

# Web Tracker

Welcome to our new look web tracker! As always we are bringing you a mix of news, research, policy announcements and information. We'd be really interested in what you think of the new look and any suggestions for content would be gratefully received! We're also going to be trailing some new features, such as think pieces from Heads of Service and analysis of local data from the Directorate Support Team.

## Top stories

### "Scrap Child Poverty Targets"

Influential think tank The Centre for Social Justice argues that the previous government's child poverty targets are having a negative affect

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### Gove and Clegg clash over reform to GCSEs

The Education Secretary announced major changes to examinations only to face major criticisms from other cabinet members

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### Under 25s to loose housing benefits

Under plans announced by David Cameron this month under 25s would be forced to live with their parents.

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### "Government policies risk slowing pace of reform" - Munro

In a report into the progress of the changes she proposed a year ago, Munro has warned that conflicting priorities and the scale of changes to services is risking slowing the pace of reform to child protection.

[See the report...](#)

### Why are British children so unhappy?

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News and announcements



Reports and research

## Be Healthy

- CYPNOW - [Nice guidance focuses on wellbeing in the early years](#) - More than half of children surveyed bought fast food at least twice a week, while one in 10 consumed products bought from these outlets every day.
- Home Office - [Body image packs reveal airbrushing for parents and children](#) - The government has published a new guide to help parents educate their children about how the media alters images of celebrities and models.

## Stay Safe

- NSPCC - [Calls about neglect to NSPCC double in two years](#) - The latest [NSPCC helpline report](#) shows that last year there were twice as many calls and emails to the charity about neglect as in 2009/10.
- NSPCC - [Children in care being returned to abusive homes](#) - Figures show that around half of the abused or neglected children who enter care each year are abused or neglected again when they return home.
- CAFCASS - [LAs acting more quickly to keep children safe](#) - New research from Cafcass, the organisation that represents children in care cases, shows that local authorities are acting more quickly to keep vulnerable children safe.
- CYPNOW - ['Conflicting' government policies risk slowing child protection reform, says Munro](#) - "The number and scale of changes in the different services that work together to safeguard children create a risk of losing some of the embedded culture and wisdom that has developed over the years," she said.

## Enjoy + Achieve

- Ofsted - [Staff need more help to tackle bullying in schools](#) - Ofsted publishes a report that looks at what schools can do to create a positive school culture and to prevent and tackle bullying.
- The Work Foundation - [Rising numbers of young people being shut out of first jobs](#) - Report shows that the past decade has seen a major rise in young people aged 16 - 24 who are either unable, or taking longer, to make the first move from education into work.
- IFS - [Raising the participation age: a survey of local authorities' preparations for full participation in 2013/2015](#) - This report presents the findings of a survey of LAs, examining preparations for Raising the Participation Age (RPA).
- DfE - [Survey shows school behaviour improvement](#) - Teachers are feeling more positive about the standard of pupils' behaviour in schools, according to a new survey.

## Positive Contribution

- CYPNOW - [Mentoring scheme found to improve school behaviour](#) - Pupils who spent more than five hours with mentors are showing more than twice the progress in reading and writing compared to the previous term.
- MoJ - [Numbers of children and young people in custody reaches lowest since records began](#) - [Figures released by the Ministry of Justice](#) show that in March this year there were 1,804 under-18s in custody, a fall of 78 from February, when there were 1,882.
- DfE - [Government figures show hike in numbers NEET](#) - [Statistics released by the Department for Education](#) show that at the end of 2011, 8.1 per cent of young people were classed as not in education, employment or training (Neet), compared to 7.5 per cent at the end of 2010.

## Economic Wellbeing

- CSJ - [Scrap flawed child poverty targets](#) - A new report out from the CSJ suggests that current child poverty targets focus too heavily on income, ignoring issues such as family breakdown, educational failure, addiction and debt.
- IFS - [Measuring and addressing child poverty](#) - show that the previous government's relative child poverty target for 2010-11 was missed, despite large reductions in that measure of child poverty since 1998-99.
- DfE - [Alan Milburn to lead drive to improve social mobility and reduce child poverty](#) - Alan Milburn is the preferred candidate to be Chair of the independent Social Mobility and Child Poverty Commission, the Government announced today.

## Consultations

- DH - [Healthwatch England consultation responses](#)
- DH - [Making nursery milk scheme more effective](#) - Closes 11 September
- DfE - [Cooperative parenting following family separation](#) - Closes 5 September 2012
- DfE - [Revised safeguarding statutory guidance](#) - Closes 4 September 2012
- DfE - [Careers guidance for schools, 6th form and FE](#) - Closes 1 August 2012
- DfE - [Parental internet controls](#) - Closes 6 September 2012

- Ofsted - [Subject professional development materials: design and technology](#)
- Ofsted - [Taking children into a world of possibilities](#) - At Courthouse Green Primary School, the outdoor area was designed specifically to provide high-quality learning experiences for purposeful, imaginative and creative play in the Early Years Foundation Stage.
- Ofsted - [There's no such word as 'can't'](#) - St Barnabas Neighbourhood Pre-School makes the most of the local environment to capitalise on children's interests and develop their learning.

## Good practice