

Recent publications from the Centre for Public Scrutiny

Successful Scrutiny

2013

2013 marks the tenth anniversary of the CfPS, and the sixth of our annual conference Good Scrutiny Awards. Since we were established in 2003, public scrutiny has evolved significantly, but good scrutiny still means having a positive impact on the day-to-day lives of citizens. Scrutineers up and down the country continue to carry out this valuable work with this end in mind, and we have the honour of recognising the best examples since we established our Awards in 2008.

<http://www.cfps.org.uk/publications?item=7335&offset=0>

winner Overall Impact Award Boston Borough Council for ground breaking report on the social impact of migrant workers into the area.

<http://www.cfps.org.uk/GSA2013-overall-impact>

Annual Survey of Overview and Scrutiny in Local Government 2012/13

2012/13

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the Centre for Public Scrutiny, and the tenth anniversary of our Annual Survey of overview and scrutiny in local government. The survey represents a definitive snapshot of the overview and scrutiny function, with nearly four hundred responses from over two hundred separate councils.

<http://www.cfps.org.uk/publications?item=7334&offset=0>

The CfPS 2003-2013 A decade under the microscope

CfPS 10th Year anniversary

The Centre's first ten years have been a turbulent time in the UK when the accountability of many institutions, including the institute of government has been questioned and public trust has been lost.

Written by Dr Fiona Campbell for CfPS - June 2013

<http://www.cfps.org.uk/publications?item=7320&offset=0>

Policy Briefing 24: preventing violent extremism

This policy briefing examines national and local steps to tackle violent extremism

Scrutiny has an important role to play in looking at the plans of councils, and their partners, to tackle violent extremism. In areas where such extremism is a reality, its effects - and the methods which can be used to solve it - cut across a wide range of policy areas, including housing, education, social services and services delivered by the voluntary sector.

This briefing examines the ways in which scrutiny can examine these issues and make recommendations that can have a real impact on this complex and wide-ranging issue.

<http://www.cfps.org.uk/publications?item=7316&offset=0>

Valuing Inclusion - demonstrating the value of council scrutiny in tackling inequalities

This publication showcases the learning from phase three of the health inequalities programme

In 2012, CfPS launched '[Tipping the scales](#)' a new model of scrutiny that captured the impact and potential return on investment that a review and its recommendations could make. This was [phase two of the health inequalities programme](#).

Building on this success of the programme to date, CfPS received funding from the Department of Health to continue to refine the model and to use it to work with more vulnerable groups in society ([phase three of the health inequalities programme](#)).

Working with the Inclusion Health Programme at the Department of Health, CfPS has supported a further six Scrutiny Development Areas to understand the health inequalities faced by these vulnerable groups: Homelessness and rough sleepers; Gypsies and Travellers and Sex workers. The learning from this programme is shared in this publication.

<http://www.cfps.org.uk/publications?item=7303&offset=0>

Policy Briefing 23: local transport

A policy briefing on the scrutiny of local bus and rail services

This policy briefing sets out the current (2013) national position with regards to the operation of rail and bus services, and suggests ways in which scrutiny at a local level can engage with this issue.

It also cites some recent examples of scrutiny reviews on this subject.

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<http://www.cfps.org.uk/publications?item=7292&offset=0>

Measles; Frequently asked questions - Briefing for councillors

CfPS has produced this briefing with the LGA and Public Health England

CfPS has combined with the LGA and Public Health England to provide some helpful guidance to councillors on Measles. This listing of frequently asked questions explains what is being done to reduce the spread of these latest local outbreaks of the disease and what vaccination strategies your local authority can adopt.

<http://www.cfps.org.uk/publications?item=7288&offset=0>

Spanning the System - Broader horizons for council scrutiny

This publication reports on the second CfPS scrutiny development programme on the health reforms.

This publication reports on the second CfPS scrutiny development programme on the health reforms. A report on the first programme published in November 2011 can be found [here - Exploiting opportunities at a time of change](#).

CfPS received funding from the Department of Health to help support accountability through council scrutiny as the health system was in transition – following the Health and Social Care Act 2012. 14 scrutiny development areas worked with CfPS to develop their own relationships and ways of working to provide the learning in this publication.

<http://www.cfps.org.uk/publications?item=7274&offset=0>