

Policy Briefing

WAKEFIELD & DISTRICT safeguarding children board

Department of Children, Schools and Families

Changes following General Election May 2010

On 12th May 2010, a new government office was formed to replace the existing Department of Children, Schools and Families (DCSF).

This new department is called the Department of Education.

The new department will be headed by the Secretary of State for Education Michael Gove MP (Conservative).

The existing DCSF website now re-directs visitors to the new website for the Department of Education. However the Department of Education website can be reached directly at www.education.gov.uk.

This website indicates that the new Department of Education is responsible for education and children's services.

People wishing to access key documents relating to children and families, such as Working Together to Safeguard Children 2010 can access them from either website. On accessing the website, a message will appear advising visitors of the new arrangements, and indicating that the content of the website may no longer reflect government policy. However statutory guidance such as Working Together to Safeguard Children remains in place unchanged at the current time.