

Relationship and sexuality education in Northern Ireland

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“It’s good to get sexual information from school because with your friends and the internet and radio there can be rumours and what they are saying isn’t factual, whereas the majority of the time school is very factual and it’s an important part of life.”

Supporting Recommendation 7:

The Department of Education should ensure that all young people can access more information and support on healthy relationships, including LGBT young people. This could be included within the CCEA review of Relationships and Sexuality guidance materials.

Supporting Recommendation 31:

Schools should ensure that Relationships and Sexuality Education is delivered by people with the skills and confidence to do so.

Child Sexual Exploitation in Northern Ireland

Report of the Independent Inquiry

Kathleen Marshall

November 2014



Best practice:

- Leadership
- Whole school
- Integrated approach
- Ethos and values of school
- Creative learning approaches
- Partnership
- Monitor and evaluation
- Review



Subject:

RELATIONSHIP AND SEXUALITY EDUCATION (RSE) GUIDANCE

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- Principals and Boards of Governors of all grant-aided schools;
- Education Authority;
- Council for Catholic Maintained Schools;
- Council for Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment;
- Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta; and
- Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education.

Summary of Contents:

This Circular advises school authorities about revised Relationship and Sexuality Education guidance produced by CCEA on behalf of the Department of Education.

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DE Letter of 14 January 2014
DE Circular 2013/16
DE Circular 2010/01
CCEA Guidance Material

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DE Circular 2001/15

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**Relationships and Sexuality
Education Guidance**
An Update for Post-Primary Schools



**Relationships and Sexuality
Education Guidance**
An Update for Primary Schools

*The Department requires schools to develop their **own RSE policy based** on the **ethos** of their school which is subject to consultation with parents and pupils. This revised guidance therefore focuses on **providing advice** and a template for the development of a school's RSE policy which is relevant to the lives of pupils today; providing an overall framework for a school's RSE policy; and, for instance, looking at how schools interact with pupils, focussing on the need to make pupils feel safe and confident that they should not be bullied, for example, due to their sexual orientation.*

*Relationship and Sexuality Education Guidance, Department of Education
August 2015*

Post-Primary School Experiences of 16-21 year old LGBT People



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