

PRESS RELEASE

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CCPAS WARMLY WELCOMES GOVERNMENT'S TIMELY AND SENSIBLE REVIEW OF CHILD PROTECTION IN ENGLAND

The Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS) today warmly welcomed the Government's forthcoming review of child protection, announced by Children's Minister Tim Loughton today.

David Pearson, Executive Director of CCPAS, commented: "I have spent the last forty years working with children in various positions within the statutory and voluntary sectors. During that time, I have witnessed the steady erosion of core social work skills. Now, increasing emphasis is being placed on bureaucracy and paperwork. The consequence is that less and less time is spent doing the one-to-one quality work directly with children and families that is so important.

"I therefore warmly welcome this timely and sensible review, for key reasons.

They are:

- For placing children at the heart of the task
- for emphasising the need to re-skill social workers
- for focusing on adequately supporting those workers at the sharp end, who are delivering essential front line services to the most vulnerable members of our society
- for recognising and re-evaluating the important role voluntary organisations play in supporting children and families"

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

CCPAS is an independent Christian charity providing professional child protection advice and support across church denominations and organisations throughout the UK.

CCPAS was established in 1977. It assists churches, organisations, social services and other child care agencies as well as individual children and families by:

- helping churches and other organisations adopt safe practice in order to protect children from abuse – and youth workers from the possibility of false allegations
- advising on individual cases, giving ongoing help to leaders and others.
- training across the UK and providing “in-house” training and other resources
- acting as external consultants to denominational/organisational child protection advisors
- counselling individual adults or children about past or present abuse.

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