherham Borough Council.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/3-million-to-fund-child-sexual-exploitation-outreach-service-in-rotherham>

## **SCHOOLS**

### **Commission on Assessment without Levels: Final Report**

In September, the final report from the **Commission on Assessment without Levels** was published.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/461534/Commission\\_report\\_.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/461534/Commission_report_.pdf)

This report provides advice to schools about how to develop new approaches to pupil assessment that:

- are based on needs of the pupils
- follow the school's curriculum
- support effective teaching

The government's response to the report and more information about the commission are

available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/commission-on-assessment-without-levels-final-report>

## **WELFARE REFORM/BENEFITS**

### **Universal Credit Rollout**

In September, the latest phase of **Universal Credit** rollout began. Universal Credit will be in three-quarters of all job centres by Christmas.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/next-stage-of-universal-credit-rollout-begins>

For information on the rollout, refer to the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/universal-credit-national-expansion>