

## **ASCL Supports Careers England call for HMG ACTION..... ASCL release: National Careers Service needs quick action 20-04-11**

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### **National Careers Service needs quick action**

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Following the government's announcement last week about a National Careers Service, **ASCL is backing calls from Careers England for the government to act quickly** to ensure that young people in England continue to have access to a professional, impartial careers workforce and a properly resourced professional careers service.

Brian Lightman said:

*"The government must show that it is serious about its vision for creating a world-class class careers service for young people. With the possibility of fewer university places available in future, young people must have access to information about all the career options open to them, at an age when they are able to make the right decisions about their future."*

*"We have serious concerns about whether the government is working fast enough to implement a National Careers Service, and whether it is committed to funding it at a viable level. We, along with Careers England, want reassurance as soon as possible that sufficient progress is being made."*

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Notes to editors:

Further ASCL comment can be found at <http://bit.ly/h7DTmS>

The Careers Service policy briefing can be found at <http://bit.ly/g4KQ2c>

BIS launched the National Careers Service on 13 April [www.bis.gov.uk/news/speeches/john-hayes-national-careers-service-for-england](http://www.bis.gov.uk/news/speeches/john-hayes-national-careers-service-for-england)

The Association of School and College Leaders is the only union exclusively to speak for secondary school and college leaders. Its membership includes more than 15,000 secondary school and college leaders, including heads, principals, deputies, vice-principals, assistant heads, and business managers.

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