



PRESS NOTICE: 23rd January 2013

“House of Commons Education Select Committee report on Careers Guidance for young people – warmly welcomed”

Careers England, the trade association for businesses providing careers services in England, warmly welcomes the report of the Education Select Committee¹ on careers guidance for young people, and endorses its core recommendations. In particular, we welcome:

- The strong support for the ‘three-pronged’ approach to quality standards, and to making it mandatory. This would mean that all schools would now be required to work towards the a Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance (CEIAG) Quality Award which is nationally validated by the Quality in Careers Standard, and to procure services only from quality assured (the Matrix Standard) providers and qualified individuals (QCF Level 6 careers professionals).
- The statement that every young person should be entitled to at least one careers interview with a qualified careers professional.
- The notion that all schools should be required to publish an annual careers plan, and to review it annually, taking into account the views of students, parents, employers and other learning providers.
- The extension of the remit of the National Careers Service to include a capacity-building role in schools, with funding provided for this purpose.

An independent analysis of the Select Committee report, commissioned by Careers England from Professor Tony Watts, is attached.

It notes that it is a strong report which *‘requires significant action from the Government, but within the framework of its existing policies’.*

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¹ House of Commons Education Committee (2013). *Careers Guidance for Young People: the Impact of the New Duty on Schools*. HC 632-1. London: Stationery Office.



Notes to Editors

- (i) Careers England is the national **Trade Association** for organisations involved in the provision of careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG) products and services in England for people of all ages. **Our members provide aspects of some, or all, of the four components of CEIAG:**
- a. Careers education (that is “career learning”)
 - b. Careers information
 - c. Careers advice
 - d. Careers guidance
- (ii) Careers England is principally, therefore, an **employer body**. Our full members comprise the majority of prime contractors for the **National Careers Service** along with a significant number of sub-contractors and ‘careers providers’ delivering publicly-funded careers guidance services for local authorities (LAs), schools and colleges across England.
- (iii) We also provide the project leadership, administration and management for the **Quality in Careers Standard** (the national validation for England’s 13 specialist Quality Awards - for Schools, Colleges & Work-Based Learning Providers - covering all four components of CEIAG).
- (iv) Full details of all Careers England’s members, our activities, our publications (including Key Policy Summaries on the Coalition Government’s policies for careers guidance), links to the CEIAG Quality Award providers and the Quality in Careers Standard can be found at www.careersengland.org.uk

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