



Cannabis Reclassification

Home Office

Tougher action on cannabis

When cannabis is reclassified as a Class B drug in 2009, those who continually break the law will face tougher penalties.



Child Development

Dept for Children, Schools and Families

Making mark matters: Young children making meaning in all areas in learning and development

This booklet illustrates that very young children who are given rich opportunities to explore making marks within an encouraging emotional environment will become confident and competent communicators, both orally and on paper, in all six areas of learning and development.



Children's Health

Dept of Health

Changes in food and drink advertising and promotion to children

This report sets out the current restrictions for broadcast and non-broadcast media; the findings of the Thomson Intermedia research on overall food and drink advertising spend across a range of media, child-themed ad-spend and TV viewing figures; and the output of the Food and Drink Advertising and Promotion Forum.

See also: *Press report*



GP Surgeries

Dept of Health

Longer GP surgery opening times

Over 50 percent of GP surgeries are now offering patients extended opening hours, the Department of Health has announced.

Statistics released by the Department show that in under six months there has been a 40 percent increase in the number of practices offering more flexible early morning, evening and weekend opening.

See also: *GP Extended Opening Hours Data files available for download*



Health Information

Health Talk

[Healthtalkonline](#)

Healthtalkonline, an award-winning charity website, lets you share in other people's experiences of health and illness. You can watch or listen to videos of the interviews, read about people's experiences and find reliable information about conditions, treatment choices and support.

The information on healthtalkonline is based on qualitative research into patient experiences, led by experts at the University of Oxford. These personal stories of health and illness will enable patients, families and healthcare professionals to benefit from the experiences of others.



Health Research

Dept of Health

[Government action to fund gaps in health research](#)

A new £5 million research programme which is intended to lead to an increase in service quality and patient safety through better ways of planning and providing health services



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Older People

Dept for Work and Pensions

[Measuring material deprivation among older people: Methodological study to revise the Family Resources Survey questions](#)

This report details findings from new quantitative work on what are regarded as necessary items for older people, as well as new cognitive testing work to better understand how to ask older people about material deprivation.



Parenting

ParentLine Plus

[Got a teenager](#)

For anyone with a teenager in their life. A social networking and advice site that gives parents of teenagers an online space to support each other through the challenges and successes of bringing up teens.



School Sport

Dept for Children, Schools and Families

[School sports survey 2007/2008](#)

Nine out of ten pupils are now doing at least two hours high quality PE or sport a week – up from just 25 per cent in 2002, according to the 2007/08 School Sports Survey



Substance Misuse

Home Office

[Cannabis: Classification and Public Health](#)

This document is the Government's response to the recommendations made by the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs on the classification of cannabis.

See also: [Press report](#)



Young People

Joseph Rowntree Foundation

[Young people and territoriality in British cities](#)

An exploration of territorial behaviour among young people in disadvantaged areas of British cities

National health events

16 – 30 November 2008

Mouth Cancer Awareness Week 16 - 22 November 2008 British Dental Health Foundation T: 0870 770 4000 W: www.mouthcancer.org/	Indoor Allergy Week 17 - 21 November 2007 Allergy UK T: 01322 619 898 W: www.allergyuk.org
Anti-Bullying Week 17 - 22 November 2007 Anti-Bullying Alliance W: www.antibullyingalliance.org.uk/	Islam Awareness Week 17 – 23 November 2008 Islamic Society of Britain T: Admin 07092 359 611 W: www.iaw.org.uk
World COPD Day 19 November 2008 British Lung Foundation H: 08458 50 50 20 W: www.lunguk.org/media-and-campaigning/campaigns/worldcopdday.htm	World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse 19 November 2008 Women's World Summit Foundation W: www.woman.ch/children/1-introduction.asp
Universal Children's Day 20 November 2008 UN Information Office T: 0207 630 1981 W: www.un.org/depts/dhl/children_day/	

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