

## STRENGTHENING ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHILD PROTECTION IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR

### ACTION PLAN - PROGRESS REPORT AT 30 MAY 2006 (Update of Appendix A)

OBJECTIVE	ACTION	TIMESCALE	POSITION AS AT 30 MAY 2006
To strengthen guidance and advice.	Revised guidance on pre-employment checking.	3 March 2006	Completed
	PSNI considering how to address gaps in obtaining vetting.	Ongoing	Ongoing
	Guidance for parents on engaging private tutors.	Text by 20 March. Issue by week beginning 24 April 2006.	Text received 22 May. Will issue in time for new school year.
To close gaps in vetting.	Education (Prohibition from Teaching or Working With Children) Regulations (NI) 2006.	Made on 16 January 2006 Come into operation on 3 April 2006	Completed
	Guidance on Regulations.	end March 2006	Will issue for term beginning Sept 2006
	Internal review of procedures for listing people from whom withdrawing eligibility to teach.	March 2006	Completed
	Programme to promote full vetting of:	March-1 September 2006	On going
	staff working in schools	September-December 2006	
	staff working in support of schools	January-March 2007	On going
	school Governors	1 September 2006	
	substitute teachers to be drawn only from NI substitute Teachers Register	Immediate	
other temporary staff	Immediate	On going	

	<p>must be vetted</p> <p>staff handling vetting process to be vetted</p> <p>Members of selection panels to be trained in selection process including child protection</p>	<p>effect</p> <p>Immediate effect</p> <p>1 September 2006</p>	<p>On going</p> <p>On going</p>
<p>To ensure holistic child protection arrangements</p>	<p>Guidance on child protection in schools to be revised on staged basis:-</p> <p>Precautionary suspension where allegation of abuse against members of staff.</p> <p>Photographic images</p> <p>Revision of DE Circular 1999/10</p> <p>Analysis of position in pre-school sector</p> <p>Child Protection Working Group in Youth sector to convene</p> <p>Guidance for schools sector made available to DEL, DCAL, DARD and DOE</p>	<p>Easter 2006</p> <p>June 2006</p> <p>December 2006</p> <p>May 2006</p> <p>March 2006</p> <p>3 March 2006</p>	<p>Draft prepared and under consideration by key partners</p> <p>In preparation</p> <p>In preparation</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>Completed</p>
<p>To apply in Northern Ireland as appropriate the provision of the Bichard programme of Child Protection</p>	<p>Implement with other departments and key partners the provisions of the Safeguarding of Vulnerable Groups Bill</p>	<p>Timetable to be determined by passage of bill</p>	<p>On going</p>