

Comments from Teachers' Associations on the Executive Summary of the Best value Review of Vulnerable Children.

The Teachers' Associations broadly support the final version of the report.

In particular we welcome the proposals for closer joint working and for a move towards a keyworker approach to help eliminate over-laps and confusions over provision.

We would still favour the following:

- The introduction of a joint data base on vulnerable children so that the allocation of support can be monitored and reviewed centrally.
- A one-stop-shop approach to accessing support for vulnerable children, as offered by Sure Start.
- Better arrangements for consultation on issues relating to services for vulnerable children.

We also remain convinced that the proposal for a Director of Children's Services is inappropriate and that the integrity of the role of Director of Education and Director of Social services needs to be retained.

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