

REVIEW OF PERSONAL, SOCIAL, HEALTH AND ECONOMICS (PSHE) EDUCATION

CLOSING 30 NOVEMBER 2011

The Department of Education is carrying out an internal review of the teaching and content of Personal Social, Health and Economics (PSHE) Education. They are asking for input from professionals and those with an interest in PSHE on how to improve the **teaching** of PSHE and what **content** should be covered.

PSHE covers a number of different subjects from sex and relationships education to careers education, depending upon the age of the pupils.

CARE is making a response on the teaching and content of **sex and relationships education** (SRE) on the basis of its experience as a provider of SRE through **evaluate** and its network of volunteers who conduct lessons for pupils aged 9-18. If you would like to know more about **evaluate**, click [here](#).

The Context of this Review

The Government has said they are not intending to change the current legislation on sex education or the right of parents to withdraw their children from sex education lessons. CARE welcomes both of these commitments. However, there is pressure for the content of **PSHE to become part of the National Curriculum with a centralised approach to what it is taught**.

CARE supports the current position where individual schools through the governing body decide on the curriculum that best suits the needs, age and faith of their pupils, in consultation with parents. CARE is urging that there is greater transparency for governors and parents of the different SRE resources available for schools, and increased parental involvement in decisions on SRE.

The consultation document suggests that the Government may be considering simplifying the current SRE guidance. If you wish to read the current guidance, please click [here](#).

How You Can Respond

If you are a parent and/or governor with an interest in PSHE, please consider making a response to this consultation before the closing date of **30 November**.

You can find the details of the consultation on the Department for Education website. Click [here](#).

If possible, please complete the response form either online or as a Word document. You do **not** need to answer every question. Alternatively, you could write a letter to Department for Education, Consultation Unit, Area 1C, Castle View House, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 2GJ and send a copy to your MP.

Please consider:

- Welcoming the Government's position of not changing the law on sex education, including the parental right of withdrawal of a child from a sex education lesson;
- Asking for more parental involvement in decisions about the SRE curriculum, not less;
- Asking that any revised sex education guidance will continue to have a focus on the importance of marriage for family life and learning about the reasons for delaying sexual activity and the benefits to be gained from such delay;
- Giving details of your experiences of PSHE, both good and bad, from the perspective of a parent and/or governor.