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[Introduction of a universal HPV immunisation programme letter: June 2019](#)

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Details

This joint letter provides information on the forthcoming expansion of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programme into a universal programme.

The vaccine will be offered to boys, in addition to girls, as part of the routine school aged schedule in England from 1 September 2019. This follows the government's announcement in July 2018 to include HPV vaccination of boys, which was based on the advice of the Joint Committee of Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

This letter is aimed at health professionals who will be responsible for implementing the new programme.

[Minded to terminate letter to Noel Baker Academy](#)

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[Sellafield Ltd launches transformational education programme](#)

Sellafield Ltd and the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) are funding the £1.7 million WELL programme.

It has been developed by Cumbria County Council and the Cumbria Alliance of System Leaders (CASL).

WELL stands for Western Excellence in Learning and Leadership.

Funding will come from our annual £10 million social impact budget.

Jamie Reed, our head of corporate affairs, said:

The success of this programme will benefit every family in our community.

It's an exciting, inspirational project and will help us go further towards meeting our commitment in helping to build the Northern Powerhouse.

The scheme is a key component of our [social impact strategy](#), which aims to ensure our local community benefits from our work in the long term.

The Well Project

Jamie added:

At the heart of our social impact programme is a commitment to helping our communities unlock a sustainable and prosperous future.

Creating a diverse and strong local economy starts in the classroom.

We're fortunate to have some outstanding schools in our community led by committed and talented teaching staff.

But independent research has repeatedly told us that our area is falling short in terms of educational attainment.

We are committed to helping build an environment where every child has access to the highest quality education, tailored to their needs.

The WELL scheme will be an important step towards improving the educational attainment and life-chances of every west Cumbrian pupil.

WELL's headline aims are to:

- improve the consistency and quality of teaching
- raise pupil achievement to be in line with the UK average
- improve attendance levels
- enhance students' health and wellbeing

Councillor Sue Sanderson, Cumbria County Council Cabinet Member for Schools and Learning, said:

There has been a real commitment to a more collaborative approach to school improvement in Cumbria for a number of years.

We have many dedicated and talented professionals working in our schools who want the very best for our children and young people and who do a great job in maximising the existing financial resource they have.

This new funding will help them do even more, enabling exciting and sustainable partnerships which will give schools greater capacity to work together, and help establish West Cumbria as an area of educational excellence.

CASL is looking forward to working in partnership with Sellafield Ltd and the NDA to make a real difference to the lived experiences of children and young people in Allerdale and Copeland.

Strategies will be developed to recruit, retain, and develop high quality teaching staff, including the creation of a West Cumbria Educational Leadership Academy.

This will develop current and future school leaders, encouraging leaders to adopt and use best practice from business and industry in an educational context.

A fund will also be established to help teachers develop their knowledge, with an emphasis on visiting schools around the UK to learn from best practice.

Other plans include the creation of a west Cumbria-wide curriculum plan to underpin Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership's strategy for inclusive economic growth.

Strategies enhancing children's 'cultural capital' will be drawn up, to ensure access to sporting events, theatre, and the arts.

The 'closing the gap' initiative will develop best practice techniques for teaching children from disadvantaged backgrounds. This will include measures to raise attendance levels, create better home-to-school relationships, and improve careers advice.

Subject weaknesses across the 2 boroughs will be addressed and efforts made to improve students' 'working memory, cognitive flexibility, and attention'.

A particular focus will be 'transition points' like the switch from primary to secondary where children can often fall behind. And a fund will be created to give poorer households access to books and resources.

Poor attendance will be addressed through a range of measures, including improving home-school relationships, with measures to reduce exclusions, including the creation of facilities to keep young people in school where possible.

The wellbeing element will provide mental health training for staff, develop early identification and intervention techniques, and create a network of mental health first aiders.

Mike Smith OBE, chair of the people employment and skills strategy group of the Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership, said:

We support the ambitions of Sellafield Ltd and CASL in supporting our schools to improve teaching and address attainment challenges in Allerdale and Copeland.

The Cumbrian economy provides significant opportunities for young people to meet their aspirations, and secure great careers.

We look forward to working in partnership to support our education sector in attracting high quality talent and improving the opportunities available to young people.

[Charity regulator issues formal warning to trustees of grant-making charity](#)

Second inquiry into charity finds repeated failings by its trustees



The Charity Commission has issued an official warning to trustees as it concludes its inquiry into Chesed Leyisrael Trust ([1141178](#)), a Salford-based charity set up to relieve poverty in the Jewish community and to advance the Jewish faith.

Following the charity's inclusion in a class inquiry into charities that had failed to submit accounts for two or more years, in May 2017 the Commission [opened a statutory inquiry](#) into the charity after it continued to fail in its duty to file financial information.

The inquiry used its powers to obtain the charity's bank statements. Scrutiny of the charity's accounts revealed serious concerns regarding 2 loans which the trustees had entered into.

A condition of the first loan required the charity to obtain a 100% mortgage on the property it had bought with the money. However, no mortgage application was made and the property was transferred to a third party. The second loan was made on the basis that the charity would buy a property and sell it at profit within 6 months before repaying the loan in full. That loan is currently outstanding, but no alternative financial arrangements are in place should the plan be unsuccessful.

Borrowing money is a big decision for a charity, so it is concerning that no independent professional advice was obtained. It was also unclear whether trustees considered all relevant factors in making these significant decisions that put their charity at risk.

Three of the trustees were also related, meaning that they likely shared conflicts of interest. Despite this, the Commission found no appropriate conflicts of interest policy. The inquiry also found that record keeping and meeting practice at the charity were poor, and that trustees clearly failed to act on previous regulatory advice regarding the submission of financial information.

The Commission has therefore issued the trustees with an Official Warning setting out 10 steps that must be taken in order to rectify the misconduct and/or mismanagement uncovered by the inquiry.

Amy Spiller, Head of the Investigations Team at the Charity Commission, said:

This case serves as a reminder of the importance of good governance and careful stewardship of charitable funds. The public rightly hold charities to high standards, which these trustees have unfortunately failed to live up to. That's why we've issued this warning to the trustees, which sets out clear steps they must take to put things right.

We want to see charities thrive; that requires trustees to take their responsibilities seriously and consider all decisions appropriately. The trustees have demonstrated a willingness to address our concerns. I hope and expect that this will continue.

The Commission will continue to monitor the charity's progress, and expects to see evidence of the action taken within 6 months of the Official Warning being issued.

The full report of the inquiry is available on [GOV.UK](https://gov.uk)

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Notes to Editors

- The Charity Commission is the independent regulator of charities in England and Wales
- The Commission's inquiry into Chesed Leyisrael Trust concluded on 20 June 2019
- The Commission issued Chesed Leyisrael Trust with an official warning on 17 June 2019
- One of the 3 related trustees resigned during the course of the inquiry and was replaced by an independent trustee.
- Section 75A(1)(a) of the Charities Act give the Commission the power to issue official warnings.
- An official warning is not a statutory direction. The Commission cannot use an official warning to direct trustees to take specific action. However, it must specify any action it considers the trustees or the charity should take to rectify the breach, misconduct or mismanagement. Furthermore, failure to remedy any breach specified in a warning can be used as evidence of misconduct or mismanagement including when considering whether to exercise other specified powers.
- The official warning can be found on the [charity's register entry](#).

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